



Service Focus:

**He Lives to Pour Out His Spirit**

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church | Santa Barbara, California  
The Day of Pentecost | May 24, 2026



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## Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! You have joined us for the most important time we spend together. Each time we gather as a family of faith, we make the gospel (or good news) of Jesus our central focus. It is not just information about what Jesus did to save sinners. It is also the power God uses to work faith in our hearts and transform our lives. In the message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and creeds, our service proclaims the good news about Jesus from start to finish. Many of the elements of this service have ancient roots in the Christian church. Some are very recent. Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children).

**Are you visiting with us today?** Thank you! We love meeting our neighbors and would be grateful for the opportunity to extend our thanks in a more formal way. **Please consider filling out one of the Welcome/Connect cards in the rack in front of you, or scan the QR code** to the right to help us know you better.

Connect Card



## For Your Convenience

- **The order of service** is printed in this folder. If a song is not printed in this service folder, it can be found in the blue hymnal in front of your seat. The pastor will speak the words in normal print. **The congregation is invited to speak those printed in bold.** Please participate as you are comfortable today.
- **Restrooms** are located in the fellowship hall building to the left as you exit church.
- Please reserve the rows in the back of the church for families with small children.
- If you are in need of any other assistance, any one of our members will be happy to assist you.

## Participation & Children

Sometimes parents (and even churches) think that worship is not a place for children. At Our Redeemer, we're convinced that nothing could be further from the truth. We want children in church worshipping with their families and learning about Jesus' love for them. Why?

- Even from the earliest of ages, **children are models of faith** from which we can all learn (Luke 18:16,17). Similarly, they learn how to "do church" by watching mom & dad. Model worship for them.
- Our worship format not only encourages families to be together, but is ideally suited for active worship engagement and participation by all, including children, balancing new service elements each week with regular repetition for learning and memorization.
- The **sights and sounds of active children** during worship isn't bad at all – it's a reminder to the adults that the next generation of church leaders is already among us.

We realize that, especially at first, having children in church can be a challenge for parents. To help, we offer the following:

- If your child needs some individual attention to calm them down, an area in the fellowship hall, located just to the left as you exit church, is available. Worship can be watched and heard in this room.
- Other families are willing and ready to help. Let us know if we can offer a hand with your little ones.
- Activity sheets that kids can work on throughout the service are available on the stand in the back.

## Series Focus - "What Difference Does It Make?"

Life is full of either/or moments. Some carry little consequence — chicken or fish. Others matter more — take the job or keep it. But one either/or is life-changing for every human being: either Jesus is still dead, or he rose. He claimed he would: “The Son of Man must suffer many things . . . be killed and after three days rise again” (Mark 8:31). If he remains dead, he is a failure and a fraud, and we are still in our sin. But Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! The 50-day season of Easter celebrates that world-changing fact.

April 5	Easter Sunday	He lives to take me from death to life
April 12	Second Sunday of Easter	He lives to give me proof and peace
April 19	Third Sunday of Easter	He lives to restore my hope
April 26	Fourth Sunday of Easter	He lives to be my Good Shepherd
May 3	Fifth Sunday of Easter	He lives to be the only way to heaven
May 10	Sixth Sunday of Easter	He lives to call me to live for him
May 17	Ascension of Our Lord	He lives to rule all things for the Church
<b>May 24</b>	<b>The Day of Pentecost</b>	<b>He lives to pour out his Spirit</b>

## Service Focus

Jesus didn't leave his disciples abandoned — he left them better equipped. “It is for your good that I am going away,” he promised. “If I go, I will send him to you” (John 16:7). That “him” is the Holy Spirit — the Advocate who delivers faith, direction, and life itself. Pentecost celebrates his arrival. The third great festival of the Church year — alongside Christmas and Easter — Pentecost closes the fifty-day Easter season and ends the festival half of the church calendar. Today the Church wears red: the tongues of fire that announced the Spirit's coming, and the blood of the martyrs who died rather than deny him.

## Prayer before the Service

Flames crown the disciples, O God — Pentecost has arrived. Wind, fire, and water proclaim one truth: your Spirit moves among us. Ignite your church with that message. You are alive in our midst, and through your Word your Spirit strengthens us, shaping us into your people. Send us out burning with your Pentecost proclamation, eager to carry its fire into every corner of our world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Serving God and Us Today

Presiding Minister: Pastor Daniel Schroeder  
Music Operator: Al Todd  
Hanbell Choir: Debbie Aitkins, Emily Schroeder,  
Linka Schroeder, Pam Schueler, Susan Tschech,  
Al Todd  
Instrumentalist: Josh Schueler (cajon), Marrison  
Schueler (guitar), Linka Schroeder (flute)

