



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
Day of Pentecost  
May 28, 2023  
**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.*

***\*(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)***

*Announcements*

### **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.  
**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.



## CALENDAR

Mon., May 29

Memorial Day Observed

### MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

Wilton American Legion Post #508 Schedule

9:30 AM St. John's Catholic Cemetery  
(Following times are approximate)

9:45 AM Hillside Cemetery

10:00 AM Highway 131 Bridge

10:15 AM St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery

10:30 AM South Ridge Lutheran Cemetery

10:45 AM Cal Day Cemetery

11:00 AM Dorset Ridge Cemetery

Sat., June 3

Blood Drive

7:00 AM—11:30 AM

Sun., June 4

Worship

9:00 AM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2023, immediately following the worship service. The Church Council will make a presentation and seek guidance from the members with regard to replacement of the church steps and additional renovations.

Discussion and **possible action** items:

1. Discuss and authorize construction.
2. Discuss and authorize a project cost, not to exceed a specific amount.
3. Authorization to seek financing.

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

**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.**

### **Word**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **First Reading**

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

### **Acts 2:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your  
creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many  
to number,  
living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Embodied God,  
**at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.  
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,  
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors  
and touch the world with your love.  
Amen.**

### **Sending**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

\*Benediction

\*Hymn

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

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### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **THOSE SERVING TODAY**

Ministers: All God’s People; Pastor: Bill Horn; Organist: Nalani Bever;  
Reader: Bud Ostebow; Altar: Larry & Arlis Ballwahn

### **IN THE MILITARY**

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Danelle Dougherty, Robert Cale,  
Matthew Dutton

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Gloria Meltesen, Darlene Babbitt, Judy Bever, John Acker, Craig King,  
Mary Leis, Tracie Herman, Patrick Reardon, Dave Dechant, Jayden  
Shea.

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God,  
in this meal you offer your very self.  
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
In the breaking of this bread  
reveal to us the Risen One.  
In the pouring of this wine  
pour us out in service to the world;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to  
their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

## Second Reading

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

### 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by

