



On the last day,
that great day of
the feast, Jesus
stood and cried
out, saying,
“If anyone thirsts,
let him come to
Me and drink.”

JOHN 7:37



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As We Gather

As we gather this morning, it is easy to bring the weariness of the week into the pew with us. Between the demands of daily life and the quiet weight of our own sins, we often arrive feeling spiritually dry. Today is the Day of Pentecost, a festival often associated with rushing wind and tongues of fire. But in our Gospel reading from John 7, Jesus uses a different, quieter picture: water for the thirsty. He promises that the Holy Spirit will be to us like rivers of living water. Where do we find that kind of deep, lasting refreshment? As we prepare to hear God's Word today, we will look to a surprising source and see how *The Spirit Flows from the Cross*.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

235 (1-3, 7) – O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 51:15; 143:6; Isaiah 12:3; Psalm 36:9

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** **And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**
- P** I spread out my hands to You;
- C** **My soul longs for You like a thirsty land.**
- P** Therefore with joy you will draw water
- C** **From the wells of salvation.**
- P** For with You is the fountain of life;
- C** **In Your light we see light.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Our Lord invites all who thirst to come to Him and drink. Yet, too often, we seek to quench our spiritual thirst at the broken cisterns of this world. We become parched by our sin, our rebellion, and our failure to love God and one another. Let us therefore come before our gracious heavenly Father, confessing our sins and pleading for the refreshing flood of His forgiveness, won for us on the cross of His Son.

C Heavenly Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are parched and dry, having turned away from the fountain of life. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who was crucified for our transgressions, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that rivers of living water may flow from our hearts to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. From the cross of Jesus Christ flows the living water of the Holy Spirit, washing away your guilt and bringing you from death to life. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.



Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You
A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At



heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor - ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high: Who, with the



You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tabernacle. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to

him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again. ²⁶ But two men had remained in the camp: the name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they were among those listed, but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, one of his choice men, answered and said, "Moses my lord, forbid them!" ²⁹ Then Moses said to him, "Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!" ³⁰ And Moses returned to the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 25:1-15

- P** To You, O LORD,
- C** I lift up my soul.
- P** O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed;
- C** Let not my enemies triumph over me.
- P** Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed;
- C** Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.
- P** Show me Your ways, O LORD;
- C** Teach me Your paths.
- P** Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation;
- C** On You I wait all the day.
- P** Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses,
- C** For they are from of old.
- P** Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;
- C** According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.
- P** Good and upright is the LORD;
- C** Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.
- P** The humble He guides in justice,
- C** And the humble He teaches His way.
- P** All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth,
- C** To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.
- P** For Your name's sake, O LORD,
- C** Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.
- P** Who is the man that fears the LORD?
- C** Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

- P** He himself shall dwell in prosperity,
- C** **And his descendants shall inherit the earth.**
- P** The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him,
- C** **And He will show them His covenant.**
- P** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
- C** **For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.**

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." ¹² So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" ¹³ Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. ¹⁵ For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. ²¹ And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.'

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn

278 – Delay Not, Delay Not, O Sinner, Draw Near

Sermon Text

John 7:37-39

³⁷ On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Sermon

The Spirit Flows from the Cross

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

Hymn

224 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

Offering

Offering Hymn

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Lord, You love the cheer-ful giv - er Who with o - pen
heart and hand Bless - es free - ly as a riv - er
That re - fresh - es all the land. Grant us, then, the

grace of giv-ing With a spir-it large and true
That our life and all our liv-ing
We may con-se-crate to You.

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

277 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule – winterhavenlutheran.com/church-calendar

May 24	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
May 31	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
June 7	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Board of Trustees/Church Council

Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **June 7** – Trustees/Church Council
- **July 5** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
- **August 2** – Education/Elders

In Our Prayers: Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers: Don Beymer, Bob & Joan Doriot, Johanna Jaehnigen, David & Elsie Kleinschmidt, Shirley Rosenberry, and Mike Sheffield.