Audio/Visual Booth: Josh Schueler,  
Jim Everson  
Ushers: Jim Brown  
Welcome Table: Margaret Brown  
Flowers: Lance and Julie Schroeder  
(Wedding Anniversary)

# The Service

## Invocation and Pentecost Prayer

Matthew 28:19

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

*These responsive words are from a 7th-century Latin prayer.*

Come, Holy Spirit, send from highest heaven radiance of your light.  
**Come, Father of the poor, come, giver of all gifts, come, light of every heart.**

Of comforters the best, dear guest of every soul, refreshment ever sweet.  
**In our labors rest, coolness in our heat, comfort in our grief.**

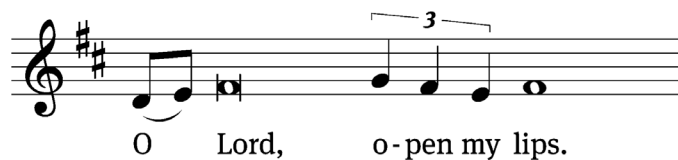
O most blessed light, fill the inmost hearts of your faithful ones.  
**Without your holy presence, all is dark, nothing free from sin.**

What is soiled cleanse, what is dry refresh, what is wounded heal.  
**What is rigid bend, what is frozen warm, guide what goes astray.**

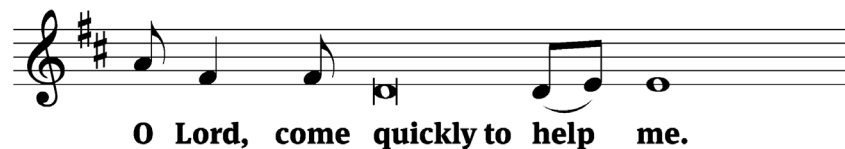
Give your faithful ones who in you confide sevenfold hallowing.  
**Give goodness its reward, give journey safe through death, give joy that has no end.**

## Opening Sentences

Psalm 51:15



Psalm 70:1



Psalm 36:9



Psalm 95:6



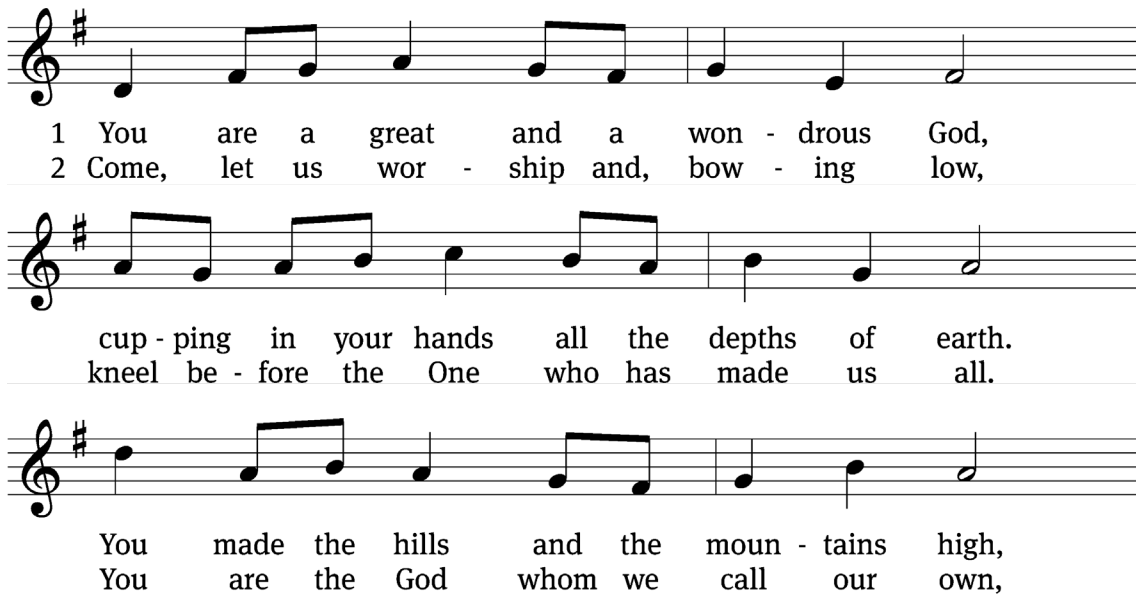
# Come, Oh, Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord *Venite*

Psalm 95:1-7a

## Refrain

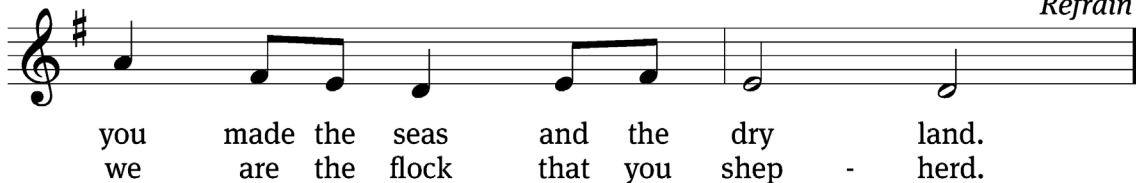


Come, O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;  
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,  
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



