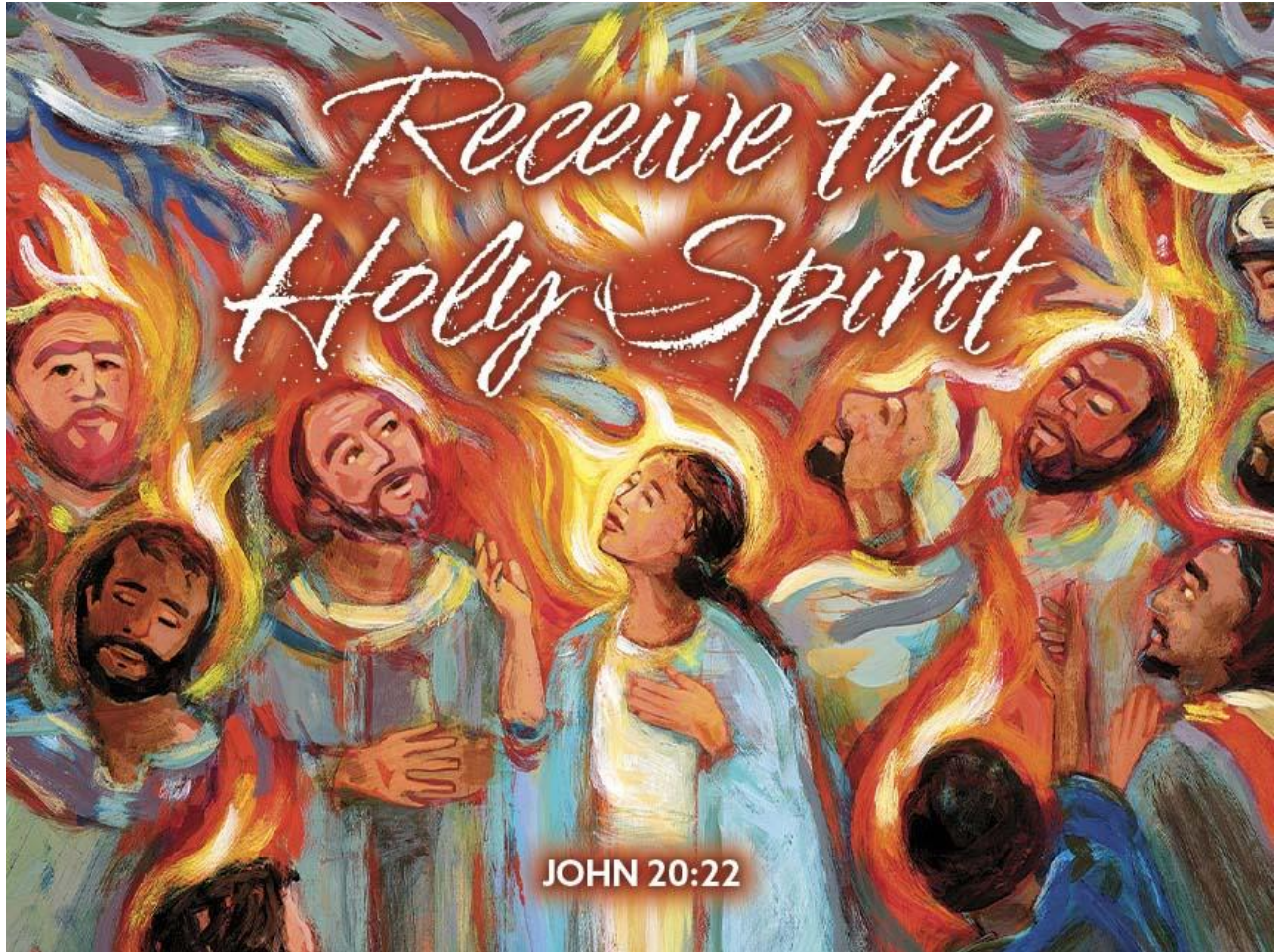


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 24th, 2026



WELCOME

To our Church Family

We're Glad You're Here.



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are so glad that you chose to worship with us today. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please visit our Welcome Center in the North Narthex. As our way of saying thank you, you will receive a St. Paul's Welcome Bag with a coffee cup and information about our church. You may also want to download our St. Paul's App and visit our website. Information on both is in the Welcome Bag. For our young worshipers we have children's packets to play and color with during the service. These are on the white stand near the east entrance to our sanctuary.

You are welcome at the table!

