St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

711 & 805 W 5th St., Neillsville, WI 54456

Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

"I will

Pour out

My Spirit

on All flesh."

Joel 2:28

Pentecost Sunday May 28 & 30, 2023

"Welcome Visitors & Members!"

To those who are visiting us for the first time, we extend our sincere welcome; to our friends who know us we renew our welcome; to those who seek a church home we invite you to be part of our family and enjoy fellowship with our Savior.

For further assistance in worship and information on our church, please see the back cover.

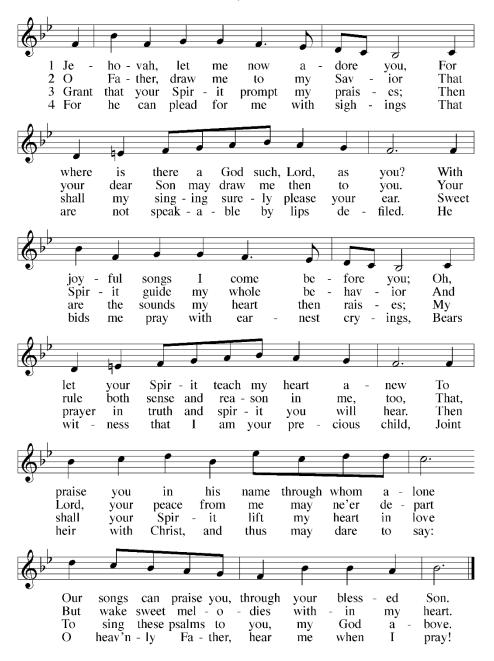
Pentecost Sunday: On the 50th day after Easter, God sent the promised Counselor. This day marked the birthday of the New Testament Church. Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church. The Church dresses in red to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift and the blood of the martyrs which was the seed of the Church.

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Our focus today: Pentecost fulfills Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit.

We are Here The church year begins here 2022 Christmas Advent **Epibhany** December 2022 January 2023 February 2023 16 17 23 | 24 | 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 Lent Easter Pentecost March 2023 April 2023 May 2023 М s 10 11 19 20 21 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Season After Pentecost June 2023 July 2023 August 2023 October 2023 September 2023 November 2023 F s M W s s W Т F s

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Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore You



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Order of Worship: The Service Setting 2 (CW 21)

Throughout the service, the congregation speaks (or sings) the parts printed in bold.

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

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

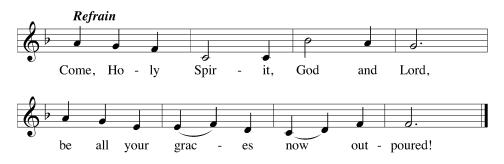
Amen.

First Lesson: Joel 2:28,29

²⁸After this, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams. Your young men will see visions. ²⁹Even on the servants, both male and female, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51b





O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who <u>saves</u> me, and my tongue will sing of your <u>right</u>eousness.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would <u>bring</u> it; you do not take pleasure in burnt <u>offerings</u>.

The sacrifices of God are a broken <u>spirit</u>; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will <u>not</u> despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure <u>heart</u>, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit with<u>in</u> me.

Do not cast me from your <u>pre</u>sence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your sal<u>va</u>tion and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors <u>your</u> ways, and sinners will turn <u>back</u> to you.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to one another, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs —we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God." ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocked them and said, "They are full of new wine."

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: "Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

 17 This is what God says will happen in the last days:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions.

Your old men will dream dreams.

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

¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above,

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day







Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

(no introduction)



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Gospel Lesson: John 16:5-11

⁵"But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**



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SERMON TEXT: Joel 2:28,29 TODAY IS THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MEMORIAL DAY

- I. His pouring out marks the end of a horrific battle.
- II. His pouring out marks the beginning of a horrific battle.

THIRD ARTICLE - APOSTLES' CREED & EXPLANATION

from Martin Luther's Small Catechism

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Offering & WELS Connection--The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry, but please use this QR code to fill out a short form giving us a digital record of your attendance.

Visitors can also sign our guest register in the entryway by the drinking fountain.

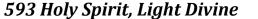
Prayer of the Church

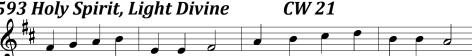
Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. 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.





shine up - on 1 Ho-ly Spir-it, light di - vine, this heart of mine; love di - vine, cleanse this guilt - y 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, heart of mine;

3 Ho-ly Spir-it, cheer this sad-dened heart of mine: joy di - vine,

4 Ho-ly Spir-it, pow'r di - vine, dwell with - in this heart of mine;

5 Ho-ly Spir-it, fill my heart, cleanse my life in ev - 'rv part:



chase the gloom of night turn the dark-ness a - way, in - to day. from sin's bond-age set me free. in your mer - cy pit - y me, fill me with your heav'n-ly peace, let grow and still in-crease. it i - dol throne, reign su - preme and reign a - lone. cast down ev - 'ry your own tem - ple would be now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

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This Week at St. John's: May 28, 2023 SERVING US TODAY

