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## **Day of Pentocost**

**May 24, 2026**

**Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler**

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### **Prelude & Ringing of the Bell**

#### **Welcome**

**Gathering our Spirits for Worship** *(As you are able please stand)*

**P** - Rejoice, for this is Pentecost Sunday!

**C** - **In this sanctuary today, we feel the arrival of healing and hope, wind and fire.**

**P** - We celebrate the day of Pentecost and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**C** - **Our sons and daughters are prophets; our old people dream dreams and see visions.**

**P** - The Holy Spirit enables us to speak peace in every language.

**C** - **We are here. We are alive. And we expect the unexpected.**

#### **Gathering Hymn - Spirit of Gentleness ELW #396**

Refrain:

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness  
calling and free;

Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters,  
you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons  
you called to each thing;  
"Awake from your slumbers  
and rise on your wings."

You swept through the desert,  
you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people  
with a law and a land;  
and when they are blinded  
with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets  
to open their eyes.

You sang in a stable,  
you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence  
when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city  
you called once again,  
when you blew through your people  
on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow,  
you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow  
all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions,  
our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions  
your people arise.

### **Prayer of Opening our Hearts to God**

P - Spirit of Pentecost,

**C - we confess that we are more pleased by the grace notes of Christmas and Easter than the fervent urgency of Pentecost. We worry about looking out of place, or sounding foolish. We confess that we rarely listen to the speakers of other languages, and almost never try to learn their words ourselves. Open our souls to the wind of change and the fire of love. Amen**

### **Reading of the Scriptures**

#### **First Reading - Proverbs 8:32-35 Sophia: The Wisdom of God**

And now, my children, listen to me happy are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting

beside my doors. For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord.

**Psalm 150** *(Please read responsively)*

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

**praise him in his mighty firmament!**

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

**praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

Praise him with trumpet sound;

**praise him with lute and harp!**

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

**praise him with strings and pipe!**

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

**praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord!**

**Second Reading - Acts 2:1-18 The day of Pentecost**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." *Here ends this reading.*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **Gospel - John 7:37-39 Rivers of Living Water**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"  
" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified. *(Please be seated.)*

Gospel Sung Response tune - Darwall's 148th #893

**Rejoice, give thanks and sing: your Sovereign God adore! The scripture has been read to guide us evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice again, I say Rejoice!**

## **Children's Message**

Sung Blessing for our Children - Go, My Children, with My Blessing  
ELW #543 vs 1

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

## **Homily - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler**

### **Offering Hymn - God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind ELW #400**

God of tempest, God of whirlwind,  
as on Pentecost descend!

Drive us out from sheltered comfort;  
past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service,  
there with Christ to bear the cross,  
there with Christ to bear the cross!

God of blazing, God of burning,  
all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ's living Body,  
let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice,  
kindle us to speak your truth,  
kindle us to speak your truth!

God of earthquake, God of thunder,  
shake us loose from lethargy!

Break the chains of sin asunder,  
for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us;  
make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!

God of passion, God unsleeping,  
stir in us love's restlessness!  
Where the people cry in anguish,  
may we share your heart's distress.  
Rouse us from content with evil;  
claim us for your kingdom's work,  
claim us for your kingdom's work!

*(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)*

Sung Offering Response tune #841 Lift Every Voice and Sing  
**Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring; ring with  
the blessings of our offering. Let our rejoicing rise, high as the  
listen-ing skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

### **Offering Blessing**

P - We dedicate this offering

**C - of love for all nations, voices, colors, abilities, and ages.  
Bless our lives and this money with your inspiration, dreams  
and visions. Amen** *(Please be seated)*

### **Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the holy spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church - *When the pastor says, "Lord in your mercy" please respond with "Here our Prayer."***

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Benediction (responsively)**

**P - Pentecost has changed you today, for you have been touched by holy fire. So go now to prophesy, dream dreams and see visions.**

**C - Even now the flames are dancing above my head.**

**P - Your ideas on peacemaking are blazing into commitment.**

**C - I will join in bringing about God's justice and peace to fill the earth as the waters fill the seas.**

### **Announcements in the Life of the Church**

**C - ZION... a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!**

### **Sending Hymn - Lord, You Give the Great Commission ELW #579 vs 1-3**

Lord, you give the great commission:

"Heal the sick and preach the word."

Lest the church neglect its mission,

and the gospel go unheard,

help us witness to your purpose

with renewed integrity

Refrain:

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:

"In my name baptize and teach."

That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us  
closer in community: [Refrain]

Lord, you make the common holy:

"This my body, this my blood."

Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us  
share your children's liberty: [Refrain]

P - Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C - Thanks be to God.**

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### **Helping out with Worship Today**

Pastor:.....Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:.....Tavin Lieneman

Hunter Grone

Lector:.....Pam Trauernicht

Greeters:.....Kevin & Pam Trauernicht

Dorothy Trauernicht

**May Altar Guild:** Karla Holland, Rhonda Dorn, Lynette Dorn,  
Doreen Busboom, Kelly Lenner, Christy Buhr



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to worship! A Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We are so glad you are here & would love to have you visit again! Please sign a visitor card located in the pews and place the information section of the card in the offering plate. We hope to see you again!**

**THIS WEEKS BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY:** Dorothy Trauernicht in memory of her husband Wayne Trauernicht's birthday, June 9th.

