

# Day of Pentecost

## May 24, 2026

### Welcome!

We delight in having guests and are glad that you have joined us today.

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**Prelude:** "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

setting, Timothy Shaw

### Welcome and Announcements

### GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*The congregation is invited to stand*

In the beginning the Spirit brooded time into being:

**so that God could give form to the world.**

At the Incarnation the Spirit breathed God's time into being:

**so that the world could receive the Word.**

Through Pentecost the Spirit brought transformed time into being:

**so that the Word could be everywhere encountered.**

Entering these gifts of bread and wine the Spirit blesses this time being:

**so that encounter can comfort, challenge and transform us.**

## Gathering Hymn: "O Living Breath of God"



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

### *Refrain*



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

## Greeting

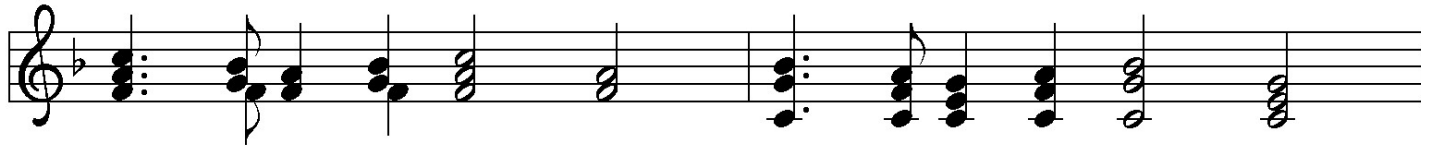
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Confession and Kyrie

Triune God  
your Spirit brings us many different gifts  
– forgive us when we have coveted only the spectacular ones ...

*silence/Kyrie eleison*



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
Chris - te e - lei - son.  
Lord, . . . have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

your Spirit speaks to us through many different voices  
– forgive us when we have cut off the disconcerting ones ...

*silence/Lord, have mercy*

your Spirit offers us many different insights  
– forgive us when we have considered only the comfortable ones ...

*silence/Christ, have mercy*

your Spirit invites us into many different moments of possibility  
– forgive us when we have closed down the costly ones ...

*silence/Lord, have mercy*

Spirit of the living God, beyond time, and yet here with us now  
give us the wisdom to receive and treasure all your gifts,  
the discernment to hear and respond to your voice,  
the understanding to see and follow your patterns,  
and the courage to recognize and seize your moments.

So may we grow in knowledge of Christ's Kingdom,  
deepen in dependence on its grace,  
and love in accordance with its measures.

**Amen**

### Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

*The congregation is seated*

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>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, staying in Jerusalem, God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking people from Israel and Lebanon? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? People from northeastern Iran, Iraq, Armenia, and parts of Turkey, Syria, Pakistan, and Turkmenistan, from northwestern Iran, indigenous people from Iran, residents of the West Bank, Israel, and from Northern Libya; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); People from the Isle of Crete and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

