

**WE ARE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST**  
*to Share the Hope of Eternal Life.*  
*The Day of Pentacost May 24, 2026*



*Holy Cross Lutheran Church*  
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**MAY/JUNE EVENTS**

*As We Gather*

The arrival of the Holy Spirit is a day of celebration. This is a day to rejoice in promises kept and anticipate greater things to come. Today's festival is a bridge for the church. It connects the commemoration of the life of Christ (through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter) to the season centered on our life in Christ, beginning with Pentecost. The festival's signature red color reminds us of the fiery arrival of the Spirit, the Spirit's ongoing work as the heartbeat of Christ's church, and the blood shed by believers past and present as they proclaim the crucified, risen, and ascended Christ.

**The fresh flower arrangement on the altar is placed by Cathy Dew  
In Honor of Hunter Dew's Wedding**

We are happy to announce that the Ordination and Installation of Pastor-Elect Peyton Holland will be June 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm with a dinner following downstairs. Please RSVP by June 2 to Vicky Surman 816-803-5727 if you plan to attend the dinner.

Church Supper at Concordia Lutheran Church in Frohna, Missouri. June 28th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Drive-Thru or Carry Out Only with outdoor dining available weather permitting. Pork Steaks w/sauce, German potato salad, cole slaw, green bean and homemade dessert. \$14/plate. 10158 Hwy C, Frohna, MO.

**Upcoming Dates available for flowers for the altar: July 5th, July 12th and July 19th. The July Flower Chart is now up. Thank You!** Please clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. Please put \$25 in an envelope; mark it "Flower Fund" and place it in the offering plate.

*Sunday's Church Doors Open at 8:00 AM Service Begins at 9:00 AM*

*Tuesdays Bible Study starting at 10:30 AM to 11:30AM*

The ringing of the bells starts at 9 a.m.

Words written in **Bold** generally signify congregation response.

**Needs for pastoral care in our area, call one of our Elders  
Rick Hutson 573-780-9390,  
Randy Ruzicka 314-210-4279 or Wayne Schremp 573-883-6060**

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We are transformed in Christ  
To share the hope of eternal Life.

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit

Opening Hymn • 498

**“Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blessed”**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**JOHN 14:19**

**Stand** *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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, 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 what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

## Introit Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,\*  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.  
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 gath- | er it up;\*  
when you open your hand, they are filled with | good things.  
When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre- | ated,\*  
and you renew the face | of the ground.  
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,\*  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.

## The Kyrie LSB 204



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis (intro)

LSB 204



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**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**

### **First Reading**

### **Genesis 11:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup> And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup> So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused[a] the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

<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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

### Alleluia and Verse (intro)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a 7/8 time signature. The first staff is the Alleluia chorus. The second and third staves are the verse. The fourth staff is a repeat of the Alleluia chorus. The lyrics are written below the notes.

### Holy Gospel

John 7:37-39

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

**C** Glory to You, 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 to You, O Christ.

## Sit

Sermon Hymn • 497

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

SERMON

MICHAEL WILKE

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

# THE OFFERING

*For today's prayer requests, please write them on the attendance card provided during the service. Once completed, fold the card and either hand it to an usher or place it in the offertory plate. The Pastor or Seminarian will include these requests during the Prayers of the Church.*

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- 1) offering plate—cash or check.
- 2) online at [holycrossstegen.org](http://holycrossstegen.org) ○ Click the “Give” icon.
- 3) by mail.

We honor the Lord with our tithes and our gifts.

## Stand

### Offertory Hymn

### “Create In Me”

#### 956 Create in Me

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 Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12  
Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt.  
Text and tune: Public domain

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**

## Benediction

LSB 212

- A** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

## Sit

**Closing Hymn • 503**

**“O Day Full of Grace”**

### *Acknowledgments*

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## SERVING TODAY

Michael Wilke  
Scriptures Reader: Vickie Eisenbeis  
Ushers: Wayne Schremp and Rick Hutson  
Communion Servicer: Randy Ruzicka

<b>Sunday Church Attendance</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
<b>First Week</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Second Week</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Third Week</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Fourth Week</b>	

<b>Your Financial Support of Your Church</b>	<b>4/4/26</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Requirement</b>	<b>\$2,902.00</b>	<b>\$58,040.00</b>
<b>Actual Offerings including online offerings (budget)</b>	<b>\$1,725.00</b>	<b>\$49,587.35</b>
<b>Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement</b>	<b>-1,177.00</b>	<b>-\$8,452.35</b>
<b>% Ahead/Behind</b>	<b>-40.6%</b>	<b>-14.6%</b>

## In Our Prayers This Week and Celebrations

Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the A.C.T.S. of prayer. *A*doration: praising God for who He is. *C*onfession: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. *T*hanks*g*iving: thanking God for specific blessings. *S*upplication: asking God for help.

*For those who are homebound* **Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Doug Arnold, Nick Krege, Pansy Meyer, Val Rakey.**

*For healing and continued recovery* **Bill Staffen** (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), **Dustin Hutson** (recovering from a brain bleed), **Pastor Jim Kirk** (treatment for myeloma) **Carol Steiger-Rudoff** continued prayers for recovery of cancer (Connie Schwent's Sister In-law), **Laura Pruneau Fallert** (Cancer treatment) that her blood counts stay strong and that she is excepted to a new trial period with her oncology team. Continued prayers for healing for **Wayne Phillips**. Continuing prayers for **Maia Rottler** she is on treatments for Leukemia give her family faith to help her in this journey. (granddaughter of LaJune Rottler). Sending prayers for **Carl Noll's** recovery.

*For those celebrating birthdays in May* **Annette Rolfe** (May 03), **Pansy Meyer** (May 15), **Linda Ruzicka** (May 18), **Vicky Surman** (May 21), **Maryann Roth** (May 23), **Lance Meyer** (May 27).

*For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in May* **Ben and LaJune Rottler** (May 26)

*For Those Who Mourn*

*For local, state, and national elected officials* that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

*For our community* that more people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*For our church family* **We are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.**

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