



First Christian Church

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The Day of Pentecost and the Coming of the Holy Spirit

May 24, 2026

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Pastor Jeff Seger

Welcome

*Opening Hymn - #415 - On Calvary

**Passing of the Peace*

Call To Worship: (from Psalm 104)

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

People: **May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.**

Leader: I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to the Lord as long as I live.

People: **May our meditation be pleasing to Him, as we rejoice in the Lord.**

ALL: **The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent and lays the beams of his upper chambers on the waters. He makes his winds messengers, flames of fire his servants.**

Opening Prayer:

Holy God, come among us this morning and let us feel your presence and your peace. As on the day of Pentecost, your Holy Spirit joined with your gathered congregation to celebrate the birth of your Church in the world. Guide us to do your will in our lives, as individuals and as your gathered people. Guide our Church leaders to proclaim your good news to a world that sorely needs to hear some good news this morning. Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We pray all things in his holy name. Amen.

Prayer Hymn - #443 – I Need Thee Every Hour

Prayers of the People

THE 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, the power and the glory forever.
AMEN*

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Kate DeWees
- George Cover	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Larrinda Wolf	- Pat Machmeier	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Patti Coons	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Phil Lewis	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Betty Malone-Lintner	- Sandra Schauer
- Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood	- Paul Parmele	- Bob Hilton
- Dawson Ploss	- Pastor Jeff Seger	- Joanie Witherington	

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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.”

Peter Addresses the Crowd

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.’

Scripture Readings - Acts 2: 1 – 21 (NRSV)

Sermon - “***The Day of Pentecost And The Coming Of The Holy Spirit***”
— Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

*Doxology - #382 - Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #295 - I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - ~~OFFERTORY~~ **OFFERTORY - COMMUNION**
*The bread and the cup are distributed together.
Please hold until you are invited to partake together.*

*Hymn of Invitation - #574 - Revive Us Again

*Benediction
Leader: Our service is ended. Go into the world, you are the body of Christ.
And may the blessings of Almighty God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and even forevermore.

People: Thanks be to God.

Todays Meeting:

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Weekly Meetings:

Monday, May 25th

Office Closed

Sunday, May 31st

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Pastor Jill Kohlhagen

Beginning Balance As Of 5-17-26	2395.30
Expenses / Payroll x3	1349.90
Weekly Offering	1165.00
Difference	-184.90
Ending Balance	2210.40

Announcements

Week of May17th - Attendance: 35; Live Stream Views: - YouTube Live: 20; Approx. Views: 30 - 65

Office Closed: on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

Beef & Noodle: We are looking for a volunteer to be Chairman of the Beef & Noodle dinner. If you interested or have any questions please contact Rick Williams at 219-869-4969. Thank you!

Pastor Jeff: will be on vacation Monday, May 25th and will return Monday, June 1st. Pastor Jill Kohlhagen will be preaching for Jeff, Sunday, May 31st.

The American Red Cross: will have a blood drive at the St. Luke Lutheran Church, 704 E. Grace St., Rensselaer, on Friday, May 29th, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., CDT.

Prairie Arts Council's — Art Camp: The Prairie Arts Council is offering a week of arts workshops for all ages, pre-school through senior citizens. Registration is: April 15th through June 9th. Camp is June 22nd thru June 26th. If you have questions or want to register in person: 219-866-5278 or visit Artcamp@PrairieArtsCouncil.org Office hours are Tues. 12 pm. to 4:00 pm. and Thurs. 2pm - 6pm. Fliers are available in the narthex.



May Birthdays

- 2 - Beverly Dunlap
- 4 - Shirley Maxwell
- 5 - Phyllis Smith, Wendy Shirer
- 8 - Rose Nesius, Craig Hooker, Corey Dowds
- 9 - Justin Clemans
- 11 - Bona Hensler, Eric Yeoman
- 14 - Susie Smith
- 15 - Dorrie Lefler
- 22 - Lindsey Baker
- 23 - Stephen Henley
- 26 - Tonya Barker
- 28 - Eric Jackson
- 30 - Clay Whaley
- 31 - Travis Witherington

May Anniversaries

- 3 - Gary & Julie Evers - 1980
- 16 - Craig & Lisa Jackson - 1992
- 18 - Ellis & Marsha Gastineau - 1968

June Birthdays

- 1 - Ron Lintner
- 3 - Kathy Wilcox
- 7 - Donna Grow
- 10 - Jennifer Williams, Kailie Goad
- 11 - Nancy Whaley
- 13 - Bob Phillips
- 14 - Linda Wood
- 21 - Cindy Hooker
- 30 - Joan Witherington, Lynda Edwards

June Anniversaries

- 7 - Rick & Opal Williams - 1975
- 12 - Doug & Kathy Wilcox - 1976
- 13 - Randy & Laura Kinnaird - 2009
- 19 - Dennis & Angela Clark - 2002
- 29 - Michael & Rhonda Murphy - 1968