



**Emmanuel
Lutheran**
CHURCH & SCHOOL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

11:00am Service
Sunday, May 24, 2026

“Pentecost Means Change”



Acts 2:1-21



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OUR VISION: FULLY ENGAGED, BIBLICALLY PASSIONATE, DRIVEN TO SERVE

AS WE GATHER

The arrival of the Holy Spirit is a day of celebration. This is a day to rejoice in promises kept and anticipate greater things to come. Today's festival is a bridge for the church. It connects the commemoration of the life of Christ (through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter) to the season centered on our life in Christ, beginning with Pentecost. The festival's signature red color reminds us of the fiery arrival of the Spirit, the Spirit's ongoing work as the heartbeat of Christ's church, and the blood shed by believers past and present as they proclaim the crucified, risen, and ascended Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Come Now Spirit of God"

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "On Earth As in Heaven"

VERSE 1

We bring our praise
You bring revival
We lift our hands
You lift our eyes up

PRE-CHORUS

Where Your love is found
There will be no fear
God, Your kingdom come
Your will be done here

CHORUS

On earth as in heaven
Spirit of God, pour out
Our hearts are wide open
Jesus, we need You now
Come, have Your way, in this place
Break our walls down
Spirit of God, pour out
On earth as in heaven
Jesus, we need You now

VERSE 2

We bring our shame
You bring redemption
You turn our chains into our freedom

PRE-CHORUS

CHORUS

BRIDGE 2X

In Your presence, there is peace
In Your presence, we are free
There's no better place to be
There's no better place to be
In Your presence, there is truth
In Your presence, mountains move
We forever run to You
We forever run to You

CHORUS

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

Pastor: The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

People: and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Jesus said, “I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.”

People: **“And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.”**

Pastor: So we pray to the Spirit, our Helper and advocate, who intercedes on our behalf. Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, Your presence among us unifies us as one Body.

People: **Yet, too often we neglect, belittle, or attack our brothers and sisters.**

Pastor: You have been poured out that we might bear witness to Christ, our Savior.

People: **Yet, too often we remain speechless.**

Pastor: You were sent that You might produce in us the fruit of righteousness.

People: **Yet, too often we display our pessimistic, discontented, selfish nature. We plead to God, our Father, to forgive us for the sake of Christ. Holy Spirit, grant us power to testify to our Savior, Jesus, in what we say and do. Bring to bear in us the fruit of righteousness and hold us united in faith unto life everlasting.**

Pastor: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” and “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit.” Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE “The Things of Heaven”

VERSE 1

Something is coming, I feel the wind blowing
With mystery, things unseen
The tides are now changing,
I see the dawn breaking
It’s happening, the awakening

PRECHORUS

**Come, Holy Spirit, come
Hover over us
Holy Spirit, come**

CHORUS

**Open the heavens,
Fling wide the gates
Unleash Your presence,
Pour out Your grace
Show me Your glory,
The power of Your love
'Cause even a glimpse
Is more than enough for me**

VERSE 2

You’re willing and able
You’re making a table
In front of me before my enemies
You’re mighty to save and You’re making a way
To do so much more than we’ve known before

PRECHORUS

CHORUS 2X

BRIDGE

We’re gonna see those dry bones dancing
We’re gonna see the strongholds bow
We’re gonna see the things of heaven
Here, Now
We’re gonna see a new revival
We’re gonna see Your kingdom pow’r
We’re gonna see the things of heaven
Here, Now

REPEAT BRIDGE

Here, Now

CHORUS 2X

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they 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 men 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:

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;

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.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 7:37–39

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG "Heal Our Land"

VERSE 1

You take our lives flawed yet beautiful
Restore refine Lord You're merciful
Redeem revive

CHORUS

**Spirit of God
Breathe on Your church
Pour out Your presence
Speak through Your word
We pray in ev'ry nation Christ be known
Our hope and salvation Christ alone**

VERSE 2

New pow'r new wine as divisions fall
One church one Bride Jesus Lord of all
With one voice we cry

CHORUS

INSTRUMENTAL

BRIDGE

So God we pray to You
Humble ourselves again
Lord would You hear our cry
Lord will You heal our land
That ev'ry eye will see
That ev'ry heart will know
The One who took our sin
The One who died and rose

REPEAT BRIDGE

And when Your kingdom comes
And when at last You call
We'll rise to worship You alone

CHORUS 2X

ENDING

Christ alone

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SERMON "Pentecost Means Change" Acts 2:1-21

