



***He Lives to Pour Out His Spirit***

**PEACE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Houghton, Michigan  
Sunday, May 24, 2026

## **Welcome to Worship**

God's grace welcomes you, and so do we — the pastor and members of Peace! Jesus Christ is the only Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death and triumphant resurrection, Jesus saves all sinners. We learn these truths from the Bible — God's complete plan for our salvation and his guidebook for our lives. Peace greets you with a warm welcome. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

## **About Our Service**

The gospel (or good news) is not just information about what Jesus did to save sinners. It is also the power God uses to work faith in our hearts, transform our lives, and give us lasting peace. Therefore, Lutheran Worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. In the message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news about Jesus from start to finish. Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out on the following pages. If a song is not found in this service folder, it can be found in the red or blue hymnals located on the chair in front of you.

## **Current Worship Series: What Difference Does It Make?**

Easter Day: *He lives to take me from death to life*

April 12: *He lives to give me proof and peace*

April 19: *He lives to restore my hope*

April 26: *He lives to be my Good Shepherd*

May 3: *He lives to be the only way to heaven*

May 10: *He lives to call me to live for him*

May 17: *He lives to rule all things for the Church*

**May 24: *He lives to pour out his Spirit***

## **Series Theme: What Difference Does It Make?**

Life is full of either/or moments. Some of them are of little long-term consequence. I will have either the chicken or the fish. Some of them matter more. I will accept the new job offer or keep my current job. One either/or moment is life-changing for every human being. Either Jesus is still dead, or Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus claimed he would rise from the dead. “The Son of Man must suffer many things. . . be killed and after three days rise again” (Mark 8:31). So if Jesus remains dead, he is both a failure and a fraud. If Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sin.

But Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! It makes all the difference! He lives!  
The season of Easter is a 50-day celebration of that fact.

## **Today’s Focus: *He Lives to Pour Out His Spirit***

When the disciples were distressed about Jesus ascending into heaven, he assured them, “it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you” (John 16:7). That Advocate is the Holy Spirit. If Jesus had stayed in the grave, the Holy Spirit would have had no reason to enter the lives of disciples.

But Jesus lives, and it makes a difference. The Spirit provides faith and purpose for life. Pentecost, the celebration of the special arrival of the Holy Spirit, is the third great festival of the Church, along with the Nativity and the Resurrection. Pentecost closes the fifty-day period after Easter and ends the festival half of the church year. The Church dresses in red on this day to commemorate the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit’s gift as well as the blood of the martyrs.

## **Service Participants:**

Computer Organ: Mary Ann Krug

Pastor of Peace: Pastor Welch



# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand

The name of  
the triune God  
and the sign  
of the cross  
remind  
worshippers of  
their  
baptisms.

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Dialogue for Pentecost

*Psalm 104*

Praise the LORD, my soul.  
LORD my God, you are very great;  
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

**LORD, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

How many are your works, LORD!  
In wisdom you made them all.  
the earth is full of your creatures.

**LORD, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

All creatures look to you  
to give them their food at the proper  
time. When you give it to them, they  
gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

**LORD, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works-  
he makes winds his messengers,  
flames of fire his servants.

**LORD, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

I will sing to the LORD all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as  
long as I live. May my meditation  
be pleasing to him,  
as I rejoice in the Lord.

**LORD, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

## Hymn

184 *O Holy Spirit, Enter In* sts. 1-2



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in and in our hearts  
2 Give to your Word im - pres - sive pow'r that in our hearts



your work be - gin, your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour as fire it may be glow - ing,



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, a - round and in  
that in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty we faith - ful wit -



us bright - ly shine, to joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.



that we may be tru - ly liv - ing, to you giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us by your teach - ing; let our preach - ing



prayer un - ceas - ing and in love be still in - creas - ing.  
and our la - bor praise you, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.



## Prayer

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Please be seated

## The Word

### First Reading

Acts 2:1–21

On Pentecost  
the disciples  
proclaimed  
the gospel.  
Through their  
words the  
Holy Spirit  
unleashes his  
saving power.

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

<sup>5</sup>Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup>Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup>(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” <sup>12</sup>Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

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

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>These people are not drunk, as you

suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“ 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.

<sup>18</sup>Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup>The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

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

## Children’s Lesson

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:3–11*

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.  
<sup>5</sup>There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup>There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

<sup>7</sup>Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to

When God pours out his Spirit, it is for the benefit of the entire Church.

another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.**

*Please stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

184 O Holy Spirit, Enter In st. 3

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features a melody with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your dear Word, in doubt and strife, in us be strong - ly burn - ing that we be faith - ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you true wis - dom learn - ing. Your grace and peace on us show - er; by your pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing."

# Gospel

John 16:5-11

<sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup> Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. <sup>7</sup> But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because people do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

Jesus promised that those who were spiritually thirsty would be filled with the living water of the Spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

*God's Holy Spirit Came*



1 God's Ho - ly Spir - it came with rush - ing wind and fire,  
2 God sent the Spir - it forth ful - fill - ing proph - ets' word,  
3 God's Spir - it filled each one as Je - sus had fore - told.  
4 God's Church a - live to - day con - tin - ues to pro - claim



Christ's pres - ence here to com - fort, bless and to in - spire.  
to those who fol - lowed Je - sus and who called him Lord.  
In man - y tongues they spoke God's Word, re - newed and bold.  
sal - va - tion by the Spir - it's pow'r in Je - sus' name.



