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*Today's Focus*

## **“CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST”**

**MAY 24, 2026**

**Welcome!** Holy Word is a community of Christians experiencing life together in the grace and peace of Jesus. Here you will find a family culture, easy access to Bible teaching at all levels, community connection, personable staff, and the unity of our belief and mission. Whether you are a first time guest, a seeker, skeptic or lost soul, or a long time Christian, we invite you to get to know us. Come as you are!

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**Connection Cards:** Welcome to all our guests and members this morning. We'd like to get to know you better. To help us, please fill out the connection card inside your worship folder. Prayer requests and feedback are also welcome. Place the card in the offering plates or hand it to an usher after the service. God bless your week!

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**Children in Worship:** We love kids in church and we love families worshipping together. To enhance the children's worship experience, we have a kids sermon during the service. We encourage parents to work through the service folder with their children to help them follow along. We have orange busy bags in the nursery available for the children. If your child needs a break from the service, feel free to use the Nursery (in the church lobby), hallways or fellowship hall, all are equipped with sound from the service

# Welcome & Invocation

## Hymn: Holy Spirit, Light Divine | Blue Hymnal 593



- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, shine up - on this heart of mine;
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, dwell with - in this heart of mine;



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

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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

**Leader:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**Group: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**Leader:** God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed in Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

**Group: Amen.**

## Hymn: To God Be the Glory | Blue Hymnal 627

*To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

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### First Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:3-11*

<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.

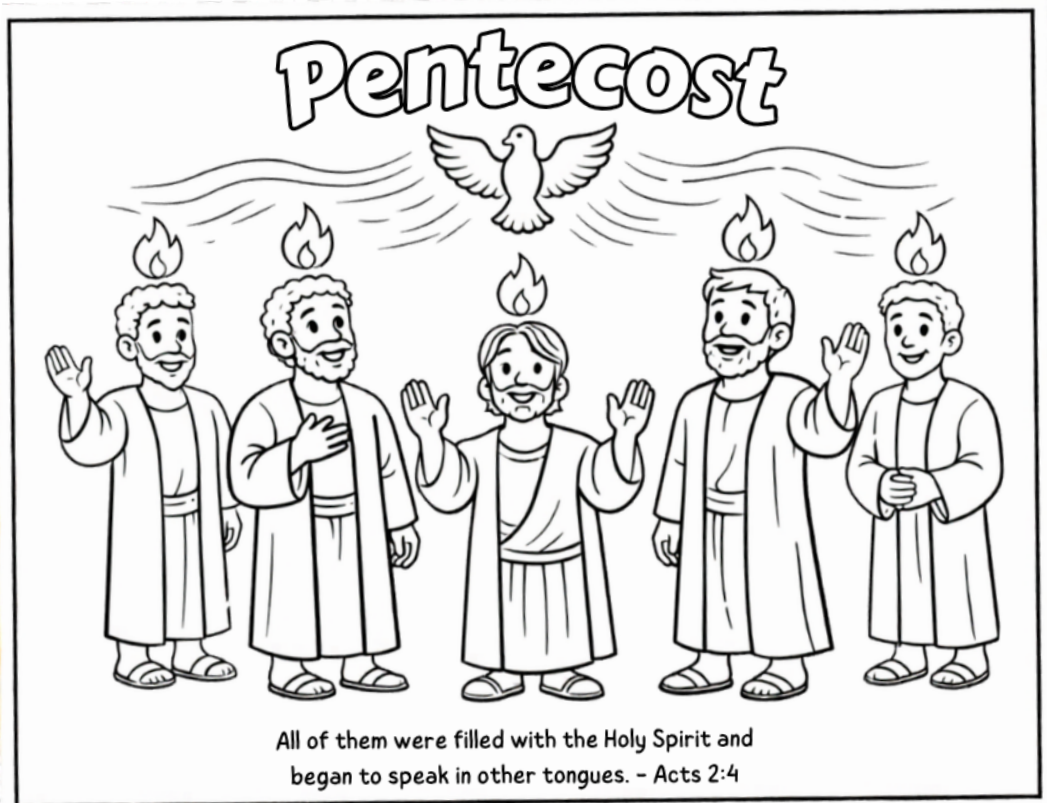
## Gospel Reading

John 7:37-39

<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.

