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ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Ever Loving, Caring Always"



Day of Pentecost

Pastor Len Hoffmann presiding

June 8, 2025

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

Please join us for a time of fellowship after the worship service in Luther Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

Serving Us Today

Presiding Minister: Pastor Len Hoffmann **Acolytes:** Cara Brinkmeier **Organist:** Kathy Hillmer **Lector:** Linda Albrecht **Assisting Minister:** Kim Williams **Greeter:** Kathy Williams **Ushers:** Jane Boop **Counters:** Mike Palmer & Joan Klatt **Sacristan:** Kathy Williams, Kris Liebenstein, and Nancy Trampel

P Pastor

C Congregation

L Lector

A Assisting Minister

Introduction to the Day

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

PRESERVICE MUSIC & WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P In the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C Amen

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you

THIS IS THE FEAST

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you

P God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

L A reading from Acts, the second chapter

L When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and

Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

L Let us say the Psalm responsively

L How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

C Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

L There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

C All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

L You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

C When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

L You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

C May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

L You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

C I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

L May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

C Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING **Romans 8:14-17**

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.

L A reading from Romans, the eighth chapter

L For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL **John 14:8-17 [25-27]**

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so

P that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

REFLECTION SONG “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” (twice) **WOV 713**
(*Please stand as you are able.*)

APOSTLES’ CREED

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(*Please be seated.*)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(*A brief silence.*)

A We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it’s needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for this congregation. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for all who are confined to their homes or health care centers from our community and congregation. Today we pray for *Shirley Goldsmith, Carol Garnhart, Richard Brinkmeier, Lori Miller, Janis Kampmeier, Mary Ellen Aurand, Verda Werkheiser, Carol Byers, Gina Boop, Jerry Harnish, Ron Fluegel, Louise Cuccio and Ron & Connie Melville*. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us share signs of peace with one another.

“LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL”

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OFFERING

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

A Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, Breath of life and Fire of love: with a mighty wind you brought creation into being, and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom. We praise you for the gift of your Son, who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit, we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth. Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal: anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love, that, with thankful hearts, we may be witnesses to your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Communion instruction – as we gather for Holy Communion, you will come down the center aisle, receive the bread and cup, and return by the side aisle. Wine is the dark liquid and grape juice is the light liquid in the center ring. If you wish to receive gluten free, it is available. Please ask. If you wish to only receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed. This is a time where all God's people find unity.

RECEIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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tress Liturgies Annual License #28059

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
 - C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
 - A** Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
 - C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!
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Women's Gathering News ...

- *Women's Gathering has dish cloths for sale. They are \$1.50 each. Contact the church office or Lynda Palmer if you are interested.
 - *Prayer Shawl Outreach on Sunday, July 6th at 10 AM in Luther Hall. Start a shawl/quilt or work on one already started. Someone will be available to help.
 - *The summer bible study/breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16th at 9:30 AM at Karen Bremmer's house (313 W. Walgren in Pearl City). Karen will lead the bible study that day. There will be a sign up sheet in the lobby for those attending.
 - *The next Women's Gathering Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 17th at 8:30AM in Luther Hall.
 - *The next Sit N Sew will be Tuesday, June 17th at 10 AM! Please bring a sack lunch. We will work on cleaning the WELCA room in the lower level. We need to organize the room and fabric. We would appreciate the help. Thanks.
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PEARL CITY HEALTHY WOLVES FOOD PROGRAM

Provides backpacks filled with nutritious meals and snacks for school aged children K-12 for the weekend. **We are currently sending 20-25 backpacks each week.** The cost of supplies runs about \$7.50 per backpack, per week. **Donations of financial support are needed.** Please contact Theresa Albers if you have any questions.