**IF INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A WEEKLY BULLETIN** you may do so by contacting the Church secretary and making a check out to Zion Church for \$75.00.

**FIFTH SUNDAY** - The offering for the fifth Sunday in May will be designated to the cemetery fund.

**WORSHIP TIME CHANGE** – Starting June 7<sup>th</sup> church services will change the start time of worship for the summer to 9:00am. Please mark your calendars.

**THANK YOU** - The family of Duane Schuster wish to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, and visits after the loss of their brother. Thank you and God bless each and every one of you.  
~Don & Gayle Schuster

**THANK YOU** – Thank you to a Thrivent Action Grant written by Alnora Daubendiek, Zion has received \$250 to replenish materials in the children's bags used during church services.

Thank you, Alnora, for taking the time to write this grant, and thank you to Thrivent Action for their generosity and support of our children's ministry!

**CONGRATULATIONS** - Tyler Welch & Ashley Parde on their wedding here yesterday at Zion Lutheran Church. May God bless you with a lifetime of shared joy, laughter, and unwavering love.

**ZION FULLER PARK NEWS** -The Zion Park Board expresses its gratitude to all who contribute and support our ballpark. Maintaining the park requires significant time and financial resources. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to the family of Leonard and Caroline Gronewold. Our appreciation goes to Jeff, Pam, Jim, and their families for their generous donation towards the acquisition of a new flag and flagpole for our park. We hope everyone has had the chance to see it proudly displayed! It is a wonderful enhancement to our park, coinciding with our Country's celebration of 250 years of freedom!

**ZION CEMETERY** – There will not be a Memorial Day service at Zions cemetery this weekend. Please spread the word.

**SAVE THE DATE** - We have scheduled a date for the dedication of this new flagpole. We invite you to join us after church on June 14th (National Flag Day) at the park. While we are still in the planning phase regarding the details of the event, we can confirm that there will be a flagpole dedication along with a meal available for free will donations, featuring our famous burgers, brats, and hotdogs.

We are also excited to share that we are raising funds for several initiatives, including additional water sprinklers for the ball field, upgrades to some items in the concession stand, and building a fund to eventually purchase a new mower.

Thank you from the Board – Greg Robinson, Greg Dorn, Todd Bohlmeier, Jerod Ideus, Josh Jensen, Kevin Meyer, Blake Meints, Terry Oltman

**FARM FRESH EGGS** - Farm fresh eggs are now available for purchase! Suggested price is \$3 per dozen and can be found on the Welcome Center. Proceeds will support various projects around the church. Eggs have been generously donated by Don Schuster—thank you for your kindness and support!

**AMERICA 250** - The Nation's upcoming birthday July 4, 2026, honors the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America, with a focus on

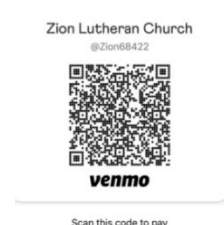
gratitude, religious freedom, and service. As part of the “America 250” we are planning to commemorate this historic moment in our nation’s history here at Zion. On Sunday morning, **June 14th**, we will gather to celebrate and honor America. As this event is still in the planning stages, we do have a plan to include a display of Quilts of Valor from our present and past Zion members. We are also hoping to award a Quilt of Valor. **At this time, we are looking for “Quilts” of Valor that have been presented to service members or veterans that attend or have attended Zion. We are also seeking names and contact information for service members or living veterans who may be eligible to receive a Quilt of Valor. As there is a protocol to nominate a candidate, this information is needed in a timely manner. Please contact Denise Schlake-Ideus or Marcia Busboom with any of the above information or if you would like to help with planning this celebration.** We are grateful to be collaborating with Quilts of Valor organizations through Quilt Stitches in Beatrice and “Piecemakers” in Firth.

*\*\*\*The Mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover Service Members and Living Veterans touched by war with a comforting and healing Quilt of Valor.*

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offering. Offering envelopes and online giving via Vanco are still available to members as well.



**Any members with questions regarding these options can reach out to a church council member.**

**Bailey Pointe** - Vivian Schuster

**Gold Crest** - Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman, Marilyn Robinson

**Homestead House** - Anora Schoen, Rosanna Miller, Marsha Zulauf

**Our Homes Assisted Living** - Randy Oltman

🌈🌿 Vacation Bible School is almost here! 🌿🦜

🔔 **REMINDER:** Please plan to stay next Friday when picking up your children so you can enjoy the VBS program, join us for lunch afterward, and take home all the crafts and memories from the week!

We will be live streaming the VBS Program on Facebook for any parents, family or friends that are unable to attend. 🗣️

🌟 **CREW LEADERS NEEDED!** We are still in need of enthusiastic volunteers in 6th–12th grade to serve as Crew Leaders and help guide younger explorers through an unforgettable rainforest journey!

👉 Come and help make VBS a wild, fun, and faith-filled experience! Please contact Kate Meints if you or your children are interested!