## Children's Message

*Young worshipers are invited to the front of the church for a Bible message just for them.*



## Hymn: God's Holy Spirit Came | Blue Hymnal 479



1 God's Ho - ly Spir - it came with rush - ing wind and fire,  
2 God sent the Spir - it forth ful - fill - ing proph - ets' word,  
4 God's Church a - live to - day con - tin - ues to pro - claim



Christ's pres - ence here to com - fort, bless and to in - spire.  
to those who fol - lowed Je - sus and who called him Lord.  
sal - va - tion by the Spir - it's pow'r in Je - sus' name.



The Spir - it thus be - gan God's ho - ly work on earth  
And as dis - ci - ples met near tem - ple courts for prayer  
Let all be - liev - ers now their tongues and lives em - ploy.



at Pen - te - cost, a gift that gave the Church its birth.  
the Spir - it blew and rest - ed on those gath - ered there.  
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, our high - est joy!

## The Spirit Keeps Christ's Rescue Mission Moving

<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.’

**Sermon study questions for Connect Group discussion, & for personal reflection:**

1. What fears or obstacles might the disciples have felt as they considered Jesus’ mission after his ascension? What fears or obstacles might we face as a congregation? What fears do you personally experience when opportunities arise to share the love of Christ?
2. What truths in these verses would have encouraged and strengthened the disciples for their mission? How do those same truths calm and encourage us today?
3. In what specific ways did the Holy Spirit equip the disciples for their mission at Pentecost? In what ways has the Holy Spirit equipped our congregation and you personally to carry out Christ’s mission in our/your particular setting and circumstances?
4. It is easy either to envy others’ gifts or to underestimate the gifts God has given us. How does the gospel help us view our spiritual gifts with humility, gratitude, and faithfulness? What might faithful use of your gifts look like in everyday life and congregational life?
5. One of Peter’s main points in quoting the prophet Joel was to show that God was fulfilling his promise to “pour out” his Holy Spirit on believers for the benefit of his church. What other insights should we take away from Peter’s use of these verses?

**Sermon notes:**

## Profession of Faith — Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church and 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  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

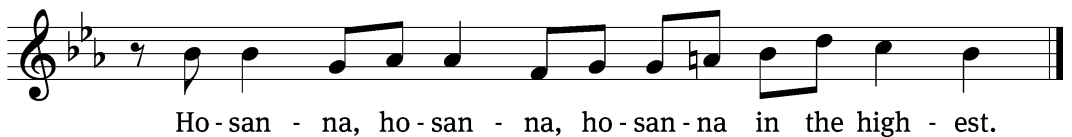
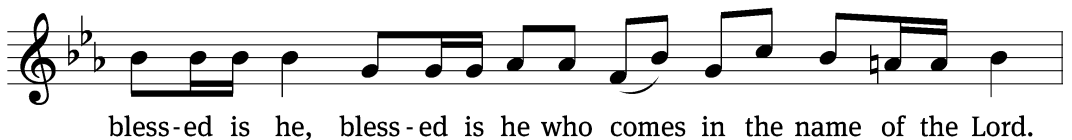


## Communion Liturgy

**Leader:** Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption. We bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth. We proclaim his death until he returns. We are brought into unity with God.

Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise God's holy name and join their glorious song.

### **Holy, Holy, Holy** (Sanctus)



## Words of Institution

*The power of forgiveness in the Lord's Supper is in the promises of God's word. Therefore, the worship leader speaks the words that Jesus did when he first instituted the Lord's Supper.*

**Leader:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Group: Amen.**

## **O Christ, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)**

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and so on. The final line of music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## The Sacrament

*In Holy Communion, we receive the forgiveness of our sins by eating and drinking the body and blood of Jesus Christ that has a holy union with the bread and wine.*

