

**May 23 - 24, 2026**  
**Day of Pentecost Readings**

**First Reading**

A Reading from Acts

When the day of Pentecost had come,  
the apostles were all together in one place.  
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.  
Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them,  
and a tongue rested on each of them.  
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages,  
as the Spirit gave them ability.  
Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in  
Jerusalem.  
And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered,  
because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.  
Amazed and astonished, they asked,  
“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?  
And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?  
We are from all over the world and yet in our own unique languages  
we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”  
All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”  
But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, proclaimed:  
“Fellow Hebrews and all who live in Jerusalem, listen!  
We are not drunk, as you suppose -  
No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:  
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.

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

(pause)

**Reader:**           **Word of God, word of Life.**  
**Congregation:**   Praise to you, O Christ.

## Second Reading

### A Reading from First Corinthians

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.  
Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit,  
and there are varieties of services but the same Lord,  
and there are varieties of activities,  
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.  
To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom  
and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,  
to another faith by the same Spirit,  
to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,  
to another the working of powerful deeds,  
to another prophecy,  
to another the discernment of spirits,  
to another various kinds of tongues,  
to another the interpretation of tongues.  
All these are activated by one and the same Spirit,  
who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members,  
and all the members of the body, though many, are one body,  
so it is with Christ.  
For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—  
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—  
and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

(pause)

**Reader:**           **Word of God, word of Life.**

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel**

### A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to John

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week,  
and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,  
Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."  
After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.  
Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.  
Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."  
When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit.  
If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;  
if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

***Pastor:*        The Gospel of the Lord.**

***Congregation:*** Thanks be to God.