1 You are a great and a won - drous God,  
2 Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,  
cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.  
You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
You are the God whom we call our own,

## Refrain



you made the seas and the dry land.  
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

The *Venite* (Latin for "Oh Come") is an ancient hymn of the church based on Psalm 95. This song of invitation to worship and praise is associated with the Matins or Morning Prayer liturgy, going back to monastic times. Using the words of Psalm 95, the church is invited to come into the presence of God to worship him. God the creator is our God who holds us in the palm of his hand as his people.

# The Word

Ruth 2:4

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Though written rather recently, this prayer echoes language Christians have long used to implore the Holy Spirit for his aid and blessing.*

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.**

*Be seated*

## Children's Devotion

*On Pentecost the disciples proclaimed the gospel. Through their words the Holy Spirit unleashes his saving power.*

### First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup>Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup>(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup>Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

<sup>13</sup>Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

"Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup>These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>" 'In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

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

<sup>19</sup>I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup>The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.' (NIV)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Handbells' Anthem

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart  
Arranged by Jason W. Krug; Published by Choristers Guild

## Second Reading

I Corinthians 12:3-11

*When God pours out  
his Spirit, it is for the  
benefit of the entire  
Church.*

<sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup>There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup>There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

<sup>7</sup>Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. (NIV)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn of the Day

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord  
*Christian Worship 585*

*Stanza 1 is based on a Latin antiphon from the 11th century, appointed for use at Vespers (Evening Prayer) on the Vigil of Pentecost. Martin Luther was fond of this hymn and in his table talks spoke of both the words and music as having been composed by the Holy Spirit.*

Jesus promised that those who were spiritually thirsty would be filled with the living water of the Spirit.

## Sermon

John 7:37-39

### “From Parched Soul to Public Fountain”

<sup>37</sup> On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” <sup>39</sup> By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. (NIV)

### My Christian Life - From Parched Soul to Public Fountain //

Jesus was struck so the fountain could open. Your sins are forgiven. Your soul is full. The Holy Spirit lives in you — and a full soul doesn't hoard. It flows like a fountain. In thanks, I can ...

- Be a fountain at the dinner table. Instead of draining the conversation with complaints or criticism, I can speak one word of genuine encouragement to every person at my table this week.
- Pray the drought away. Each evening this week, I can pray specifically for one person in my life whose soul looks parched — someone restless, angry, or empty. I'll ask God to bring a fountain of living water to them.
- Set out a bottle of water on the dinner table this week to remind me and others that Jesus quenches the thirst of our souls.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Stand

Martin Luther considered the Te Deum to be one of the most important creeds of the Church, eclipsed only by the Apostles' Creed and the Athanasian Creed.

### You Are God; We Praise You *Te Deum*

*Refrain* Cantor/choir first time; assembly repeats, then sings after each verse

You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you. To

you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

praise, all cre - a-tion of-fers praise, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



1 With the an - gels in heav - en, **we praise you, we praise you!**  
 2 Cre - a - tor of all things, **we praise you, we praise you!**  
 3 O\_\_\_ Christ, King of glo - ry, **we praise you, we praise you!**



With the cher-u - bim and ser-a-phim, **we praise you, we praise you!**  
 O\_\_\_ Je-sus Christ, the Son of God, **we praise you, we praise you!**  
 You be-came a man to set us free; **we praise you, we praise you!**



With a - pos - tles and proph - ets, **we praise you, we praise you!**  
 O\_\_\_ Spir - it, most ho - ly, **we praise you, we praise you!**  
 You have ris - en to free us; **we praise you, we praise you!**



With the mar-tyrs and your ho-ly Church, **we sing in end-less praise!**  
 To the Trin - i - ty most bless - ed, **we sing in end-less praise!**  
 And with all your saints in glo - ry, **we sing in end-less praise!**

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church for Pentecost

Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we thank you for keeping your promise and sending the Holy Spirit to your Church. Move us to celebrate this Day of Pentecost with joy, trusting that you continue to send your Spirit to equip and empower us as your witnesses in the world.

**Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

The signs of fire and wind accompanied the Spirit's outpouring at Pentecost. We seek no such signs, but rely on your promise that the Spirit's energy will sustain us as we believe and proclaim the good news.

**Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

You, Lord Jesus, received the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit for your mission. Grant those same gifts to us — wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear of the Lord — and guide us to use them faithfully as we share your love.

**Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Raise up men and women willing to carry your gospel to every nation, tribe, language, and people. Prepare them through education and experience, and keep them in your care as they serve in our place and for your cause.

**Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

*God has spoken to us through his Scriptures.*

*In faith, we respond to him in prayer. The Prayer of the Church is the main prayer of The Divine Service. In it, we address our God on behalf of many different people and situations.*

We pray for all who endure the troubles of life: those in physical pain, those struggling with depression or fear, those burdened by poverty, those grieving sudden loss, and those facing death. [We pray especially for....] By your Spirit, bring their prayers and ours before your Father's throne of grace.

**Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Lord Jesus, pour out your Holy Spirit to renew us with his Pentecostal power. May his love ignite our hearts and his breath drive our steps to preach the gospel to every creature.

**Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.**

*After hearing God's holy Word, the congregation gathers its offerings of thanks. We place our offerings on the Lord's altar to be used for his work here in our congregation and through our church body.*

## Offering

The members of Our Redeemer have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a **guest this morning**, we are so glad you're here! Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. If you'd like to give, you may place a gift in the offering plate near the doors or **scan the QR code** to the right with your smartphone. We understand you may want to learn more about us first, and that's completely okay.

Offering



## Connect Card



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## Hymn

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling  
*Christian Worship 592*

*Written in 1922, this hymn uses the melody of a traditional Dutch folk tune, originally printed in a collection of about a thousand old and new Dutch peasant songs and country dances.*

*The Lord's Prayer is one of the chief ways God trains our faith, because through its petitions, we learn to cling to his promises and rely on his goodness.*

## 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.**

## Prayer for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Thomas Cranmer gave this prayer its definitive English form in the Book of Common Prayer (1549), drawing on Latin collects used in the Western church for centuries before.*

## 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.**

*Known as the Aaronic Blessing, these words have been spoken to God's people for 3,500 years. (See Numbers 6:22–27).*

## Closing Hymn

O Holy Spirit, Enter In  
*Christian Worship* 590 (st. 1,2)

*German Lutheran hymnwriter Michael Schirmer wrote “O Holy Spirit, Enter In” around 1640, and it was set to Philipp Nicolai’s 1599 Lutheran Chorale tune “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star.” This hymn is a joyful Pentecost prayer asking the Spirit to dwell within, ignite God’s Word, and unite believers in love and service. The accompanying tune combines theological depth with joyful praise.*

## Acknowledgments

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## Attendance

Sunday Worship (May 17) - 46  
Sunday Bible Study (May 17) - 21  
Midweek Bible Study (May 20) - 16  
Starting Point/Christianity 101 Total During Week - 6

## Our Redeemer News

### Upcoming Bible Study at Our Redeemer

Sunday, May 24, 11:00am - “Practical Christian Living: The Book of James”  
Wednesday, May 27, 7:00pm - “Idols We Never Knew We Had: Sports”  
Thursday, May 28, 6:30pm - “Starting Point/Christianity 101”

## Our Graduates

If you have someone graduating from high school, college, military basic training, trade school, etc., please let Pastor Schroeder know so that we can acknowledge them.

## Kids C.A.R.E. Mite Boxes — Take One Home!

On Tuesday, the ladies of Our Redeemer assembled Kids C.A.R.E. Boxes — Care About Reaching Everyone with the gospel. Take one home, fill it with spare change, and return it when full or at the designated collection time. Contact Sonja or Pam with questions. Not just for Sunday school children — families, schools, and churches are all welcome! It's a meaningful way for WELS kids to learn what it means to share Jesus around the world. This LWMS program has run since 2005, sponsoring a mission project each year. This year's project supports Academia Cristo, training church planters in Latin America to grow small groups into new congregations. Over one million dollars collected in 20 years! Please take a box home today!



Managing God's Gifts To Us

### Managing God's Gifts to Us

The blessing of the Holy Spirit flows in our hearts through the message of Jesus in Word and sacraments. He enables us to live to the glory of God and speak his good news. He has given his Church—each of us—the gifts needed to spread Christ's good news. To help be kept informed of finances to carry out our ministry plans at Our Redeemer, here is the recent offerings report.

	Last Week	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Actual Offerings	\$2,130	\$7,521	\$68,976
Budgeted Offerings	\$3,124	\$9,372	\$63,431
Difference	<b>\$994</b>	<b>\$1,851</b>	\$5,545

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## This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday	May 24	9:30am	Worship
		11:00am	Sunday Bible Hour
Monday	May 25	<i>Memorial Day</i>	
Tuesday	May 26	7:00pm	Outreach Team Meeting
Wednesday	May 27	7:00pm	Midweek Bible Study
Thursday	May 28	9:30am	Office Hours
		11:00am	Starting Point/Christianity 101 Class (Individual)
		3:15pm	Youth Catechism Class
		6:30pm	Starting Point/Christianity 101 Class
		7:00pm	Handbells' Practice
Sunday	May 31	9:30am	Worship
		11:00am	Sunday Bible Hour