If you have been baptized and believe Christ is present in the Eucharist (Holy Communion), you are welcome to join us at the table. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and return to your seats using the side aisles. If you do not wish to partake in the Sacrament but would like to receive a blessing, please just cross your hands over your chest when you come forward. Grape juice and Gluten-free wafers are available on request. Grape juice is in the colored glasses in the center of the communion tray. If you are not able to come forward and would like to receive communion, please inform an usher and the pastor will bring communion to you.

Altar Flowers

The **Altar flowers** are given today by Dan Farrar in memory of those who lost their lives in service to our country.

The **Throne Flowers** are given by Carol Stoner; some gave some and some gave all to keep our country free.

Introduction

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

Readings and Psalm

Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (*Ps. 104:30*)

Galatians 5:22-25

The fruit of the Spirit

John 20:19-23

The Spirit poured out

Prelude:

Armed Forces Medley

A Litany of Hope for Memorial Day

While we grieve and remember all who died in military service,
we are not as those without hope.

Just as Jesus died and rose from the grave,
so too will the dead rise in Christ.

We recall with gladness those who died in service to neighbor
and nation.

May their memory and sacrifice not be forgotten.

Bring your peace, O God, to all the earth.

That war would be no more.

Lead us to your promised future,
to your blessed day of salvation.

Wipe the tears from our eyes,
for death will be no more.

On that day, O Lord of hosts, you will gather all people
on your holy mountain,

and serve a bountiful and endless feast.

Nothing separates us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Neither war nor suffering, life nor death,
nor anything else in all creation.**

Creator of the universe, make all things new.

Let it be so among us now.

Creator of the universe, make all things new.

Let it be so for those we remember this day.

Creator of the universe, make all things new.
Let it be so for this world you love.

Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen. Thanks be to God.

Let us pray

Eternal God, we give thanks for all those who have shown the greatest love by laying down their lives for others. We especially thank you for those in our military throughout history who have sacrificed their lives for their fellow citizens and for us who came after. As we remember their service, keep us mindful of all those for whom this day is a burden, and send your spirit of comfort to them. Be present with all the women and men who are serving in the military today. let them live for the peace known only from you. Help us to be worthy of their legacy, and keep us mindful of their service, that in all things we may live our lives in praise and thanksgiving to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN O Spirit, All Embracing ACS 944 **Pg 17**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon 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 upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)
Chancel Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that He may be with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:22-25

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The Gospel of our Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Dr. Patty Long

HYMN OF THE DAY Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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CREED .

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

After each petition the following response is given:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Chancel Choir arr. Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art; And make me love Thee as I ought to love. Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear. To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh, Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer. Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love, One holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heaven descended Dove, My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