The Spir - it thus be - gan God's ho - ly work on earth  
And as dis - ci - ples met near tem - ple courts for prayer  
"Re - pent and be bap - tized," preached Pe - ter in that hour,  
Let all be - liev - ers now their tongues and lives em - ploy.



at Pen - te - cost, a gift that gave the Church its birth. 9  
the Spir - it blew and rest - ed on those gath - ered there.  
and thou - sands came be - liev - ing by the Spir - it's pow'r.  
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, our high - est joy!

## Sermon

John 16:5-11

*Please stand*

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Apostle's Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

## Confession of Faith

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Offering

*The members of Peace have joined together in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7) to do the Lord's work of sharing the message of Jesus. Visitors need not feel obligated. You are our guests!*

*Kindly fill out one of our Connection Cards. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.*

## Prayer of the Church

*Please stand.*

Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we thank you that you kept your promise and sent the Holy Spirit to your Church. Move us to celebrate the Day of Pentecost with special joy because you continue to send your Spirit to equip and empower us to be your witnesses in the world.

**Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

The signs of fire and wind accompanied the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. We seek no signs but rely on your promise that the energy of the Spirit will encourage us as we believe and proclaim the good news.  
**Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

You, Lord Jesus, received the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit to equip you for your mission. Send those blessings to us, we pray. Cause your Spirit to rest on us and enrich us with wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, and the knowledge and fear of the Lord. Guide us to seek these gifts and use them as we share the message of your love.

**Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Through the power of the Spirit grant us a determined zeal to reach out to the lost. Give us courage to confess the truth clearly and compassion to confess the truth in love. Guide us as we encourage brothers and sisters to join us in your mission and enable us to work together to make disciples of all nations.

**Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

We pray that your Spirit may raise up many more men and women who are willing to be our voices in our nation and around the world. Prepare these witnesses in their education and life experiences to be able to reach out to every nation, tribe, language, and people. Keep them in your care as they serve in our place and for your cause.

**Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Restrain the evil of Satan as we proclaim your truth. Protect all your people from social and physical persecution. When we endure the cross for following you, provide courage and patience. Safeguard our economy and guide our political leaders so that we may proclaim the gospel freely to all.

**Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

We pray each day that you keep in your care all who are enduring the troubles and tragedies of life: those whose bodies are racked with pain, those who struggle with depression and fear, those who endure the

frustration of poverty, those who grieve because of a sudden loss, and those who are facing the reality of death. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Let your Spirit bring their prayers and ours to your Father's throne of grace.

**Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Lord Jesus, continue to pour out your Holy Spirit that he may renew us with his pentecostal power. May his love ignite our hearts and his breath impel our steps to preach the gospel to every creature.

**Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.**

**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.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace. **Amen.**

*Numbers 6:22-27*

# Hymn

O Church, Arise



1 O Church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; hear the  
2 Our call to war— to love the cap - tive soul, but to  
3 Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
4 So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give—



call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the  
Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -  
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en.  
wound - ed whole we will fight with faith and val - or.  
neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!  
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand a -  
When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the  
And as the stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e -  
As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle  
out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for  
merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues  
tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
which he died— an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.  
for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

# Announcements

## Foundations of Faith Class

Foundations is for everyone: people interested in becoming members, those looking to build their faith, or the curious observer who wants to study the Bible without feeling obligated to join a church. This study is Bible-based and discussion-centered. Classes can be arranged to fit personal schedules.

To get plugged in or to request more information, contact Pastor Welch ([pastor@peacehoughton.org](mailto:pastor@peacehoughton.org)) or scan the QR code. Childcare is available upon request.



## Online Offering Option

If you would like to give an online offering today, please scan the QR code. All online donations are safe and go directly to Peace.



## Volunteer Schedule

Date	Usher	Counter	Computer	Snacks
May 24	Cesar	Cody	Mary Ann	Mary Ann
May 31	Cody	Scott	Mary Ann	Amy Hughes
June 7	Steve	Craig	Mary Ann	Kristie Vlahos
June 14	Cody	Steve	Mary Ann	Karin
June 21	Steve	Cody	Mary Ann	Amy Spahn

## Congregational Meeting On June 14

On June 14, there will be a congregational meeting immediately after worship. There are three major items to discuss and vote on. 1) The building project, 2) the 2026-2027 budget, and 3) the new administrative assistant position. All congregational meetings are important, but this one on June 14 is one you do not want to miss. What we decide in this meeting will influence the work of our church for many years to come.

## **Backpacking Trip**

Every summer, a group of students and members go backpacking the week before the fall semester. This summer, we will head to the Porcupine Mountains on August 26-28<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in this trip, you can find more information or register by searching for the event in the app/website or by scanning the QR code.



## **Pastor Welch Will Be out of Town**

From May 24 to May 31, the Welch family will be out of town. You can still reach me by phone or by email. On May 31<sup>st</sup>, there will be a guest preacher.



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Our mission is to spread the gospel of Christ, to gather college students and the local community into a family of believers, and to share the message of hope and the promise of salvation through grace.