*By participating in Holy Communion, we also give a statement that we share a common faith with everyone at the Lord's table with us. For this reason, if you are not a member of Holy Word Lutheran Church or another WELS church or an ELS church, we ask that you would speak with one of our pastors or staff minister before you join with us in the sacrament. Please see our Scriptural explanation of our practice of Holy Communion on the page 23 for more information.*

### **Distribution**

*Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.*



## Communion Song: You Are My All In All

*You are my strength when I am weak.*

*You are the treasure that I seek.*

*You are my all in all.*

*Seeking You as a precious jew'l,*

*Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.*

*You are my all in all.*

**Chorus:**

*Jesus, Lamb of God,*

*Worthy is Your name!*

*Jesus, Lamb of God,*

*Worthy is Your name!*

*Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,*

*Rising again I bless Your name;*

*You are my all in all.*

*When I fall down, You pick me up;*

*When I am dry, You fill my cup;*

*You are my all in all.*

Chorus

Communion Song: Before the Throne of God Above | Blue Hymnal 561

*Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea;  
a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
my name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heav'n he stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.*

*When Satan tempts me to despair  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there  
who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the just is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.*

*Behold him there, the risen Lamb,  
my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I am,  
the King of glory and of grace.  
At one with him, I cannot die;  
my soul is purchased by his blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ my Savior and my God,  
with Christ my Savior and my God.*

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

## **Our Gift of Thanks**

*“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

*During this time we collect financial offerings as gifts for the work of God at Holy Word. We will pass around the offering plates at this time. Anyone may also give online at [www.holyword.net](http://www.holyword.net).*

*For your convenience, you may also scan the image printed here with your phone. This QR code will take you directly to the church offering website. Please include your contact information if you would like to receive a statement of giving receipt.*



## **Blessing**

## Hymn: O Church, Arise | Blue Hymnal 870



1 O Church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; hear the  
3 Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
4 So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give —



call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -  
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en.  
neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!  
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand a -  
And as the stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e -  
As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle  
merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues  
tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.  
for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

## Holy Word Happenings

### **Pastor Patterson Delivers a Special Sermon on May 31:**

After 34 years of faithful ministry by Pastor Patterson at Holy Word, Sunday May 31 marks a special occasion as he leads our church in worship on his last day as Senior Pastor and District President, and begins his next chapter of service joining a team of WELS Ministry Recruiters. After the worship service there will be fellowship time for our congregation to share words of encouragement and express gratitude to Pastor, and perhaps leave a card at an appreciation table. Your presence and kind words will be a blessing.

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### **Youth in Christ Mission Trip — May 30-June 7**

Our Holy Word teen group is excited to be returning to Fort Apache, AZ for their annual mission trip to provide camps and spiritual encouragement to children on the reservation. If you would like to virtually tag along, we will be posting updates from our trip on our Youth in Christ Facebook and Instagram pages: [www.facebook.com/youthinchristatx](https://www.facebook.com/youthinchristatx) and [www.instagram.com/youthinchristatx/](https://www.instagram.com/youthinchristatx/). Thank you for your support! Please keep our young missionaries in your prayers.



**HWELC Happenings:** Enjoy some Holy Word Early Learning Center updates in our weekly newsletter by scanning this QR code.



May 11 – May 15

## Save the Date! — Mini Men's Retreat — June 27

- **When:** Saturday, June 27, 9am-12pm
- **Where:** Holy Word Fellowship Hall
- **Who:** All men of the congregation are invited.
- **Why:** Men of God gather together to encourage and strengthen each other to be the kind of men God has called us to be.
- **Cost??** Nope. It is free.
- **Food??** Yes, we will have a great breakfast spread.



Men's Retreat 2026  
Information & Registration



### HOLY WORD ANNIVERSARY:

<b>Lou and Carla Catozzi</b>	<b>05/25/85</b>
<b>Marvin and Marilyn Hoepken</b>	<b>05/27/12</b>
<b>John and Teri Rorstrom</b>	<b>05/29/21</b>



### HOLY WORD BIRTHDAYS:

<b>Kris Volney</b>	<b>05/24</b>	<b>Judy Siirila</b>	<b>05/28</b>
<b>Virginia Kammerdiener</b>	<b>05/26</b>	<b>Connor Michelson</b>	<b>05/29</b>
<b>Debi Colmenero</b>	<b>05/28</b>	<b>Lewis Wright</b>	<b>05/29</b>
<b>Carl Skiles</b>	<b>05/30</b>		



Thanking God for our freedom and those who protected it for us.