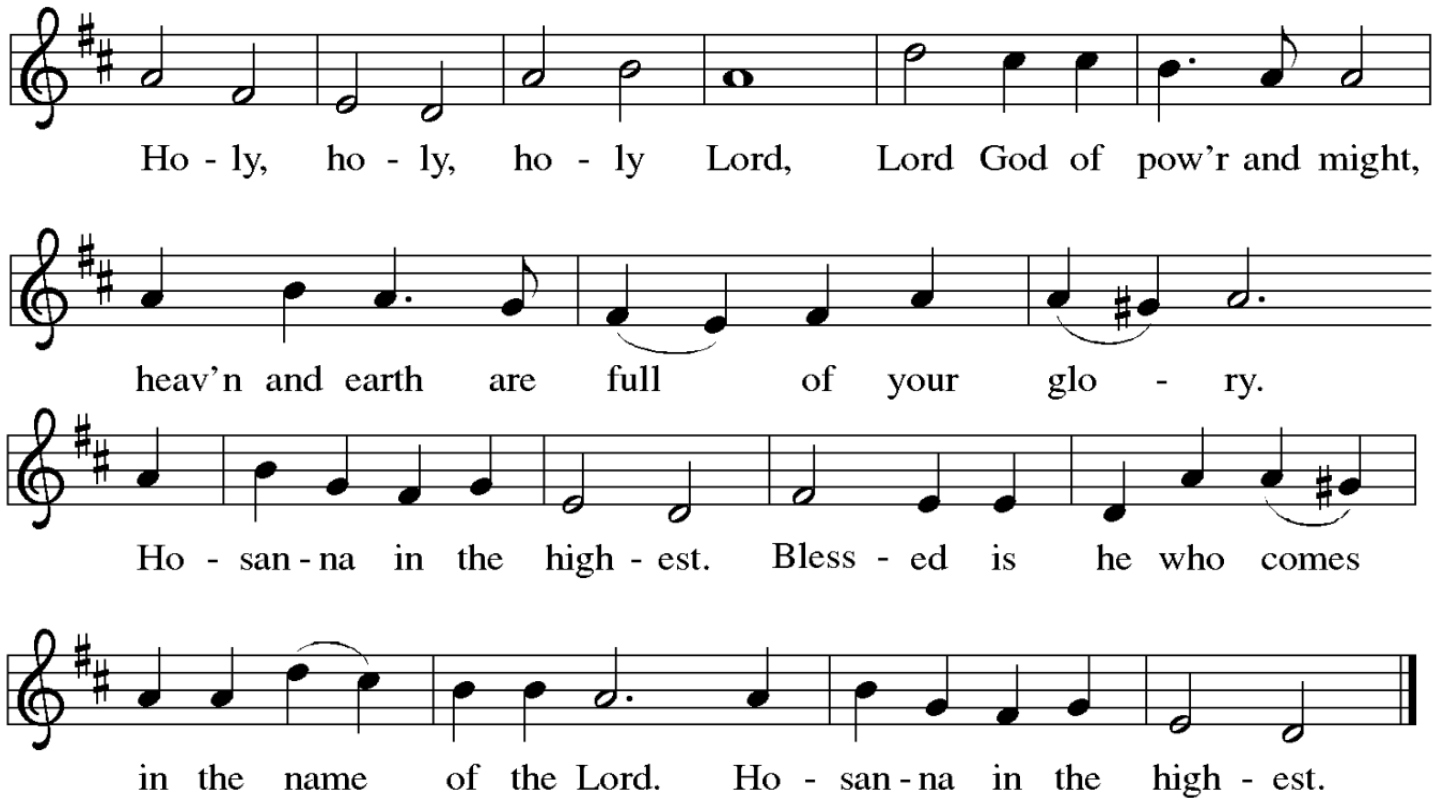


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places.... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

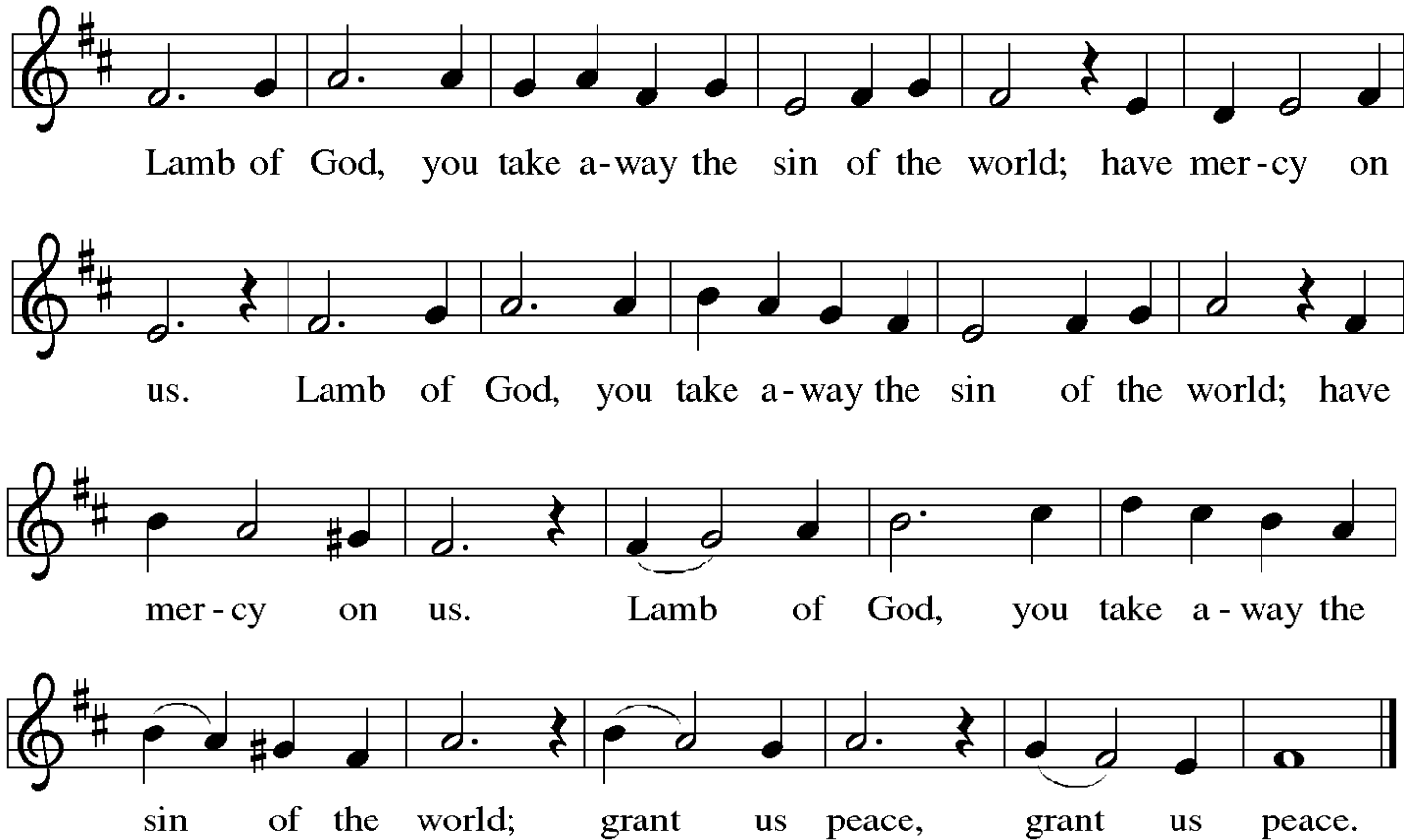
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

