



*The Spirit,
whom those who believed in Him
were to receive*

John 7:39

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church (NALC)

Day of Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

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*Stand as you are able

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you worship with us today.

Our prayers include those in nursing homes and home bound: Mary Ann McCallister, Helen Lyons, Susie Leonhardt, Servicemen: Andrew Gendron.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Betty Ebbeskkotte by Mark Ebbeskkotte.

Helen Lyons will celebrate her 89th birthday on May 27. Her family would like to have a card shower for her. Her address is Room 149 101 West Brook Blvd. Upper Sandusky, Oh 43351

A reception for the 2026 graduates will be held after worship today. Graduates are Shawn Auck & Gage Billings from Col. Crawford, Abby Taphorn from Ohio University and Julia Evak from Bowling Green University. Congratulations and best wishes to all the graduates.

God Squad will be meet Thursday, May 28 at 7 PM at the church. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome.

Women of the Church invites you to join us for Potluck and Painting on Wednesday, June 10 at 6 PM. Bring a dish to share.

Adult Sunday School will be at 9 AM next Sunday with Pastor Andrea.

Giving for The Lord's Ministry May 17, 2026

Bell Choir	50.00
Benevolence	160.00
Current	2,549.75
Feed Crawford County	160.00
Filling Home	45.00
God Squad	60.00
Lutheran Home of Mercy	35.00
Missionary	55.00
NALC Seminary	150.00
NALC Disaster Relief	100.00
Orphans and Old Folks Home	100.00
Special Projects	60.00
Total	\$3,524.75
Attendance 99	

Anyone wanting to donate to the NALC Disaster Response may mark your envelopes accordingly. Donations aid tornado and other natural disaster victims.

Looking to connect with Pastor Andrea? You're always welcome to stop by during office hours: **Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 AM—Noon**. If another time works better for you, feel free to call the church office or reach out directly to Pastor Andrea (614) 256-4318 to set up an appointment. She'd love to hear from you!

Those persons interested in applying for the Robert & Ruby Schimpf Scholarship can pick up information from Joyce Schanzenbach in the church office or see John Britton. Qualifications include: currently enrolled as a college senior (Fall of 2026), fulltime student (12 credits per semester), have a minimum 2.6 GPA, an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church Sulphur Springs. If no education majors apply, the scholarship is open to other major fields of study. All forms should be returned by June 1.

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday	Sunday School 9 AM Worship 10 AM Reception honoring graduates after worship
Wednesday	Women's morning Bible Study 9:30 AM
Thursday	God Squad 7 PM
Sunday	Sunday School 9 AM Adult Bible Study 9AM Worship 10 AM

The St. Paul worship services and sermons are recorded and available to watch on the web page at www.stpaulsulphur.com or on St. Paul Lutheran Church Sulphur Springs, Ohio YouTube. A live feed of the worship service is available downstairs in the high school room.

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A Spiritual Family

When I was a child, magnets fascinated me. I loved to scatter safety pins, paper clips, and nails in a shoe box and hold a magnet under the box. The magnet immediately gave order and direction to the disordered pieces of metal. The magnet's power caused the otherwise immobile objects to move.

The power of the Holy Spirit has a far greater effect. The Spirit, through the Word and Baptism, calls us to faith in Jesus; through this faith, we receive the righteousness Jesus won for us on the cross and are saved by God's grace. By the power of the Spirit, we grow in faith as we study God's Word, receive Holy Communion, and worship together with fellow Christians—members with us of the Body of Christ. The Spirit's power enables us to live out the new life Christ gives us.

This power of the Spirit acts on a disorganized variety of individuals—young, old, male, female—and pulls them together into a new family: the church. In this family, the Spirit's power initiates and sustains action: living a God-pleasing life and sharing the Gospel with others. The presence of the Holy Spirit will be seen in His fruit.

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with Your power and love. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

PORTALS of PRAYER

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About the Cover: Belief in Jesus comes only by the power of the Holy Spirit. Before He ascended into heaven, Jesus spoke of what would happen on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the apostles, enabling them to proclaim in many languages what Christ had accomplished. The Holy Spirit is still active in all who believe in Him. For the Spirit and the Word go hand in hand and work in us to open our hands to receive the benefits of forgiveness, life, and salvation from our crucified and risen Lord.



Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

Prayer of the Day

O God, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Psalm 25:1-14*

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my | trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated,

nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

²**Let none who look to you be | put to shame;***

let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.

³Show me your | ways, O LORD,*
and teach | me your paths.

⁴**Lead me in your | truth and teach me,***

for you are the God of my salvation;

in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁵Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,*
for they are from | everlasting.

⁶**Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;***

remember me according to your love

and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁷Gracious and upright | is the LORD;*

therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

⁸**He guides the humble in | doing right***

and teaches his way | to the lowly.

⁹All the paths of the LORD are | love and faithfulness*

to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

¹⁰**For your name's | sake, O LORD,***

forgive my sin, for | it is great.

¹¹Who are they who | fear the LORD?*

he will teach them the way that | they should choose.

¹²**They shall dwell | in prosperity,***

and their offspring shall inher- | it the land.

¹³The LORD is a friend to | those who fear him*

and will show | them his covenant.

¹⁴**My eyes are ever looking | to the LORD,***

for he shall pluck my feet out | of the net.

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, {the disciples} were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷And 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; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Gospel: John 7:37-39

³⁷On 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.

³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now 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.

Lessons for Next Week: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8;
Acts 2:14a, 22-36; Matthew 28:16-20

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* The Book of Common Prayer verse numbers for this psalm are different from the numbering in the ESV.

For Pentecost

Grant to your Church, O Lord, your Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which comes down from heaven that your Word may not be bound, but be preached and heard with joy. Touch our hearts with the fire of your Spirit, that we may serve you in steadfast faith and in the confession of your name, abide to the end. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For the Work of the Spirit

Holy Spirit, fill us with a deep, abiding faith and remove all doubt from our hearts. Open our minds to understand the Scriptures and the work of Christ among us. Empower us to move beyond these walls to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead, so that others might come to have life in his name. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For God's Nourishment of Creation

Lord of Creation, you have placed us in a wondrous world that reflects your creative glory and power. We pray that you would look with kindness on all that you have made, and that the hearts of all living things may sing their thanks for generations to come. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear or prayer.

For Veterans and those Affected by War

Holy God, you know the battles we face every day. We pray that you bring healing to this world torn apart by violence, bloodshed, and war. Uphold and sustain veterans, survivors, and all those who have suffered the effects of war. Grant them hope, peace, and safety of rest in you. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.