<u>Greeters:</u> Donna Anding & Rosie Murphy Ushers: Team 1-Joel Zschernitz' team

Altar Guild: Judy Quicker

Donating Bulletins: Schmid family

May Website: Bob & Bernice Cords in thankfulness

SERVING US NEXT SUNDAY

<u>Greeters:</u> Joel & Darlene Zschernitz Ushers: Team 2-Verlyn Shaw's team

Altar Guild: Judy Quicker

~OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW & SERVE~

TODAY9:00 AM Worship ServiceMONDAYMemorial Day-ELC CLOSEDTUESDAY6:00 PM Worship Service

WEDNESDAY 4:00 PM Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY 9:00 AM Communion Service

CHURCH NEWS

Communion Next Sunday: Next Sunday we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper using the regular method of distribution (at the rail).

Wednesday Bible Study: We will be continuing our Wednesday Bible Study on the book of Romans this week. Please join us at 4:00 p.m. in the school conference room.

June Worship: Please notice from the June calendars that we will <u>NOT</u> be having Tuesday worship on June 27 due to vacation schedules.

Calendar: June calendars are available in the entryway.

ELC Closed: The ELC will be closed tomorrow for the Memorial Day holiday.

Hospitalized: Wendel Ott was hospitalized in Marshfield this past week but was expected to come home this past Friday. Let's keep him in our prayers.

Day Camp: Day Camp this year is scheduled for July 17th-21st. The theme for this year is **Up in the Air!** with our theme passage taken from **Colossians 3:2** "**Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things."** Kids will enjoy all the fun of

summer camp such as games, crafts, songs, snacks, Bible stories, and this year - experimenting with things in the air!

Camp will run from 8:45am-12pm this year and we will not be serving lunch to campers.

Registration forms have been sent home to St. John's students and are also available in the back of church. They can be returned to the church/school office. You do not need to be a member of St. John's to attend camp. Please invite some friends!

To help camp run smoothly- WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! We will once again be hosting Camp Phillip Staff to help run camp and to bring something new to our community! We can definitely still use help from congregation members. We especially still need counselors to help lead children through each activity (these can be teenagers or adults) We will also need help providing lunch each day for the Camp Phillip staff. Please consider helping with this exciting outreach opportunity!

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about camp, please contact Megan Allard (715) 937-7535.

Awards Banquet Wrap-Up: On Friday, May 19th, students, parents, teachers/staff and relatives got together at school to celebrate the accomplishments of their children throughout the school year.

This year students received awards for volleyball, flag football, basketball, music program, perfect attendance and honor roll, and our students-of-the-week were acknowledged.

43 out of the 58 students in grades K-8 were on Honor Roll or High Honor Roll. To be on Honor Roll, students needed to maintain a 3.0 to 3.5 GPA for all four quarters of the year. To be on High Honor Roll students needed to maintain a 3.6 or higher GPA for all four quarters.

God has truly blessed our school with wonderful students that use their God-given talents to the best of their abilities and excellent and dedicated teachers that push the students to be successful.

Honor Roll (3.0-3.5 GPA all 4 quarters)

K.garten: Calan Hannasch Elliott Struensee

Grade 1: Ella Hoppa

Grade 2: Greyson Ogle Emerson Schmid Landon Schoen

Grade 3: Fletcher Boon

Grade 4: Jaeger Anding Jett Hemp Dempsey Pierce

Grade 5: Violet Hubing Vada Schoen

Grade 6: Jackson Schruth

High Honor Roll (3.6-4.0 GPA all 4 quarters)

K.garten: Addie Allard Rene Defourneaux Vincent Fehlman Owen Kallian

Grade 1: Maria Backaus Elliot Biebert Baylee Boon Lily Harder

Grade 2: Chesni Brown Tennyson Kind Garrett Schoen Alexa Wilke

Grade 3: Ezra Allard Ella Anderson Jarus Backaus Clayton Hannasch

Grade 4: Ella Biebert Brayden Kodl

Grade 5: Jesse Backaus Natalie Boon Carter Hannasch Danica Shadrick Noah Wilke

Grade 6: Mason Dux

Anita Mathis

Grade 7: Abby Backaus

Claire Hannasch

Grade 8: Colton Hannasch

Alaina Mathis Shaylen Pierce



Student of the Week: The "Student of the Week" this week is Colton Hannasch. Colton is in 8th Grade. He has been working hard all year, sets a good example in the classroom for his fellow students and sets a good example for his teammates while playing sports. Congratulations Colton!

Congratulations: We congratulate **Jackson Hemp**, who was confirmed at Immanuel, Globe on May 14th and will be graduating from 8th Grade at the Neillsville Public School.

If we've missed someone who is graduating or if we have some college graduates, please let us know so we can acknowledge them as well. Let's keep these young people in our prayers and ask that God will continue to bless them and guide them.

More Congratulations: We congratulate Luke & Taryn Loos, whom the Lord has blessed with the gift of a healthy baby girl, Laramie Mae, born on May 20, 2023.