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TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making
all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: God of Tempest, God Of Whirlwind

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BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: *Everytime I Feel the Spirit-* Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

In our prayers today we will remember

Judee Reed, Paul Staver, Richard Green, Abbie Deuble, *Linda Wentling, Rick Theiss, Maggie Paul, Amy Williams, Nancy Lint, Steve Kress, Judy Hall, Kenneth & Jean Dexter, Anna Langenfeld, Arthur Barrett, Karen Daily, Denise Korn, Eric Theiss, Wayne Miller, Jessie Shaffer, Curt Staver, Chris Collard.*

Adult Sunday School

2nd Floor of the Parish Hall

Redeemed for What?

You were bought with a price... (1 Corinthians 6:20a)



As we continue through Eastertide, we will reflect on the meaning of redemption. If we believe the death and resurrection of Jesus redeemed us, perhaps we must ask, now what? For what purpose have I been redeemed? What difference should it make in how I live now? Please join us for Bible study and conversation as we meet together at 11:30 on Sunday morning, top floor Parish Hall. An elevator is available for easy access.

Visit our website for more information: <https://stpaulsmassillon.org/adult-sunday-school>

Rehearsals for the St. Paul's Steelband

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6PM. If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out to Eleanor or catch her after service. There's no need to bring anything for the first rehearsal. For those of you that just want to watch and listen, you are free to stay for as long as you like. We can't wait to get started making music together! For more information, please contact Ellie: 330-400-8543.

Impact Massillon June 13th

St. Paul's will once again be participating in Impact Massillon. Will be working on two homes locate on 9th street north of State, Parking this year will be on 8th street, the old Massillon Hospital administration lot. Please see Scott Larson or John Stanko if you can help us make a difference in this neighborhood.



Spring Recital

You are cordially invited to **Emily Roh's Vocal Studio's Spring Recital!** Join us in the sanctuary on **Tuesday, May 26, at 6:30 PM** to hear some talented youth singers. A reception will follow!

Directory Photo Extension

There's still time to submit your favorite selfie or family picture for the Church Directory.

Photos may be formal, casual, or anything in between. I can do some slight touch ups in the office if you need someone/something cropped out, the background altered, etc.

If you previously submitted a photo, but have another you'd rather use for the directory, I can easily swap it out.

Please submit your photo to officeadmin@StPaulsMassillon.org by **June 12th**, with names and any additional instructions.



Capital Campaign Report

With joy and gratitude, we continue to celebrate the completion of our new entrance and bathrooms. For the past nine months, these improvements have already been a blessing—offering a warm welcome and greater accessibility to all who enter. Thank you for the generosity and faith that made this possible.

Yet our work of caring for God’s house continues.

As we look ahead, several significant needs have emerged:

- **Parish Hall Window Wells Repair** – Estimated cost: \$169,000
Addressing these issues is essential to protect the integrity of the building and prevent further damage.
- **Completion of the Heating & Cooling Conversion (Parish Hall)** – Estimated cost: \$150,000
Finishing this project will ensure a comfortable, efficient, and usable space for ministry year-round.
- **Organ Maintenance and Restoration** – Estimated cost: \$100,000–\$200,000
Our organ plays a vital role in worship, and necessary maintenance will preserve its voice for future generations.