### THIS WEEK AT HOLY WORD

#### **MONDAY**

Memorial Day Holiday - Church offices & HWELC closed

#### **TUESDAY**

10:00 am Women's Online Bible Study (Online)

6:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Gebert)

#### **WEDNESDAY**

6:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast (Jim's Restaurant)

7:00 pm Hymn Sing (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm Men's Evening Bible Study (Conference Room)

#### **FRIDAY**

10:30 am Friday South Austin Bible Study (Siirila's house)

#### **SUNDAY**

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Pastor Patterson Appreciation (Fellowship Hall)

Kids Bible Study (Classrooms)

10:00 am Worship (Hope Fellowship in Jarrell)

**About the Lord's Supper:** Whenever we receive the Lord's Supper, we want to remember three important Scriptural truths:



- 1) **The body and blood of Christ are really present** with the bread and wine. This is not a mere representation but the actual body and blood of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:27)
- 2) In the Lord's Supper Jesus gives each of us the **forgiveness** of all our sins. The supper is not merely a symbol of forgiveness but in the supper, Jesus actually gives his forgiveness to us. (Matthew 26:28)
- 3) When we take the Lord's Supper **we are united** in a special way to everyone else taking it because we all partake of the one body and blood of Christ together. (1 Corinthians 10:17)

These three teachings are very dear to us. We know that not all Christians believe these truths about the Lord's Supper. If you are a member of another Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) or an Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) church, we assume that you believe these truths. If you are a member of another Christian church body, please talk to our pastors about your faith regarding these truths **before** you take the Sacrament.

Also, if you do not yet have faith in Jesus as your Savior, our Lord wants you to come to faith in him before taking his Sacrament.

We are careful about the Lord's Supper because we want to humbly accept his gift in the way God intended. Thank you for patiently respecting our Scriptural practice.

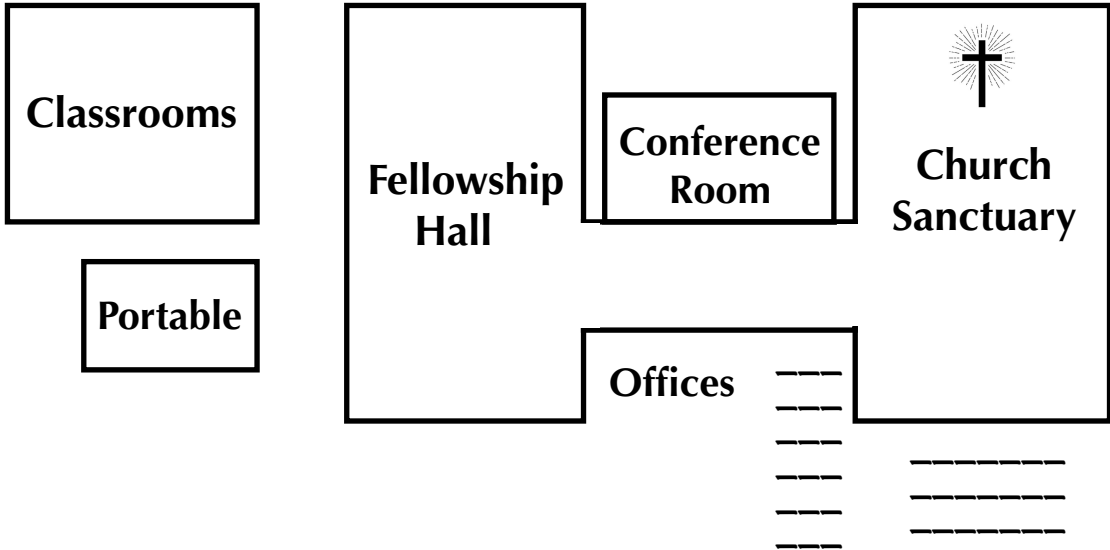
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