

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.

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

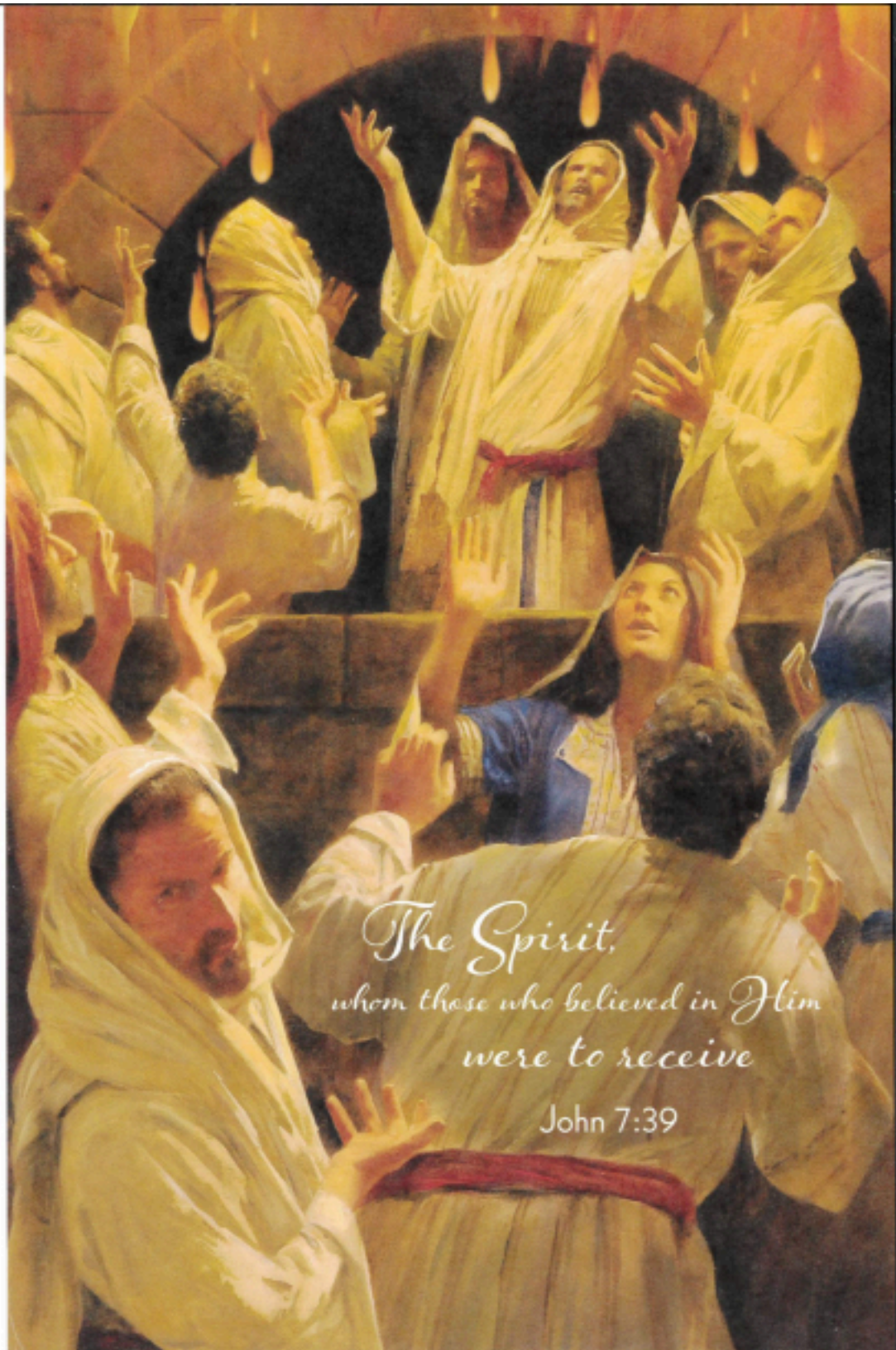
belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

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;
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."

Holy Gospel: John 7:37-39

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.



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were to receive*

John 7:39



About the Cover: Belief in Jesus comes only by the power of the Holy Spirit. Before He ascended into heaven, Jesus spoke of what would happen on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the apostles, enabling them to proclaim in many languages what Christ had accomplished. The Holy Spirit is still active in all who believe in Him. For the Spirit and the Word go hand in hand and work in us to open our hands to receive the benefits of forgiveness, life, and salvation from our crucified and risen Lord.

