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He who believes in Me, as Scripture
has said, will have streams of living
water flow from deep within him.

John 7:38



Pentecost
May 23/24, 2026

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PENTECOST
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Welcome, Visitors! Please scan the QR code to sign our guest register. Visitors and members alike, use the same QR code for prayer requests.



PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: God, the Holy Spirit, we thank and praise you that you have created the "Means of Grace," those conduits through which you have delivered the benefits of the work of our Savior, Jesus, to our lives and to our hearts. Help us to be conduits through which you spread your grace to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every

nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?”

⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

“Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “ ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ ”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

Psalm 104

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:3-11

³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

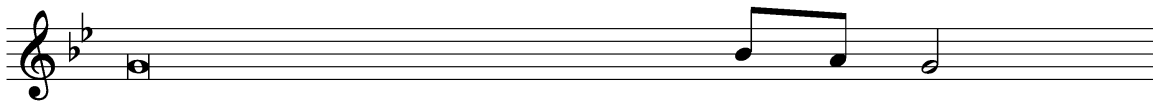


Refrain



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

Tone



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful peo - ple,



and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Refrain

GOSPEL

John 7:37-39

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* CW 708

SERMON

Let it Flow!

John 7:37-39

- I. God's Grace Flows to Us
- II. God's Grace Flows through Us

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	2 pm	MVL Graduation
Monday	Office	Closed
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, May 31 st	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
Saturday, June, 7 th	6:30 pm	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last weekend was 418 with 292 receiving the Lord's Supper.

Fruits of Faith:

\$24,459 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$327,359 / YTD: \$356,345
\$3,939 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$37,082 (2026 Goal: \$100,701)
\$997 MVL ~ YTD: \$23,631 (2026 Goal: \$62,278)
\$170 Building Fund
\$770 K-12 Education Assistance
\$25 St. Paul's School Building
\$1,000 St. John's Endowment
\$200 Technology Fund
\$5 Christian Family Solutions
\$100 St. Paul's School

LWMS Voting ~ Are you a confirmed woman of our congregation? If your answer is yes, then please take a moment to fill out the LWMS ballot in the narthex. LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) is a WELS organization for women who support WELS mission work around the world! If you are interested in more details about how you can support their work please contact St. John's member, Carrie Schaefer (carriehieb@yahoo.com). This year's ballot includes a vote for 4 board members as well as the mission offering projects for one Home mission and one World mission. Please complete the ballot and leave it in the gift box labeled LWMS. Ballot totals will be mailed in on May 25. Thank you.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWMS International Convention ~ Join us for the 63rd Annual LWMS Convention in Madison, WI from June 25th through June 28th. Registration is now open online, but is due to close June 1st (earlier if capacity is reached). The table in the new narthex has mail-in registration forms as well as detailed information sheets. We hope to see you there!

Preschool Cleaning Party ~ Ages 6th grade – 96 are invited Thursday, May 28th to help clean the preschool classroom from 9am-11:30am! There will be indoor and outdoor cleaning. Lunch will also be provided at 11:30am. To RSVP or ask questions, contact Director Heidi Meyer – hmeyer@splnewulm.org.

Job Openings at MLC ~ Full-time Executive Director of Mission Advancement. This role helps connect donor support to the preparation of future pastors, teachers, and staff ministers. **Part-time Assistant Volleyball Coach.** In this role, you can help promote excellence in competition while supporting the formation of student-athletes for lives of Christian service. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

About the cover ~ In the Bible, "Living water" primarily refers to fresh, flowing water from natural sources like springs, rivers, or rain, rather than stagnant water stored in cisterns. Biblically, it is a metaphor for the Holy Spirit, divine grace, and spiritual nourishment offered by Jesus, symbolizing eternal life and constant spiritual renewal. Thank God that your spiritual thirst is quenched in Jesus. Thank God for the opportunity to quench others' spiritual thirst as we share the Living Water with them.