



SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

8:00 & 10:15 AM

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*The **Bold Print** indicates responses spoken by all.*

The ELW hymns are found in the red hymnal located in the pew.

The WOV hymns are found in the blue hymnal located in the pew.

THE GATHERING

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

P May the glory of the Lord endure forever...

C I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; Hallelujah!

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems,
and sustains us and all of creation.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.
To you, O God,

**C all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you,
confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember
us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and
lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

C **Amen.**

THE GATHERING HYMN

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

ACS 942

Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

Refrain

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933

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THE APOSTOLIC 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.**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on "Gloria in excelsis Deo"

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON—ACTS 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ '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. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON—1 CORINTHIANS 12:3b-13

^{3b} No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

ELW 174



THE HOLY GOSPEL—JOHN 20:19-23

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After

he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Pastor Trevor Hahn

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of Gentleness

WOV 684

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness
call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,
stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing;
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain
"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings;"
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise."

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940
Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley
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THE APOSTLES' CREED

P With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all in need.

After each petition, please respond:

P ...Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim
the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ,
our risen Savior.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

THE THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERTORY

THE SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM (10:15 A.M.)

We Are One, Lord

Stan Pethel

Please stand as you are able.

THE OFFERTORY

Create in Me A Clean Heart

WOV 182

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, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12

Music: FRANKIE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Savior Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING FOR THE SPIRIT

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.

P Thanks be to you, O God, for the power of your loving Spirit. We worship you for your Spirit, who forms life out of chaos and dust. We bless you for your Spirit, who ignites the words of the prophets. We praise you for your Spirit, who carries your people together in unity. For new life through your Spirit, we give you thanks and praise.

C We give you thanks and praise.

P We plead for your Spirit, to cry aloud in us, with us, and for us. Breathe your life into our bones. Anoint us for service with your oil of gladness. Translate our speech into tongues of wisdom. Shower on us your gifts: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Sanctify the whole earth with your truth. Bring us at the end with all your needy children into your homeland of mercy.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P In the words of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, we are bold 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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

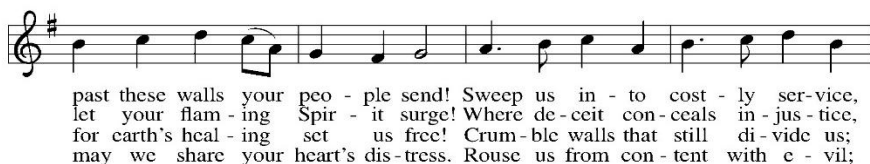
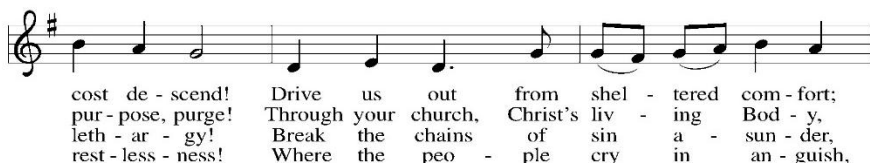
THE SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **(SUNG)** Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE SENDING HYMN *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* ELW 400



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, filled with the Holy Spirit.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

SERVING OUR PARISH TODAY

8:00 AM

10:15 AM

Presiding Minister

Pastor Trevor Hahn

Organist / Choir Director

Fawn Albert

Supply Organist

Benjamin Becker

Lector

Sharon Stehly

Acolyte / Bell Ringer

Chelsy Rehrig

Ushers

April Krempasky (DIC)
& Jessica Rehrig

Devon Sabene (DIC),
Ron Humanick, &
Sharon Stehly

Camera Operator

Bobbi Jo Kline

Altar Guild

Devon Sabene & Sharon Stehly

COMMEMORATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The chancel flowers are presented in honor of Lauri & Connor McWilliams' Birthdays.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Pastor & Kathy Hahn's 35th Wedding Anniversary.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Bonnie Ahner, Fawn Albert, Burlene Balliet, Janice Beck, Carolyn Bostick, Janice Dormida, Linda Durback, Cheryl Hower, Linda Humanick, Dawson Kunz, Paul L., Maria Mitchell, Nina Moser, Bartine Mummey, Richard Muthard, Dave Raber, Preston Raber, Betsy Rauch, Veronica Redline, Hope Roberts, Jeralyn Schoch, Doris Snyder, Ed Stephen, Colson Tkach, Lydia Weaver, and Bill Yelland.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00 AM—19 Sunday School—24
10:15 AM—48

OFFERING LAST WEEK: \$1,475.63

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Today	8:00 AM—Service of the Word 9:00 AM—Sunday School-All About Pentecost 10:15 AM—Service of the Word 8:00 PM—A.A.
Monday	BUILDING CLOSED – MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
Wednesday	10:00 PM—Chair Yoga 1:00 PM—Collate June/July/August Newsletter 7:00 PM—Choir
Thursday	8:00 PM—A.A.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO: Jennifer Eschbach, Terry Hunsicker, Hayley Jones, Taylor Kocher, Jackie Kuba, Richard LaBarre, Keaghan Lenskold, Connor McWilliams, Lauri McWilliams, Heather Miller, Heather Newhard, Elaina Ray, and Fred Sigley.

HAPPY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK TO: Ricki Bierman, Kylie Bonsor, Connor Farrell, Vicki Haydt, Kyle Krempasky, Vanessa McWilliams, Amy Strohl, and Cailynn Trainer.

THANK YOU to Benjamin Becker for being our organist/choir director today while Fawn is away for the weekend.