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

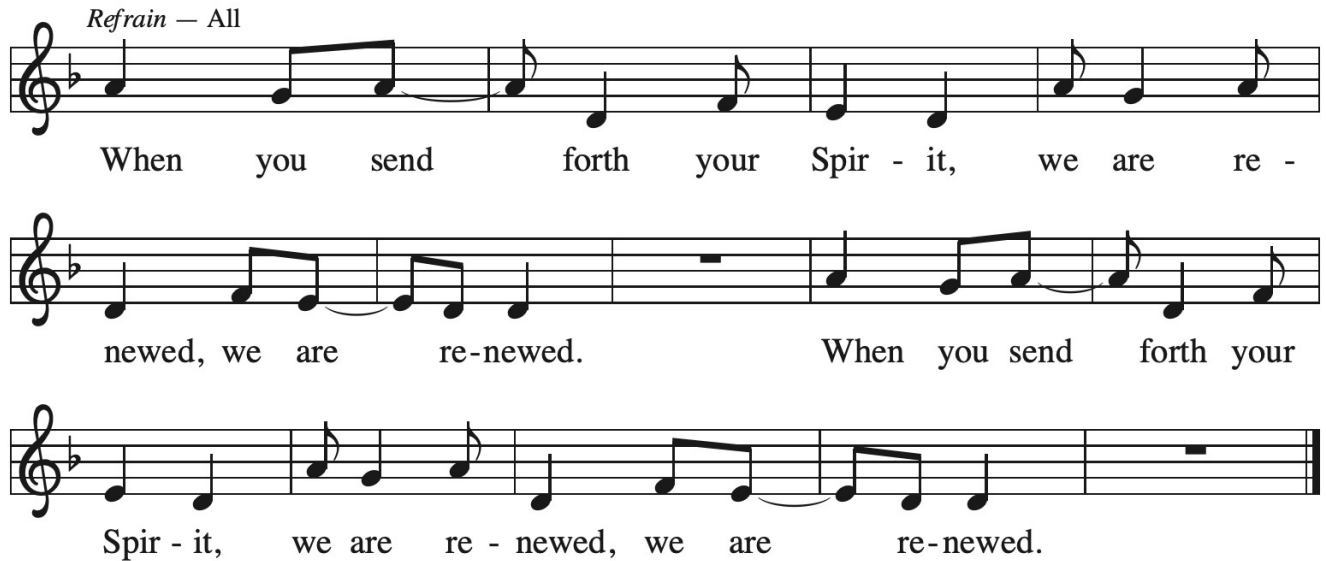
<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody: Psalm 104**

*Refrain — All*



When you send forth your Spir - it, we are re -  
newed, we are re-newed. When you send forth your  
Spir - it, we are re - newed, we are re-newed.

**Refrain**

Manifold your works, O God of might:  
Maker of the earth, the air, the light.  
Waters great and wide and all therein,  
creatures that abide, let life begin.

**Refrain**

When we look to you to give us food,  
you open your hand, fill us with good.  
When you hide your face, we are dismayed;  
when you take away our breath, we fade.

**Refrain**

May the glory of our God endure.  
May our God be glad, be strong, be sure.  
Unto you, O God, our praise we give:  
we will sing your glory while we live.

**Refrain**

Now may evil cease upon the earth;  
wickedness no more shall be of worth.  
Pleasing God shall be our only goal.  
Alleluia! Blest be God, my soul.

**Refrain**



## Gospel: John 7:27-39

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple,] he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup> and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ” <sup>39</sup> Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation is seated*

## Children’s Sermon

## Sermon

**A Note about today’s first reading from Acts.** The actual text in Acts 2:8-11 is as follows:

*And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”*

One of our First Lutheran friends, Dody Matthias, searched on the current names for the geographical regions noted in the scripture. We changed the reading today, replacing the ancient names with modern ones, simply to allow for the possibility of hearing a familiar text in a new way. Dody provided the following notes:

**Galilee:** Northern Israel and southern Lebanon

**Parthians:** Northeastern Iran, parts of southern Turkmenistan, and areas of modern-day Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia

**Medes:** were an ancient Iranian people who once ruled the region of **Media** in what is now **northwestern Iran** and parts of **southern Azerbaijan**.

**Elamites:** an indigenous civilization that emerged on the Iranian Plateau, with their center in southwestern Iran.

**Mesopotamia:** region covering modern-day Iraq, with parts in Syria, Turkey, Kuwait, and Iran

**Judea:** Present-day Judea is primarily located within the southern West Bank and Israel.

**Cappadocia:** Present-day Cappadocia is a region in central-eastern Turkey

**Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia:** All refer to regions in modern day Turkey

**Cyrene:** Northeastern Libya

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*The congregation is invited to stand*

### Hymn of the Day: "O Spirit All Embracing"



1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,  
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,  
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:  
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.  
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;  
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;  
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.  
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.  
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;  
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;  
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.  
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.  
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

## 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic 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**

**the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession:

***Response:* Merciful God  
receive our prayer.**

## The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer List

**Members of our First Lutheran Community:** Glow, Bethany, and Roland Adams; Joyce Anderson; Jen Biter; Ardeith Froeberg; June Jahrling; Erika Jeram; Lovequist/Shread family; Kathryn McCowan; Don & Britta McNemar; Kerry Meaney; Cynthia Niiler; Joan Niiler, Stacey Reed; Karson Sprague; Valarie Waters.

