



Pentecost

Sunday

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1500 North Main

Higginsville, Missouri

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May 24, 2026

10:00 a.m.

PENTECOST SUNDAY/HOLY COMMUNION

THE GATHERING

MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

WELCOME: No matter who you are or where you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. Welcome to this service of worship, where we remember with reverence and thanksgiving those who gave their lives for our country. Above all, we remember our Lord Jesus Christ, whose love reaches across all nations and who gave his life for us all. May our remembrance today lead us toward reconciliation, gratitude and peace.

NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD

RINGING OF THE BELL

Piano Prelude "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"
Atkinson/ arr. Leonard

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Awaken us, O God, to the gift of your Holy Spirit.

People: Help us rejoice in the Spirit's never failing presence.

Leader: On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to stay.

People: The Spirit is the constant presence of God within and around us.

Leader: Today marks the birthday of the Church through all the world.

All: Spirit of the living God, we welcome you. By the power of your grace, transform us so we always cherish your holy presence.

*** HYMN**

"Morning Has Broken"

No. 60

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Breathe on us, O God, that we might discover eternal life in your Spirit: whose grace alone gives us true happiness; whose purpose gives us true direction; and, whose service grants us freedom from the bondage of self. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may we always be drawn to seek and follow in the life and will of our redeemer Christ Jesus. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 623

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE
WORD**

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Andy

HYMN “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

No. 259

(Please write your joys and concerns on the card and hand it to the usher during the hymn)

JOYS AND CONCERNS Preparation for prayer

PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER

(“debts” and “debtors” words in hymn No. 426)

MORNING OFFERING

*Doxology

No. 625

*Dedication Prayer

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Statement of Faith

(Printed inside front cover of Hymnal)

CHANCEL CHOIR “Send Down Your Spirit”

Maskell

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:1-21 (N.T. p. 111)

John 20:18-23 (N.T. p. 108)

SERMON “What Are You Going To Do With Them?” Andy

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious and loving God, we come before you with humble and contrite hearts. We confess that in our words and deeds we have often denied our redeemer as rightful Lord of our lives. We acknowledge that what we do often contradicts our good intentions. We often take pride in superficial goodness, and turn away from injustice and the needs of others. We are ashamed that we confuse respectability with faithfulness. This we confess before you and in the presence of one another. We pray that we accept your forgiveness into the depths of our being so that the very thought of disappointing you ever again is repulsive to us. This we pray in the name of Love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Andy)

Hear the good news: Christ died to show us that God's love and forgiveness have no end. Accept the power of the Holy Spirit within you to help you resist the temptation to be anything less than what God created you to be: Christ to all people. May you seek always to fully live into God's goodness and grace.

SHARING OF THE MEAL

The elements of communion are on the table at the front of the sanctuary. We invite all who are able to come forward, take a piece of the bread and eat, then take a cup and drink (the grape juice is in the inner circle of the tray.) Please place your waste in the container at the end of the table. For those unable to come forward, we will bring the elements to you.

THE SENDING

HYMN

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

No. 381

BENEDICTION

Offering plates are at the exits from the sanctuary.

The Worship Service is over and our Service begins.

**Indicates please stand if you are able to do so*

Leading Worship Today:
Andy Mockridge – Pulpit Supply
Delbert Goetz – Liturgist
June Howell – Christian Education Coordinator
Jamie Smith – Music Director

THANK YOU!

To Courtney Bergsieker & Deanna Gash for agreeing to co-chair the service committee. You both are greatly appreciated.

WITH GREAT APPRECIATION!

Bobby Bergsieker is cancer free! Bobby and his family appreciate all the prayers.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Jeanne Fleischmann, was hospitalized at Centerpoint. She came home Saturday, May 16. Prayers are appreciated.

Arlene Long, is home and doing very well following her fall. She will keep the cast on her arm for another month.

Mark, Leslie, and Reed Heimsoth, were involved in a bad car wreck in Arkansas. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to heal.

Charles & Evelyn Marcks, the family would appreciate prayers for both Charles and Evelyn.

Angie Erdman has breast cancer. She is taking treatments and doing very well. Prayers are appreciated.

Roger Erdman & Tillie Erdman are at Meyer Care Center. Roger has greatly improved!

Prayers, for anyone with a health issue, anyone grieving, and anyone that has a heavy burden on their heart, mind, and soul.

Prayers, for our world and nation.

Best Wishes for Birthdays this week...

Aaron Knipmeyer, May 26

Lacey Wesley, May 26

Abott Good, May 27

Jaxson Cowherd, May 29

Brent Iles, May 30

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

A REMINDER: Thank you for the beautiful flowers at Salem Cemetery celebrating Memorial Day. If you would like to save your flowers please pick them up by Saturday, June 6. Thank you.
The Cemetery Committee

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Summer Sunday School will meet May 31 through August 30. The Adult Sunday School will meet at 8:45 a.m. in the Board Room and the Children's Sunday School will meet during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The children will leave for Sunday School during the ringing of the bell. The children's Sunday School will be held in the Multi-purpose room.