PENTECOST IS TODAY! The Pentecost event happened among the gathered disciples and they were filled with the Holy Spirit, but it did not end there. Disciples or Followers of Jesus have been filled with the Holy Spirit ever since. Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church as we know it. It is also the beginning of the green season of the church; a time where, as we see the greening of the trees, grasses, and plants, we also can work toward our own greening in our faith toward God and in our service toward one another. It is a season that challenges us to see our own gifts of the Spirit and to put them to use for the good of all people.

GERANIUMS can be picked up after the 10:15 A.M. service. There is a list of who ordered geraniums on the front pew.

THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow for the Memorial Day Holiday.

NEWSLETTER HELPERS will be needed on Wednesday (May 27) at 1:00 P.M. to collate the June/July/August newsletter. Please let Sharon know if you can help with newsletter collating.

KIDS PACK DONATIONS – We are collecting juice boxes plus single serve jello and single-serve pudding (non-refrigerated) for the “Kids Packs” to be given to clients of the Northern Lehigh Food Bank this summer when school is not in session. Please bring all donations to the church by Sunday, June 7. We need 150 individual pieces of each item. So far we have 50 jello cups, 140 juice boxes, and 96 pudding cups.

CRAFT SUPPLY DONATIONS NEEDED as follows:

For Vacation Bible School:

Green tissue paper

Rolls of Kraft paper (see sample in Fellowship Hall)

For Breakfast Bunch: Empty paper towel rolls

Empty wrapping paper rolls

Donations can be placed in the container in the Fellowship Hall.

Donations are needed by Sunday, June 7.

JUNE FOOD CLEARANCE SALE – The Catering Committee is sponsoring a frozen food clearance sale for June. Pick up is Saturday, June 13, between 9:00 & 11:00 A.M. Quantities are limited. Orders are filled on a first come basis. The order forms are white and on the back radiator covers. Return order forms to Harrison Williams. You can call your order into the church office at 610-767-6361, Harrison at 610-216-4284, or e-mail him at williamshj2514@msn.com.

BREAKFAST BUNCH – We will again host the Breakfast Bunch this summer to feed the local children while school is out for the summer. Volunteers are needed Monday-Friday, June 15-August 21, from 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. You can volunteer one day this summer, one day per week, one week this summer, or however it works for your schedule. Volunteer duties include: registration table, pouring juice and milk, working the toaster/toaster oven, making sandwiches, keeping food refilled on the buffet line, and clean-up. If you can help, sign up on the calendar at the rear of the church, call the church office at 610-767-6361, or email us at stjohnslatington@gmail.com.

THRIVENT GRANTS – Any Thrivent member planning to use their yearly \$250 grant for Breakfast Bunch, we are asking you to apply by the end of June. The gift cards are only good for 120 days and if we receive them late in the program, it is difficult to fully use your generous gift. When ordering the t-shirts that come along with the grant, please order a variety of sizes (youth small to adult 3X). Thank for helping us feed God's children.

SECOND CHANCE SHOPPE NEEDS HELP! As you all know the Second Chance Shoppe contributes money to St. John's but also to many non-profit organizations in the area. Last year alone the board of directors donated \$46,592.75 because of the hard work of our volunteers. But more important than the monetary donations, the Shoppe provides clothing, toys, household items, and seasonal decorations at prices families in need in our community can afford. However, we have hit a bump in the road where quite a few of our weekly volunteers are unable to help due to illnesses or because they are caregivers. We are asking the parishioners of St. John's to consider donating a few hours of time to help this community outreach program. Tuesday through Friday we have three-hour shifts and Saturday a four-hour shift. Board members or seasoned volunteers will help you acclimate to the routine of the Shoppe. If you have any questions or want to join our group of volunteers, please contact Debbie Geiger at 484-241-0402 or Nancy Rehrig at 610-428-2579. Thank you in advance for considering how you might use your hands to do God's work. Volunteering will enable us to continue doing God's work in our community which began 62 years ago.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – This year's Vacation Bible School ("VBS") theme is "Rainforest Falls – Exploring the Nature of God." Bible School will be held Monday, July 13, through Friday, July 17, from 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. VBS is for children age 3 (by July 1) up to and including Grade 6. To make this VBS a great experience for our children, we are looking for adults and teens to help each night or for one or two nights, whichever works with your schedule. Please sign up at the display in the Fellowship Hall, at the Parent Information Center in the education wing, or on the rear radiator covers in the church. This Vacation Bible School promises to be a wonderful experience. Please join us! If you have any questions, please see Ruthann Mantz or Debbie Cunfer or call the church office at 610-767-6361.

PLEASE CALL the church office (610-767-6361) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of St. John's is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Please give our church code "290" to the local hospitals when being admitted. Hospitals do NOT notify the church; we will only get information if you call us. As the two hospital networks have grown, we do not get names even when calling with our church code. Please call the church to keep us informed of any hospitalizations.

LIVESTREAM NOTICE — Our 10:15 AM service is streamed live online every week on Facebook. The front of the sanctuary, which includes the space for holy communion and children's messages are included in the video. By being in this space, you may be included in the livestream and/or the recorded video posted on Facebook and our website.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

40 2nd Street, Slatington, Pennsylvania 18080

St. John's Lutheran Church is located in the heart of Slatington, Pennsylvania and has served the Lehigh Valley since 1868.

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Trevor Hahn, *Interim Pastor*
Sharon Stehly, *Church Administrator*
Fawn Albert, *Organist and Choir Director*
Angela Schoenberger, *Sexton*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 & 10:15 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 A.M.

BUILDING HOURS

Weekdays	9 AM to 3 PM
Saturday	9 AM to 3 PM
Sunday	8 AM to 12 PM

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