**Friends and Family:** Clinton Braganza; Rhona Chen; Emily Dallman; Evan DaRos; Sheila Dumbrowik; Wendy Fournier; Lisa Fugger; Jay Higham; Josh Kalisa; Sylvia & Chris Lee-Thompson; Nathan Maehl; Pappas family; Roland Pesch; Rachel and sons; Lynn Reihart; Brian Schmitz; Roger & Margie Schroeder; JoAnn Shade; Fay Sieving; Lynn Smith; Wilson Viertel; Chip Weinkauff; Jim Wroe; Marlys Yu.

**For our partners:** Santuario Luterano, the Spanish speaking Lutheran congregation in Waltham. For other organizations we actively support: the Waltham Family School, the Waltham Community Day Center, Chaplains on the Way, WATCH, Camp Calumet, and ELCA World Hunger.

*The congregation is seated*


## Offering is Gathered

**Musical Offering:** "Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove"


Rhabanus Maurus/Anne Krentz Organ

*The congregation is invited to stand*


## Congregational Offertory




3 Lord, we share in this com-mu - nion as one fam-'ly of God's chil - dren,



rec - on-ciled through you, our broth-er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv-ing all, both friends and strang-ers,



seek - ing jus-tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

## Offering Prayer

Creator God, by your Spirit you have opened our eyes and hearts to a renewed vision of what it means to be your people in this time and in this place. Knowing that all things come from you, we gratefully share a portion of what you have given us. Use our gifts to accomplish the mission to which you have called us.

**Amen.**

### Another way to collect the morning offering.



Our church provides both spiritual, physical and emotional nourishment for all who attend in person and online. **We invite you to consider donating** to support the mission of our church, as we work to support programs in the church, in the community, and for the online community.

You can make your morning offering through credit card by scanning the code to the right.