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May 24, 2026 The Day of Pentecost

Office of Matins (Lutheran Service Book, pg. 219)

Hymn of Invocation 497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and

Lord Opening Versicles (Common, p. 219)

Venite (p. 220)

Psalm 113

¹Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!

²**Blessèd be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!**

³From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

⁴**The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!**

⁵Who is like the Lord our God,
who is seated on high,

⁶**who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?**

⁷He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸**to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.**

⁹He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother
of children. Praise the Lord!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Office Hymn 500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

Readings (on back of bulletin)

Responsory (Common, p. 221)

Sermon

***Te Deum* (p. 223)**

Presentation of the Offering

Kyrie (p. 227)

Collect of the Day

P O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faith ful
people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant
us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right under
standing 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.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayer concludes:

P ...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction (p. 228)

Closing Hymn 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

Silent Prayer

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Greeter: Janet Bertso

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WE PRAY: Pour out Your power upon us, O Holy Spirit, Creator and Preserver of the faith, that we may be eager instruments in Your plan by which the Good News of redemption is carried to the uttermost parts of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen

WELCOME TO ALL!

We are anxious to share with you the Christ-centered ministry at St. John's. Our Liturgy follows closely the pattern of Word and Lord's Supper handed down from the ancient Church. It is our hope that you will make the Church's life of prayer your own. If you have difficulty following our order of service, please ask someone sitting near you for assistance. We pray that you will receive rich spiritual blessings from your presence here. May the peace and power of our risen Christ be yours always.

OFFICE HOURS

Terri Monday—Friday, please call ahead Pastor Tuesday— Friday please call ahead

STREAM SERVICES <https://www.facebook.com/St.Johns.Geneseo/> and on the website: www.stjohnsgeneseo.org.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday school—3 Adult Bible class—10 Worship —47

OFFERING

Offering last Sunday \$4,850.00 Weekly Budget for 2026 \$4,379.13

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST JOHN'S

Today 8:45 am SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study 10:00 am Divine Worship

Wednesday 5:30 pm Confirmation

Sunday 8:45 am SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study 10:00 am Divine Worship/Holy Communion

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalms 122:1

WAYMAKERS: Your Change Changes Everything! - Pregnancy Re

sources Baby Bottle campaign is underway. Grab a baby bottle, sign your name on the sheet found next to the bottles, fill the bottle with change or a check (**make check to Pregnancy Resources**) and return the bottle anytime until June 21, leaving filled bottles on the office desk. Thank you for caring for the unborn and their parents!

Building Healthy Families: Ever find yourself feeling overwhelmed by the evening news, thinking that the world and everything you care about and value is going to hell in a handbasket? Here's a friendly reminder to check our attitude, and remember God's promises, as well as the impact of sharing negative, cynical, hopeless expressions about the future within earshot of children, teens, and young parents in our family and church. Instead, re-focus! Instill in the hearts and minds of young people who are just starting life that they can – with God's help and blessing—be an important part of building a better future. Remind them as Paul reminded Timothy: "... God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control." Through our words and prayers, let's encourage and build world-changers, not fearful hearts! www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**



ALTAR FLOWERS—Please consider providing Altar flower for a Sunday. Sign the flower chart found on the bulletin board next to the rest rooms. Sign your name for the date of your choice. Use the yellow envelope write the occasion you are celebrating and to pay for the flowers (\$30 for two arrangements, checks made out to St. John's church). Place the envelope in the offering plate. The rest will be taken care of.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Remember God's work through missionaries on home service as you pray:

MISSION—*Pray that God would continue to raise up faithful servants for His Church in locations around the world.*

ST JOHN'S—Mr. Zane Roberts—We offer before You our common request for the well-being of Your church throughout the world that it may be so guided and governed by Your good Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit in the bond of peace, and the righteousness of life. Specifically, we pray for Zane asking Your blessings on him.