These are substantial projects, but they are also opportunities—opportunities to care for the spaces where ministry happens, where lives are touched, and where the Gospel is proclaimed.

Through your continued generosity, we can preserve and strengthen this place of welcome, safety, and worship. Together, we are ensuring that our church remains a living witness to God’s grace for generations to come.

Thank you for your faithfulness and your partnership in this shared ministry.

Scholarship Deadline is June 1st

New applicants can request an application by emailing the church office, officeadmin@stpaulsmassillon.org for the application. Scholarship recipients will then be voted upon by the Scholarship Committee. Recipients will be notified and rewards will be sent via postal mail to the address on the application.

Don’t miss out - Stop by our website: StPaulsMassillon.org

Our website is being updated weekly. You can find current announcements, the electronic calendar, watch any of our Worship Services, revisit a concert, find a bulletin or newsletter from 6 months ago, read about the history of our church, and much more.

Download the St. Paul's Phone APP

Go to your Google or Apple app store on your smart phone and download the "My Church" by Pushpay. It is a free download.

Open the app and search for St Paul's by typing **STPLC APP**. Then click on the St Paul's logo—that's it.



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Assisted Hearing Devices Available

Four assisted listening devices are available at the sound system table in the back of the sanctuary at the beginning of worship. Please see Jim Johnson or John Stanko if you need assistance with these devices.



You can also use your smartphone to access the system. Go to your app store and download the **WaveCAST** app. Then connect to the sanctuary Wi-Fi: **Network:** sound media **Password:** Sound127

Community Social Media Pages

Facebook & Instagram, Search "Massillon Lutheran Churches"

Facebook

"St Paul's Lutheran Church in Massillon"
or "Cathedral Concerts at St Paul's"

Children's Activity Bulletin

May 24th, 2026

Filled with the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-21

Word Search Puzzle

O M D E D N W Q T H X X G E M
U A Y N M H I B Q O O U K P Y
W J U W E V B L V H N L O E O
O O R I B A M O E E Z G Y N E
S R N N C E G W T A T N U T I
K P L D Y D M I R R Q J W E W
M A N A E G L N O T H E R C S
C U M L N R X G S L S Z Z O W
V P L J H G S A H P P N H S X
Y I C D Y N U M N P I Q D T U
F P J G X K W A F X S R U R W

Children's Activity Bulletins

Crayons and Children's Activity Bulletins are available at the side entrance. These are a fun way to spread today's Gospel to our younger ones.

Word Jumble

Unscramble each word and then place the numbered letters in the numbered boxes at the bottom to reveal the answer.



WNID
IFER
SIRITP
SEKPA
CDORW

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 4

PUZZLE CLUES

1. A sound like the blowing of a violent _____ came from heaven.

Let us know you are here.

Please sign the St. Paul's Friendship Register at the end of your pew.

O Spirit All-Embracing

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1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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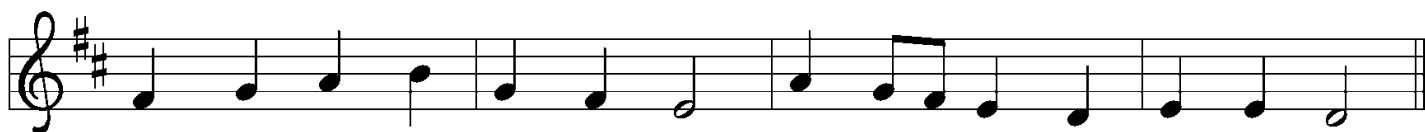
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Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
- 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892

Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

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1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, b. 1937

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God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

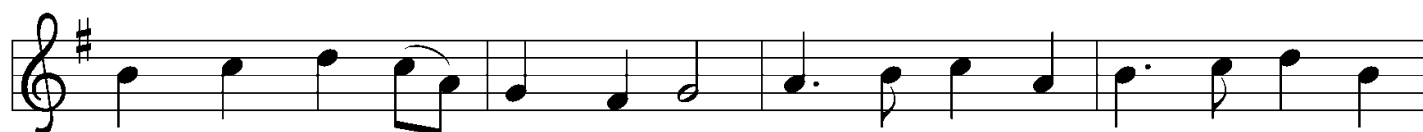
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1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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