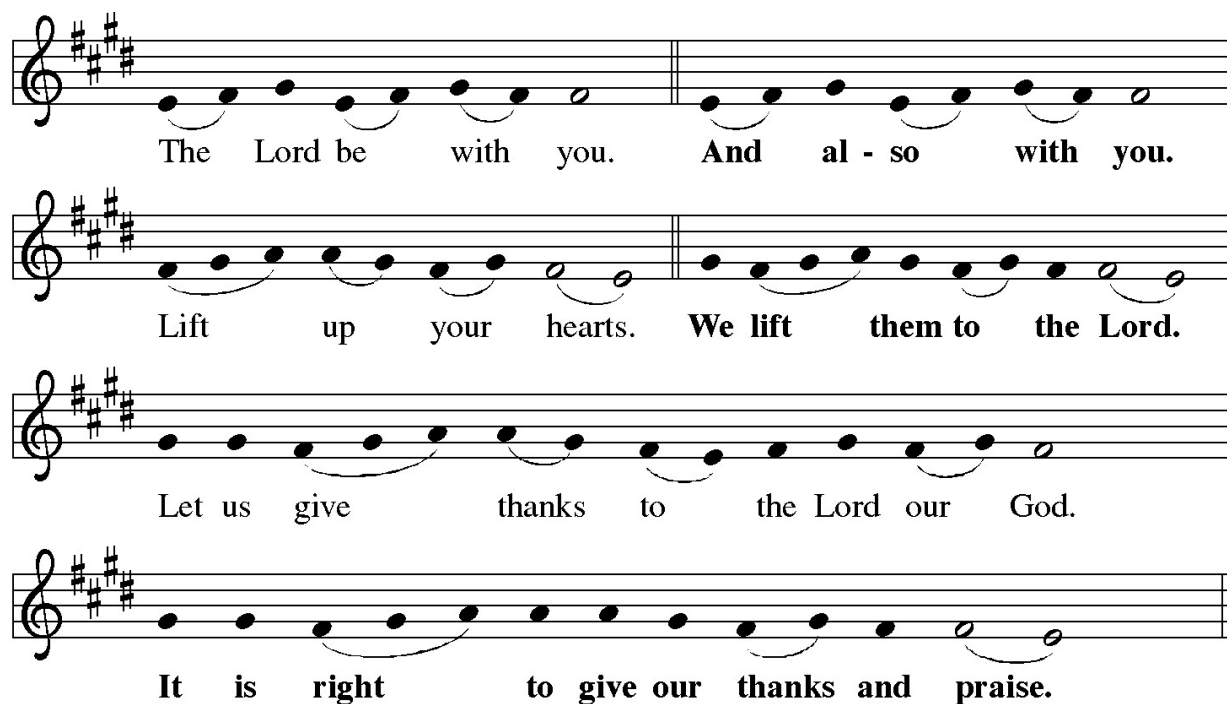
## About Communion

We believe that Jesus Christ is present in the bread and wine we share and therefore he is the host of the meal. *In his name, we welcome all who desire to commune.*

- An usher will direct you to come forward, and you may either kneel or stand at the altar rail.
- *Bread:* The pastor will place bread in your hands, which you may then consume. We have *gluten free bread available*; indicate to the pastor/vicar if that is your preference.
- *Wine/Juice:* the assistant will then offer a tray of individual glasses (juice in the center ring). The acolyte will follow with a tray for empty glasses. Also, you may skip the wine altogether trusting that Christ is fully present in the bread.
- Children and adults who do not yet commune are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing.
- If walking is difficult for you, please inform an usher, then stay in your pew and the pastor will come to you.

## SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

### The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

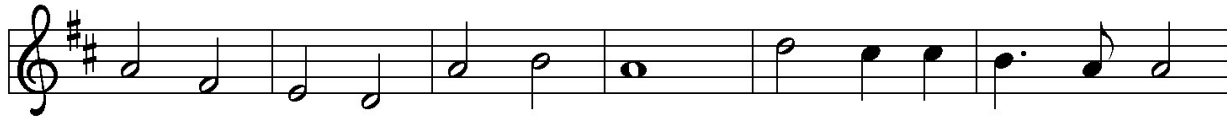
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