Meditations: The new "Meditations," which start today, are available in the entryway. Please consider a \$3.50 donation to help our GPS group cover the cost.

FIC: The June edition of "Forward In Christ" is available in the entryway.

WELS Weekly Prayer: Ukraine – Lord of the Church, we ask you to look with favor on our brothers and sisters in war-torn Ukraine. You know the challenges they are facing. Help them to overcome their fears as they make you their Refuge and Strength. We thank you for their steadfastness to carry out your mission in these trying times. We ask that you make known your

name holy name and let your kingdom come to those who need the peace this world cannot give. We place them into your gracious care and protection. Amen.

WELS Night at the Brewers: Mark your calendars and plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at the ballpark on Friday, July 7 to watch the Brewers take on the Reds. Tickets for WELS members and guests are discounted up to 50% and are reserved all together in a block. Seating will be along the field outfield box, and cost is \$21/ticket.

A sign-up sheet is available in the entryway. **Deadline to order tickets at the reduced rate is June 9.** If we have a group of more than 20 people, we will order the tickets as a group to be seated together and save on service fees. If there are less than 20 people interested in going, individuals can order on their own. If you would like to go, please sign up by **Sunday, June 4th** so we know how many are interested.

Don't forget to order your WELS Night at the Brewers t-shirt, with an all-new design for 2023, at welsstore.net!

Register for Taste of Missions 2023! Registration is now open for Taste of Missions, a hybrid event that will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023! Join us in person at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., and online, as we give all WELS members a "taste of missions" no matter where you might be around the world. We're looking forward to a fun day of worship, ethnic food offerings, and family-friendly fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Registration is \$15 per person, with children 13 and under attending for free. Those attending in person will receive food tickets to sample ethnic food and will have the ability to purchase additional food from the food trucks. Or attend virtually for free! Sign up today at <u>tasteofmissions.com/register!</u>

Worship the Lord with Gladness:

Sunday: 192; Tuesday: 2

Worship with Our Care of God's Wealth:

Thankoffering Given last week: \$6,127.08 (Home); \$532.75 (Missions) Owed on Line of Credit: -0-

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SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF EASTER!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

"Christ is risen" isn't just an Easter greeting. It's a joyful proclamation that your Savior lives. And because your Savior lives, sin is forgiven, death is defeated, and heaven is yours. That is some amazing news! And it's amazing news we get to share with others.

At Luther Preparatory School, we get students ready to share the good news of Easter with others. About half of our students will share the good news of Easter as pastors, teachers, and staff ministers. About half of our students will share the good news of Easter with their family, friends, and neighbors.

I hope you think about all the people with whom you could share the good news of Easter. I hope you think about sharing the good news of Easter full time as a pastor, teacher, or staff minister. I hope you proclaim all year round: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Evan Chartrand. Recruitment Director

CHILDREN'S THEATER

"DOC. DOC... GOOSE!"

We welcomed almost 1,800 guests to campus for our Children's Theater play Doc, Doc...Goose! Our students loved performing for such great audiences!



VARSITY TRACK TEAM

NEW SCHOOL RECORDS!

Our "trackletes" are blazing down the track this spring. So far, they've set four new school records: 4x200 girls - 1:49.81 4x100 girls - 53.06 Girls Long Jump - 17'6.75" 4x200 boys - 1:32.21

Way to go!











EVENING CHAPEL **FASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE**

LPS students got to enjoy four special evening chapel services throughout the year. The last one was an Easter festival service, with lots of senior boys helping lead the service.



K-8LPS SUMMER CAMPS _____







July 24-27 Volleyball Day Camps K-2nd & 3rd-5th grad

July 24-27 Tennis Day Camps K-2nd & 3rd-5th & 6th-9th a des

M_M_M_M_PHOENIX ADVENTURE CAMP.



Phoenix Adventure Camp is the most unique of our summer camps.

While our other camps focus on a sport, the Adventure Camp gives students a taste of all aspects of Luther Prep. With chapel and Bible studies, music and theater, art and fun classes, the Adventure Camp is a great way to **experience all that LPS offers**.

Camp games such as Knockerball Soccer and Water Balloon 500 are always a hit!

Join us for Phoenix Adventure Camp! JUNE 11 - 14



To assist you in worship:

- ♣ Personal listening devices are available for anyone to use. Please talk to the ushers for assistance.
- ♣ Large-print bulletins available upon request.
- → Personal Prayers: Red Hymnal (pp. 10-11); Blue Hymnal (inside front cover)
- Preparation for Lord's Supper: Red Hymnal (p. 156); Blue Hymnal (pp. 295-296)

We love seeing young children in church as we want families to worship together. We also love to hear children making a "joyful noise to the Lord." If you need some privacy for feeding an infant or changing a diaper, please make use of our parents' room off the north side of the entryway where you can still listen to the service.

Visitors, if you would like to know more about our church or school, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would be delighted to speak with you and serve you in whatever way he can.

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Worship Schedule

Sunday-9:00 a.m. (Year-Round) Tuesday-6:00 p.m. (After Easter through November)