APOSTLES' CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Father of nations, for You have had mercy on all flesh, sending Your Spirit to declare the salvation found only in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. By His atoning death and victorious resurrection, He has made satisfaction for our sins and now beckons all who thirst to drink deeply of the fruits of His cross. Prepare our hearts to receive His true body and blood at this Table, that we might be fed with the bread of life, and prepared to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth, quenching the nations with living water, namely the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 496 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

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LSB 868 "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly
2 In con - ver - sa - tion be sin - cere, Thy con - science
3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -
4 Lord, I my vows to Thee re - new; Dis - perse my



stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and
as the noon - day clear; Think how the all - see - ing
freshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from
sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of



joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
God thy ways And all thy se - cret thoughts sur - veys.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will And with Thy - self my spir - it fill.

5 Direct, control, suggest this day
All I design or do or say
That all my pow'rs with all their might
In Thy sole glory may unite.

6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
Spirit of wisdom and truth, we praise You for the gift of faith that receives the blessings that come to us through the Supper of our Savior, Jesus. Keep us steadfast in the way of everlasting life, granting us wisdom to go and grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG "Build Your Kingdom Here

VERSE 1

Come set Your rule and reign,
in our hearts again
Increase in us we pray,
unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church.
We need Your pow'r in us

VERSE 2

We seek Your kingdom first.
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives,
for You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released,
the hurt the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church,
we pray revive this earth

CHORUS

**Build Your kingdom here.
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand.
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire.
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere.
Build Your kingdom here
we pray**

VERSE 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,
reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop,
your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this,
awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church,
we are the hope on earth

CHORUS 2X

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**



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Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 25:
7:00pm Southside Bible Group
Tuesday, May 26:
6:30 Elder Ministry Team Meeting (Narthex)
Wednesday, May 27:
12:00pm Midweek Worship Service (Narthex)
Thursday, May 28:
Friday, May 29:
6:00pm Pickleball (Gym)
Saturday, May 30:
Sunday, May 31:
8:30am Traditional Worship Service in gym
10:00am Children's Sunday School (rm off cafeteria)
11:00am Blended Worship Service in gym
Post Service Prayer Ministry Support (Altar)
The Food Pantry is CLOSED
5:00pm High School Youth Group (ACE)

CHURCH STAFF:

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Principal/STEAM: Mark Edmiston
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Director of Admissions: Emily Leatherwood
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First Grade: Kerry Stead & Mackenzie Knapp
Second Grade: Leigh Weaver & Annie Jacobsen
Third Grade/Curriculum Coordinator: Kiara Studer
Fourth Grade: Chelsey Towery
Fifth Grade: Emily Lundquist
MS Science: Leigh Conner
MS Math: Jenelle Lanham
MS Social Studies: Mindy Stackhouse
PE/Athletic Director: Jennifer Jenkins "Coach J"
Art: Tammy Reilly
Music & Spanish: A.L. Brown

Upcoming Member Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

5/25 Timothy Kite
5/27 Tracey Meyer
5/27 Florence Samuel
5/30 James Roseman
5/31 Evan Helms
5/31 Samantha Parker

ANNIVERSARIES

5/24 Mark & Melissa Edmiston
5/24 Bill & Mary Hufnagle
5/25 Alan and Kandi Tarrant
5/28 Mark and Kiara Studer
5/29 Phil & Heather McCarthy
5/31 John and Madelyn Tyson

Last Sunday's Attendance & Stats

In-person Services: 8:30am - 59 11:00am - 121
Online: Website: 40 FB: 20

Wednesday:
Noon: 0

ELC Grab-N-Go Food Pantry

April 26, 2026
162 Households, 657 Individuals served
God Provided!

Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering Received: \$ 9420.63
Building Funds Received: \$ 500.00
*Weekly Offering Budget: \$ (13173.00)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:

Director: Nicole Loria
Younger Infants: Paula Jones and Rachel Bishop
Older Infants: Becky Swatzell & Hydeia Beck
Toddlers 1: Lindsey Smathers & Kayla Greene
Toddler2: Neesie Castillo & Heather Hensley
PS2: Veronica Milner & Melissa Kucin
PS2/3: Amy Bair & Jules Chambers
PS3: Maranda Rice & Lea Par Wise
PS3/4: Robin Rutherford
PreK-1: Madison Peach & Cleo Green
PreK-2: Faith Noell & Crystal McCormick
Floating Aid: Felicia Norton
Cafeteria: Kristen Warren and Mikaela Bennett