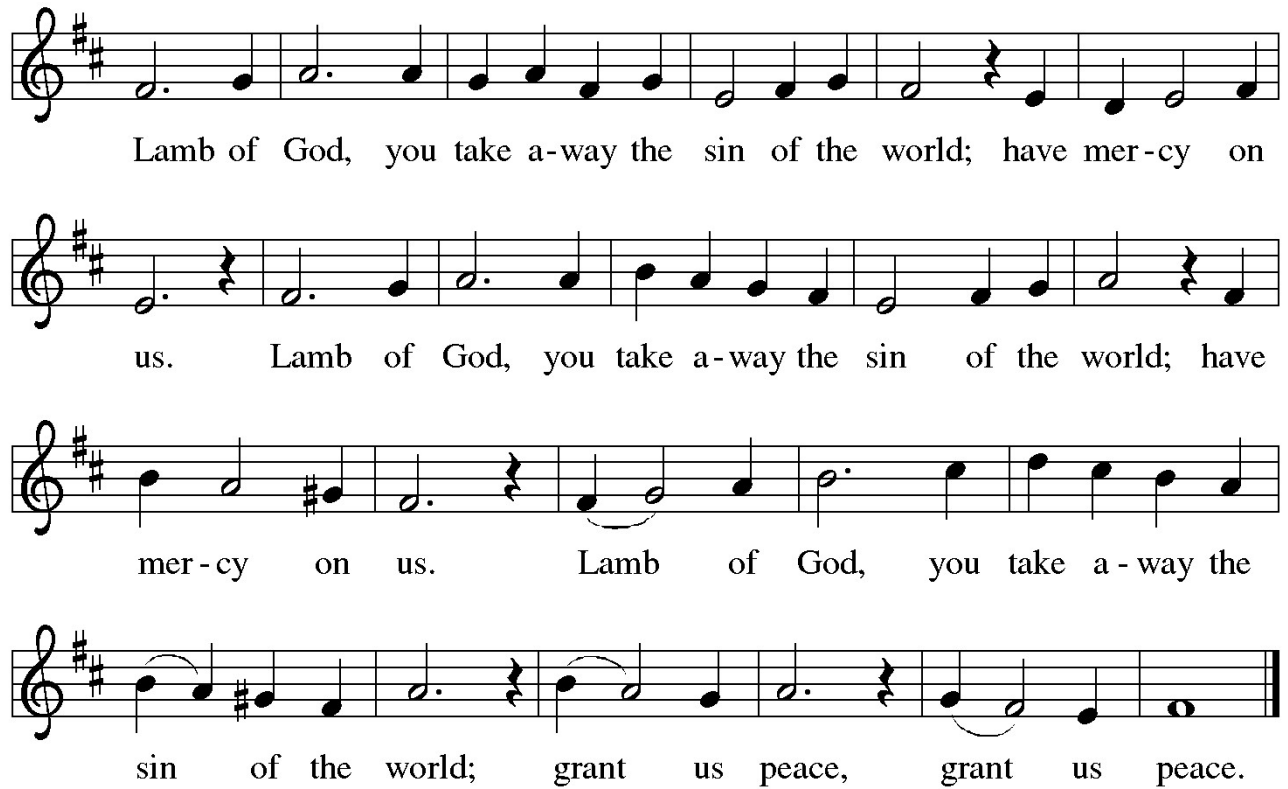
### Lord's Prayer

**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**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation is seated*

## Lamb of God



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

## Distribution of Communion



Communion Hymns:

“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*  
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish, those who be - lieve in Christ.  
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*  
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
 nor rootless liberty;  
 turn disquiet to contentment,  
 doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
 unswayed by earth's allure.  
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
 which you alone assure.

“Spirit of Gentleness”

*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

*Refrain*

*The congregation is invited to stand*

### Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

### SENDING

#### Benediction

May the Spirit who mothered creation and enabled Incarnation  
**continue to form and nurture us as we stumble towards maturity;**

The Spirit who led Jesus into the wilderness  
**stir us out of ease and safety as we follow the way of Christ;**

The Spirit who transformed the disciples  
**grace and gift us for the task of building God's Kingdom;**

The Spirit whom Jesus bequeathed  
**continue to comfort and discomfort us until justice prevails,  
peace reigns and love directs all.**

And now, may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

#### Sending Hymn: "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

**Dismissal:**

Go in peace. Share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: "Cwm Rhondda"**

setting by Walter Pelz

## Announcements

**Volunteer Day at Waltham Fields Community Farm:** Looking for ways to get your hands in the dirt for a good cause? On Saturday May 30th from 9-12, folks from First Lutheran have a special volunteering opportunity at Waltham Fields Community Farm. Waltham Fields is a nonprofit farm that provides local produce to community members, giving over 20% to food access and food security initiatives, including this summer, our very own Blessing Box! If you have ever wanted a taste of farm life, learn more about the community farm, and grow in community together, please join us! You can sign up on the bulletin board in the Pearson Room.

**CPR/AED Training:** First Lutheran is hosting an adult and pediatric first aid CPR/AED Training and certification class through Health and Safety Services of Massachusetts on **Saturday, June 13 from 2:30-4:30**. Course description: "This American Red Cross course equips students to recognize and care for various first aid, breathing, and cardiac emergencies involving adults, children, and infants. It is designed for students who need a certification that satisfies OSHA, workplace, or other regulatory requirements." **Prior to this in-person class is an online component that must be completed before June 13.** The course fee is \$95. If you are interested in renewing your certification or want to learn a new potentially life-saving skill, please sign up on the bulletin board or reach out to Vicar Trevor. **The deadline for all signups is next Sunday, May 31.**

**Lawn Care:** Might you be willing to mow the church lawn once or more times over the next five months (May through September)? If so, please sign up in the Pearson Room. Note: We provide the lawn mower and gas, and someone from the Property Team would be happy to show you what is needed.