IT IS TIME FOR ...SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC!

The choirs are taking their summer break from June - August which provides an opportunity for special music to be shared! If you play an instrument or enjoy singing and would like to share your musical talent during the summer worship service, please call Jamie Smith at 660-232-4470. Thank you in advance!
Jamie Smith, Music Director

PAPER COPIES OF THE LAMPLIGHTER AVAILABLE:

Paper copies of the Lamplighter are available in the back of the Sanctuary and by the church office.

ITEMS FOR SALE & FREE ITEMS:

Please check out the table in the back of the Sanctuary. There are items for sale and also free items. If you want to purchase any item, please put your money in the offering plate.

HELP SHOW OUR OLD DOORS THE EXIT:

If you have tried to enter or exit the Main Street doors of the education wing in the past year, you may have found them very difficult to open or close. Sadly, after 50+ years of use, they are old and are wicking moisture whenever it rains or is overly humid. At times, they simply can't be opened. While they are designed to be self-closing and locking, since they don't close well, they have been found unlatched at times when they should not have been.

Consequently, during the week, they are not opened or used right now.

After contacting multiple companies in Kansas City, the Council has received bids to replace the doors with ones that are nearly identical, maintaining the beauty and integrity of our church frontage. To do so will cost between \$12,000 - \$15,000, depending if they can reuse all or part of the hardware.

The Council would very much like to do this through donations. If you would be willing to assist, please drop your gift by the church office or place it in the offering plate with a notation that it is to go to the education door replacement. Thank you in advance for your support of our church and our facilities.

BLANKETS FOR MOTHER'S DAY:

The Evangelism Committee is still doing the Blankets for Mother's Day. Because the Lamplighter is no longer being mailed to the congregation; we are not going to individually mail out the cards. The cards will be at the back of the sanctuary and by the church office. You may take a card and list the names on the inside of the card that you are honoring for Mother's day. Put the card and your monetary donation in the envelope and either put it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office. You may also use the Salem Church website or text 73256 on your phone to make a monetary donation.

Thank you,

The Evangelism Committee

TOOLS FOR FATHER'S DAY:

The Evangelism Committee will still do Tools for Father's Day in June. The cards are in the back of the Sanctuary and outside the church office. You may take a card and list the names on the inside of the card that you are honoring for Father's day. Put the card and your monetary donation in the envelope and either put it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office. You may also use the Salem Church website or text 73256 on your phone to make a monetary donation. If you have any questions, you may contact a member of the committee.

Thank you,
The Evangelism Committee

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

If your child is most comfortable with you in worship, they are welcome. If you prefer, the nursery room is open and available for parents who would like to take their child there and stay with them. Our nursery has been recently updated!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Memorial Committee is asking for volunteers to water the flower pots at the front doors of the church. If you are interested please call Mary Homfeld, 660-584-3060.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

JKV AND MEYER CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY:

John Knox Village and Meyer Care Center have a weekly Bible Study that is led, on a rotational schedule, by the Ministerial Fellowship. Rev. Glenn Elmore (New Beginnings Fellowship) will lead Bible Study during the month of May. The Bible Study is held every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:

Anyone who is in need of prayers, please call the church office, (660) 584-3603.

UP COMING DATES:

May 31—Trinity Sunday

June 14—Flag Day

June 19—Juneteenth

June 21—Father's Day

Summer Begins

ATTENDANCE FOR May 17, 2026

8:00 a.m. worship service attendance: 12

10:00 a.m. worship service in-person attendance: 70

10:00 a.m. live-stream attendance on YouTube: 36

INCOME & EXPENSES FOR May 15-May 21, 2026

General Fund Income: \$4,050

General Fund Expense: \$5,171

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

May 24 thru May 31, 2026

- Sunday** - Andy Mockridge, Pulpit Supply
Pentecost Sunday
No 8:00 a.m. Early Worship
No Sunday School or Little Choirs
10:00 a.m. Worship (Communion) and Live-Stream Worship on YouTube
- Monday** - Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)
- Tuesday** - Food Pantry
- Wednesday** – 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday** - No Activities Scheduled
- Friday** - 7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday** - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
- Sunday** - Evelyn Elmore, Pulpit Supply
8:00 a.m. Early Worship
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship with Sunday School for children and Live-Stream Worship on YouTube

Summer
Sunday School!
May 31st -August 30th
During the 10:00am Worship Service



Emoji
Prayers



A verse for Pentecost

God is like the wind, something no one sees;

Mighty as the gale, gentle as the breeze;

With a hidden power no one can deny as the days go
by.

—From the hymn “God Is Like a Rock”

by Natalie Sleeth