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY—O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body. We pray that You would show mercy to Your servants: **Linda**

Aper Paula Chapa Joyce DeFauw John Erdman Betty Firch Marcia Helke Jessica Johnson Rosalie Jorgensen Linda Lundquist Mary Jayne Nash Aaron Raschke Drew Schillinger Dave Schmidt Carolyn Werner Denice Winchell Carolyn Wildermuth Marilyn Woods

Jon/Anita Clausing (missionaries in Kenya)
Jodi Martins (daughter of Gary & Darla Johns)
Justin Rittenhouse (grandson of John/Nancy Wickwire) **Marty Cavato** (cousin of Mary Jo Gehn)
Ellen Bauer (grandmother of Joel Werling)
Joline Parrish (sister of Gayla Kroll)
Ann Behrendt (daughter of Carolyn Wildermuth)
Lyll Talarico (niece of Mary Jo Gehn)
Cindy Davenport (cousin of Terri Hock)
Chad Gehn (nephew of Brad Gehn)
Jeff Schreck (cousin of Terri Hock)
Ralph Boney (uncle of Larry Hock)
Gerry Viero (aunt of David Neumann's wife)

MILITARY—Pray for our military and their families:

Luke Thompson (son of John/Kindra Thompson)
Karl Flynn (son of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)
Casey Powers Jr. (step son of Lisa Powers)
Brittany Lenni (daughter of Gabe Loenser)
Rylie Hallendorff (grand-daughter of Carolyn & Dan Werner)
Chase Werling (nephew of Joel Werling)
Carter Martwig (nephew of Joel Werling)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“In grief, the world often feels empty. The absence of loved ones weighs

You don't have to be still to pray, to meditate, or to be transformed by God's Word. **Prayer and meditation are important spiritual habits that can be enhanced by physical movement, particularly walking.**

Humans are created as both body ~~and~~ spirit. To care for the one aspect of our being and yet to neglect the other is to misunderstand what it is to be fully human.

“**Prayer walking**” certainly isn't a mandate of our Lord, it is just one of many faithful ways to care for both body and soul. And yet, it remains a great opportunity to exercise both physical and spiritual muscles.

There are very few rules for prayer walking other than to simply **combine a walking route with the simultaneous practice of**

heavily, leaving our days feeling hollow and incomplete without their presence. And yet, Scripture tells us that in these moments of deep sorrow, God draws near. He does not stand at a distance, waiting for us to be strong enough to move on with our life. He comes to us, holds us in our brokenness, and carries us when we cannot stand.” *Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Power of Prevention

LIFE LINE EVENT—St. John's will host this event June 25th 8am 5pm. More details will be coming to our congregation, but this is open to the public. Share this phone number (**800-324-94158**) with neighbors, family and friends to schedule their appointment. **Just a note, the special code listed above is just for St. John's members as a thank you for hosting.**

prayer and meditation. Walking amongst

God's created world involves the five senses with prayer and meditation in a beautifully harmonious way. Plus, your physical and emotional well-being both benefit!

So pick a walking route, get on the appropriate outdoor gear, head out for your walk, and pray a psalm, listen to a devotional podcast, meditate on a passage of Scripture, or download a phone app that does audible Bible readings. Pray to the rhythm of your walking or recite psalms to the pattern of your breathing (known as “breath prayer”). There are countless ways to do it — the hardest part is simply to begin!

“*Oratio, meditatio, tentatio*” is a Latin phrase that Luther used to describe the pattern of the Christian life. The cycle of prayer (oratio), meditation on God's Word (meditatio), and temptation and struggle (tentatio) is the gait of the Christian's spiritual life. “No one can understand Holy Scripture without practice and temptations,” as Luther said. *Oratio, meditatio, tentatio* is the path we all must take if we want to be true students of theology.

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LCMS Podcasts for Meditation *kfu.org*



LITANY

O LORD,

You walk with me

(2 Cor. 6:16),

You search out my path

and are acquainted with all my ways (Psalm 139).

Direct my steps in Your Word

(Psalm 119:133),

test my heart and mind by Your Spirit (Psalm 26:2),

and let this time of prayer and meditation be acceptable in Your presence

(Psalm 19:14).

AMEN.

(Now make the sign of the cross and go in cheer.)

Family

Psalm 91

Congregation

Psalm 84

Neighbors

Psalm 82

Government

Psalm 72

Community

Psalm 133

Pastor and church workers

Psalm 71

LCMS District

Psalm 78

PSALM 63

O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You;
my flesh faints for You,

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.

Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.

So I will bless You as long as I live;

in Your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise You with joyful lips, when I remember You upon my bed,
and meditate on You in the watches of the night; for You have been my help,

and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy. My soul clings to You;

Your right hand upholds me.

But those who seek to destroy my life

shall go down into the depths of the earth; they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals.

But the king shall rejoice in God;

all who swear by him shall exult,

for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

**Additional
Psalms:**

Psalm 119

Psalm 148

Psalm 71

Psalm 16

Psalm 34

Psalm 136