

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

May 25th - 30th, 2026

Mon Acts 2:1-13 Many things happened on Pentecost: the sound like wind, the tongues like fire, even mockery (v13). But the Spirit's gift was each one hearing the wonderful works of God in his own language.

Tues John 14:23-31 It is so important that we hold on to Jesus' word! That is why He sends the gift of the Holy Spirit: to remind His disciples of everything that He had told them and so to give them peace with God.

Wed Joel 2:28-32 The pouring out of God's Spirit was promised long ago through the prophet Joel. This gift would be not just for the leaders but for young and old, male and female, looking to the day of the Lord.

Thurs Psalm 104:1-4 With the psalmist we ponder the glory of God as revealed in His creation of the world. On the first two days the light and sky remind us that there is no darkness in Him who is over all.

Fri Psalm 104:5-23 On days three and four, God made the dry land appear so that plants might grow to feed the coming animals. The sun, moon, and stars mark the days and nights, months and seasons for all.

Sat Psalm 104:24-35 Days five and six saw the creation of animals as well as people to praise God in psalms. On the seventh day the Lord rejoiced to see that His creation was very good (v31). Hallelujah!

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Pentecost

May 24th, 2026

Liturgy: TLH p. 5

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: WS #739

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G ♪ Amen.

P Pastor

G Congregation

Confession of Our Sins

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

G ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

G ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

G **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution from Our God

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord unto us all.

G ♪ Amen.

Summer Schedule starts next weekend. Adult Bible Class and Children’s Sunday School will be recessing for the summer. The summer schedule will be:

Regular Sunday Worship – 9:30 am

Family Bible Class – 10:30 am

Family Bible Class – This coming weekend, at our first Family Bible Class, Mr. Jim Kazemba will be presenting on the Miracle of Butterfly Transformation and Migration.

VBS is scheduled for July 13th – 17th, from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Sign-up sheets are in the church entryway for VBS volunteers. Help is needed for advertising, lesson assembly, decorations, crafts, music, and recess; if you would be able to help in any of these areas, please sign up! If you would be interested in being a teacher for any particular age level, please speak with Pastor *before* signing up.

Special Voters’ Meeting Summary – Last weekend, the voters of St. John’s extended calls one-year, part-time teaching calls to both Lori Ruthenbeck and Lydia Buck.

MN Delegates Conference will be Saturday, June 6th at Berea, Inver Grove Heights, beginning at 10:00 am.

Joint Bridal Shower – The Ladies of the Congregation are cordially invited to “Croquet & Tea With The Brides Times Three.” Please join us at 11 AM Friday, June 12th, on the back lawn for a card bridal shower to celebrate Hannah, Faith, and Lydia Kazemba. Please RSVP at the back of the church and contact Rebecca Schrader with any questions - 512-966-2156.

Ushers	5/24	Kendall B, Larry B.
	5/31	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	6/7	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
Cleaning	This Week – The Eigenbergs (wk. 4)	
	Up Next – Fogelman, Ahrens, Sullivan	

doing it. ²⁶ Now 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. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹ But 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!" ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

The Work of the Holy Spirit:

Turning "Jealous" Into "Zealous"

The Offertory

TLH #230

G ♪ *Holy Spirit, God of Love, Who our night dost brighten,
Poured on us from heav'n above, Now our faith enlighten.
In Thy light we gather here; Show us that Christ's promise clear
Is Amen forever. Jesus, our ascended Lord,
Oh, fulfil Thy gracious Word: Bless us with Thy favor!*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #231 "We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- G** ♪ **Amen, amen, a – men.**

Hymn: WS #740 "Holy Spirit, End Our Sadness"

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The Introit

Ps. 104:24, 27-28, 30; Liturgical Text

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.
- G** **O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**
- P** These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.
- G** **When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**
- P** When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.
- G** **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

The Gloria Patri

TLH #236:4

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

G ♪ *Immortal honor, endless fame,
Attend the almighty Father's name;
The Savior Son be glorified,
Who for lost man's redemption died;
And equal adoration be, Eternal Paraclete, to Thee.*

The Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

The Collect Prayer of the Day

- P** 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.
- G** ♪ **Amen.**

- P** The Holy Gospel is written in the seventh chapter of St. John, beginning at the thirty-seventh verse:
- G** ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**



John 7:37-39

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

C *♫ Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*



Acts 2:1-21

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

Confession of Faith *Explanation to the 3rd Article of the Creed*

C **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.**

Hymn: TLH #224

"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!"



Numbers 11:24-30

Moses 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. ²⁵ Then 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