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: Have you ever been let down by a broken promise? In a fallen world, even well-intentioned people fail to keep their word. But our Triune God never fails. Next week, as we celebrate Trinity Sunday, we will see this firsthand. In Acts 2, the Apostle Peter stands before the Pentecost crowds to proclaim a flawless track record of divine faithfulness. Tracing the ancient promises made to King David, Peter reveals how God the Father perfectly fulfilled them through the cross and empty tomb of Jesus, pouring out the Holy Spirit. Join us next Sunday as we study Acts 2:14a, 22-36 under the theme, “The Ultimate Promise Keeper.”

Come Fly With Us to Vacation Bible School: Join us this summer for an exciting week of adventure at our "Soaring High!" Vacation Bible School, July 20–24, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am each day! Children ages 4–12 are invited to hop in the hot air balloon basket as we explore new destinations and learn that Jesus is our best treasure and the only way to heaven. Each day will be filled with:

- Christ-centered Bible lessons
- Creative crafts and active games
- Joyful singing and tasty snacks

We encourage you to invite your friends, neighbors, grandkids, and classmates—any child who would be blessed by a fun and faith-filled week learning about Jesus!

Register today at www.winterhavenlutheran.com/vbs, or speak with Pastor Sauers for more information. If you're able to volunteer during the week or would like to donate snacks or drinks, we'd be very grateful—just let Pastor Sauers know how you can help!

CLC Women's Retreat West: Join Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (Valentine, NE) for the Women's Retreat West, happening September 18-20, 2026, at the Arrowood Cedar Shore Resort in Oacoma, SD. This year's sessions will focus on Words to Others, Words to Yourself, and Words to the Lord. Come enjoy a refreshing weekend filled with Bible study, heart-opening conversations, and wonderful fellowship activities.

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." – Psalm 19:14

For more information, please visit: <https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat>

CLC News: St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN, has extended two part-time, one-year teaching calls to Lori Ruthenbeck and Lydia Buck. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Stephen Krause of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Chad Seybt of the Western Wisconsin Quad Parish has also received the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> ILC Education Program Graduate Ms. Riley Naumann has accepted the call to teach 3-4 grades at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

Fruits of Faith		May 17, 2026		Attendance: WH – 64	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>			
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>			
\$328.00	General Budget	\$0.00	CLC General Budget		
\$1,362.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need		
-\$1,034.00	-Under / +Over	-\$67.31	-Under / +Over		
\$24,979.07	Year to Date Offerings	\$1,110.00	Year to Date Offerings		
\$27,240.00	Year to Date Need	\$1,346.20	Year to Date Need		
-\$2,260.93	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$236.20	Year to Date (+/-)		
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>			
\$80.00	Benevolence				

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

May 25 – May 30, 2026

Monday - *Acts 2:1-13*

Many things happened on Pentecost: the sound like wind, the tongues like fire, even mockery (verse 13). But the Spirit's gift was each one hearing the wonderful works of God in his own language.

Tuesday - *John 14:23-31*

It is so important that we hold on to Jesus' word! That is why He sends the gift of the Holy Spirit: to remind His disciples of everything that He had told them and so to give them peace with God.

Wednesday - *Joel 2:28-32*

The pouring out of God's Spirit was promised long ago through the prophet Joel. This gift would be not just for the leaders but for young and old, male and female, looking to the day of the LORD.

Thursday - *Psalms 104:1-4*

With the psalmist we ponder the glory of God as revealed in His creation of the world. On the first two days the light and sky remind us that there is no darkness in Him who is over all.

Friday - *Psalms 104:5-23*

On days three and four, God made the dry land appear so that plants might grow to feed the coming animals. The sun, moon, and stars mark the days and nights, months and seasons for all.

Saturday - *Psalms 104:24-35*

Days five and six saw the creation of animals as well as people to praise God in psalms. On the seventh day the LORD rejoiced to see that His creation was very good (verse 31). Hallelujah!