TO DONATE ONLINE: <http://www.stjohnspearlcity.org/giving> Scroll down to these instructions: **On-line Giving:** Click [here](#) to give now in the form of a credit or debit card to St. John's. This is a safe, secure and quick method to give to our ministries from anywhere at any time. On-line giving offers you the ability to do a onetime transaction or set-up a recurring transaction. This option allows members and non-members alike to give to the ministries of St. John's. You will be able to select "Healthy Wolves" for your gift designation.

The Grace Meal Committee is always looking for help preparing and serving the monthly meal. There is a sign-up sheet in Luther Hall for everyone interested in helping at the monthly meal. Sign up for the month(s) you could help!!

Sunday School We will be on hiatus through the summer months but will meet up again on Sunday, September 14th which is Rally Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Morgan Scharping or Theresa Snetcher.

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This Week at St. John's

Sunday, June 8, 2025

9a Worship

10a Stewardship/Outreach committee meeting

10a Memorial/Finance committee meeting

12p Luther Hall rented

6p 4-H Meeting

Monday, June 9, 2025

6p American Legion Auxiliary meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2025

1p Cards and dominoes in Luther Hall

Friday, June 13, 2025

7:30a Grace Meal prep

Saturday, June 14, 2025

8a Grace Meal prep

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8


Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

Confirmation There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, September 14, 2025 right after the church service. We will meet on Sunday, June 22nd to clean, dry, weigh and package the cap project so that we can finally get our bench. We will begin our quest right after the church service and hopefully get it all done and ready to be transported to Indiana. I will be serving pizza for lunch and we will have a snack for the afternoon. I encourage anyone to join us as the more the merrier. You will begin to see signs at church and announcements throughout the next six weeks so that we can get the job done. Many hands make light work!!!!

As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Shawn Kuhlemeier.

St John's Church will be manning the Pearl City Food Pantry the month of July. If anyone could spend a couple of hours on a Saturday morning please contact Doris Kness or Janet Ferguson. July 12th and July 26th are the days that the patrons come to get their groceries. More help is needed on those two dates. Thank You.

Since Federal HIPAA Laws require hospitals to keep patient information private, pastors no longer have access to patient information. So if you would like a pastoral visit while hospitalized, please contact Pastor Len directly at 815-975-4740 by phone or text, or email at prlen.hoffmann@yahoo.com.

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Lector
June 15	April Eberle	Rollin & Judy Nelson	Chad Bremmer
Acolytes		Tech Support	
Kooper Kampmeier		Marlee McPeck Hudson Voss	

Happy Birthday!

*Kim Boyle Braden Smargiassi Brock Smargiassi Willa McWorthy
 Fred Domberger Shane Kempel Karly (Schneider) McWorthy
 Paul Handsaker Kade Knoup Kevin Heimerdinger Morgan Scharping
 Kris Eden Diem Gronewold*

Grace Meal News. . .

A special Thank You!! to everyone who helped with the May Grace Meal!! Bonnie Dittmar, Dennis Downs, Kris & Marion Eden, Randy & Sandy Faust, Lois Hunsaker, Judy & Rollin Nelson, Angie & Wayne Niehaus, DJ Scott, Theresa Snetcher, Kathy Williams, Marge Roiland, and Jim Heimerdinger.

We served a total of 240 meals, 34 deliveries, and 206 curbside pickups.

The June meal will be on June 15th. To reserve your meals for that day, contact St. John's Lutheran Church by Thursday June 12th (815-443-2215). Meals can be picked up between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on the 15th. The menu for the June Grace Meal will be pork chop, baked potato, green beans, applesauce, and chocolate cake.

The Grace Meal Committee would like to thank the congregation for stepping up and making financial donations to help the great ministry continue serving meals each month.

The social ministry is still accepting donations for the Good Gifts program through today! If you have a donation, place it in today's offering or put it in the security box outside of the office. Be sure to designate it towards Good Gifts so that it is recorded and deposited correctly. The social ministry group would like to thank everyone who contributed over the last month! Your donations are very much appreciated! A total will be shared with the congregation soon.