**Adult Forums (9:15 am in the Pearson Room):** On the remaining Sundays in May we will continue a Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount.

**"For a Time Such as This" Zoom book study:** Last session, Wednesday May 27 at 7:00 pm. A Zoom link will be sent in the weekly e-news.

**Coffee Hosts Needed!** Can you help foster community by hosting coffee? Sign up in the Pearson Room or by using the link in the This Week email. First time hosting? We're happy to provide instruction.

**Can you help take care of our Blessing Box?** We could use help checking the sidewalk box—refilling it with items from the Pearson Room and occasionally emptying out some items. You can find a sign up in our This Week email. Thank you!

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## Celebrating the Holy Spirit Pentecost through our music

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God’s mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ’s love with the world.

Today our music celebrates the way the Holy Spirit has inspired people around the world.

“O Living Breath of God: Soplo de Dios viviente” (1979)

Text: Osvaldo Catena an **Argentinian Roman Catholic** priest

Tune: **Scandinavian** Folk Tune

Translation and pairing of text and tune: Gerhard Cartford an **American (NY, WI, MN)** Lutheran church musician, scholar, and missionary to Central and South America

“When You Send Forth the Spirit” (1987)

Text and Tune: Ray Makeever, **American (MN, IA)** Lutheran pastor and musician.

“O Spirit All-Embracing”(1995/1914)

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, **American (ND, MN), Benedictine sister.**

Tune: Gustav Holst, **English** composer and teacher. “Jupiter” from the orchestral piece “The Planets”

“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading: Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema” (1965)

Text: Wilson Niwagila, written for the unification of the Lutheran Churches in **Tanzania**

Tune: set by Niwagila to a tune from **Uganda’s Ganda ethnic** community. Harmonized by Egil Hovland (**Norwegian** organist and composer)

“Spirit of Gentleness” (1978)

Text and Tune: James K. Manley, **American (MA, CA, HI)** UCC pastor and teacher

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” (2000/1903)

Text: Herman Stuempfle - **American (PA, MD)** Lutheran pastor and seminary professor.

Tune: John Hughes, composed for a **Baptist Welsh** singing festival. He was clerk at a Welsh coal mine and also a Baptist deacon and precentor

<p>“O Living Breath of God” Text: Osvaldo Catena 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923 tr. © 1998 Augsburg Fortress Music: Swedish folk tune</p>	<p>College, Makumira, Tanzania, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Arr. © Egil Hovland</p>
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## Centennial Campaign Celebrating Blessings Thus Far

**Potluck Luncheon**

**NEXT Sunday, May 31**

**Following 10:30 am worship**

It has been a year since we began our Centennial Campaign. Join us as we give thanks for the accomplishments to date including: the repair and restoration of our stained glass windows, completed architectural drawings for the Pearson Room renovation project, and the replacement of the sanctuary lift. We will also describe our process for applying for Community Preservation Funds from the City of Waltham and give an update on financial gifts and pledges offered to date.

We invite you to bring a food item to share. Given that a number of people in the congregation are vegetarian, and some have dietary restrictions, we ask if possible to **bring a list of ingredients to display near your dish.**



### Vacation Bible School July 6-10

Ages 3 and older

To register and for more information use this QR code!



### First Lutheran's Welcome Statement:

*Walking together in God's love, we rejoice in the diversity of God's wonderfully made children. We celebrate lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and non-binary people and all members of our human family regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, ethnicity, age, marital status, physical and mental ability, faith history, economic status, education, family configuration, or immigration status. We renounce the sin of racism and all forms of discrimination. We welcome all to join us in worship, leadership, participation in rites and sacraments of the church, and fellowship on our journey of nurturing faith, doing justice, and serving all.*