

Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

The Day of Pentecost (Year A)

Fifty days after Easter, the Holy Spirit rushed into the disciples' dwelling place and filled them with the power of God. They were called to continue what Jesus had begun when he was among them — the same calling to which we have been called: Go and share the Good News! Teach, serve, love, and attend to the needs of all who are lacking, suffering, or lost. This is the way of Christ.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Numbers 11:24–30

Eldad and Medad Prophecy

The Lord took some of the power of the Spirit from Moses and shared it with seventy men in the Israelites' camp so they would share the job of prophesying to the people the Word of the Lord. There were two men outside of the camp who had been given the Spirit, and they prophesied but did not stop like the others. Not understanding that this was a good thing, Joshua asked Moses to make them stop.

Psalm 25:1–15

In You, Lord, I Put My Trust

The psalmist proclaims his trust in the Lord. He waits and longs for the wisdom for God, who leads the humble in his ways.

Second Reading: Acts 2:1–21

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As followers of Christ from all over gathered together after his ascension into heaven, the Spirit came to them as tongues of fire and a mighty wind. All were amazed at how everyone understood everything that was said, even things not spoken in their own language. This was the beginning of the Church of Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 7:37–39

Come to Me and Drink

On the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles, a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to remember what God had done for his people in Egypt, Jesus spoke to his followers about the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised the disciples that anyone who believed in him would have living water flowing from them. This Living Water was nothing less than the Spirit of the Living God.

Suggestions for the Day:

Liturgical Color: Red

During the Season of Pentecost:

• Use both the Kyrie and the Hymn of Praise on Pentecost Sunday.

• If it is not Confirmation in your parish, use the Nicene Creed.

Consider doing a reading of the lesson from Acts 2 in another language (or many other languages) at the same time the English version is being read. This calls to mind the first Pentecost, when everyone heard the Word in their own language.

If it is Confirmation in your parish, be sure to invite sponsors, mentors and godparents to participate in the blessing of the confirmand.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness	---	684	---	396	---	---
Gracious Spirit, Hear Our Pleading	---	687	---	401	---	---
Come Down, O Love Divine	508	---	501	804	---	---
O Day Full of Grace	161	---	503	627	165	165
Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord	163	---	497	395	166	166
Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling	523	---	650	582	---	---
Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise	---	801	680	826	41	41
We All Believe in One True God	374	---	953	411	---	---
Holy Spirit, Truth Divine	257	---	---	398	---	web
I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me	---	673	---	860	---	---

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship, WOVS = With One Voice, ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB = The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC = The Reclaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles

1,000 Tongues
(CCLI# 7065020)
King of Kings
(CCLI# 7127647)
Fresh Wind
(CCLI# 7166857)
Rest On Us
(CCLI# 7126736)
Fall Like Rain
(CCLI# 7214412)

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