

St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
North Tonawanda, NY  
May 24, 2026  
The Day of Pentecost



**AS WE GATHER**

At Pentecost, Jesus calls to the thirsty: “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.” He calls sinners who know their need... those thirsty for peace, forgiveness, and life. Too often we seek satisfaction from wells that run dry, but Christ gives living water.

The risen and ascended Jesus pours out the Holy Spirit upon His Church. The Spirit comes through the Word to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, creating faith, forgiving sins, and gathering people into the saving name of Jesus.

*Welcome to all of our Members, Guests, and Visitors today, if you are a visitor, please introduce yourself to the pastor after service in the Narthex. We here at St. Matthew pray that you enjoyed your time worshiping with us today.*

Hymn of Invocation LSB 903 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

*Stand*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** *Amen.*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** *who made heaven and earth.*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** *and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** *Amen.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.  
O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
These all look to you,  
to give them their food in due season.  
When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

**C** *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.*

### Kyrie

LSB 186

**C** *Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** *and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.*  
*We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,*  
*we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.*  
*O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.*  
*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;*  
*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,*  
*that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*  
*Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.*  
*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have*  
*mercy upon us.*  
*For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.*  
*Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,*  
*art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** *And with thy spirit.*

**P** Let us pray.  
O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 11:24–30*

<sup>24</sup>Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Acts 2:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”

<sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?  
<sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia,  
Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia,  
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from  
Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear  
them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all  
were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this  
mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and  
addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let  
this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are  
not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.  
<sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>““And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams;

<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall  
prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent  
day.

<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the  
name of the Lord shall be saved.””

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

**C** *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**Holy Gospel**

*John 7:37–39*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

**C** *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup>Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

**Apostles’ Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day LSB 496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine**

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

**C** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

You bid us come to the waters, O Lord. Grant that Your gift of Holy Baptism may bring forth fruit in what we say, think and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Almighty God, You delivered Your Word through Moses and the prophets and fulfilled Your Word in Christ. He was planted in death for our sins and raised for our justification, and in Him shall all the nations of the earth be united. Give us pastors who will preach this truth faithfully and church workers who are devoted to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord God, You have poured out the Holy Spirit upon us, that we might believe Your truth and raise our sons and daughters in it. Bless all parents, that they may faithfully catechize their children in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord, we thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon this nation. Grant us a long memory to recall those who gave the full measure of devotion to our country's peace and security. Bring to mind the sacrifices of those who served faithfully until death in the protection of our freedom and in the defense of our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord Almighty, draw near to those who face the distress of sickness, surgery and pain [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Let them not be afraid, and heal them according to the abundance of Your steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Father in heaven, pour out Your Holy Spirit on all those who commune at Your altar this day. As Your Son feeds us with His body and blood, grant that we receive these sacred gifts in sincere repentance and firm faith and be raised up from death to life through His forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Advocate and Defender whose light never wanes, we bless You, that on the great and magnificent day, You will raise all of the dead and give unto those who believe in Jesus eternal life. We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us and are at rest [*especially*]. Comfort those who mourn, and bring us all with them into the light that knows no darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty Father, with Your Son, Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your Word to rule and govern us according to Your will. Comfort us in every temptation and misfortune and defend us against every error, that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in love and good works, and — trusting firmly in Your grace — obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

#### Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,**

**Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**A** Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** *And with thy spirit.*

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** *Thanks be to God.*

**Benediction**

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto  
you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you  
peace.

**C** *Amen, amen, amen.*

**Hymn to Depart LSB 718 Jesus, Lead Thou On**

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