



Day of Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

Arlington Hills Lutheran Church

1115 Greenbrier Street

St. Paul, MN 55106

Sunday, May 24, 2026

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Introduction

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

Welcome and Announcements

(Please take some time to prepare for worship in the quiet as we light the altar candles.... If you are worshipping online, we invite you to have something to eat and something to drink, ready for communion)

Prelude

“O Day Full of Grace”

arr. Raymond H. Haan

GATHERING

Greeting:

John 14:23

P: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.

All: **Alleluia**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

All: **Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Please rise, in body or spirit, for the Gathering Hymn



Verses 1, 3, 4 and 5 Large print words found on page 26



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on

3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may

cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us

stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.

gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

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 Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842
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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

This is the Feast

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

All: **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Assisting Minister

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² 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.

³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘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. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

AM: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:24-24, 35b Read Responsively by Whole Verse Assisting Minister

AM: ²⁴ How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

All: ²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

AM: ²⁶ There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

All: ²⁷ **All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

AM: ²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

All: ²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

AM: ³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

All: ³¹ **May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

AM: ³² You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

All: ³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

AM: ³⁴ May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

All: ^{35b} **Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b} No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² 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. ¹³ 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.

AM: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise, in body or spirit, for the Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to John the 14th Chapter
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 20:19-23

¹⁹ 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.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

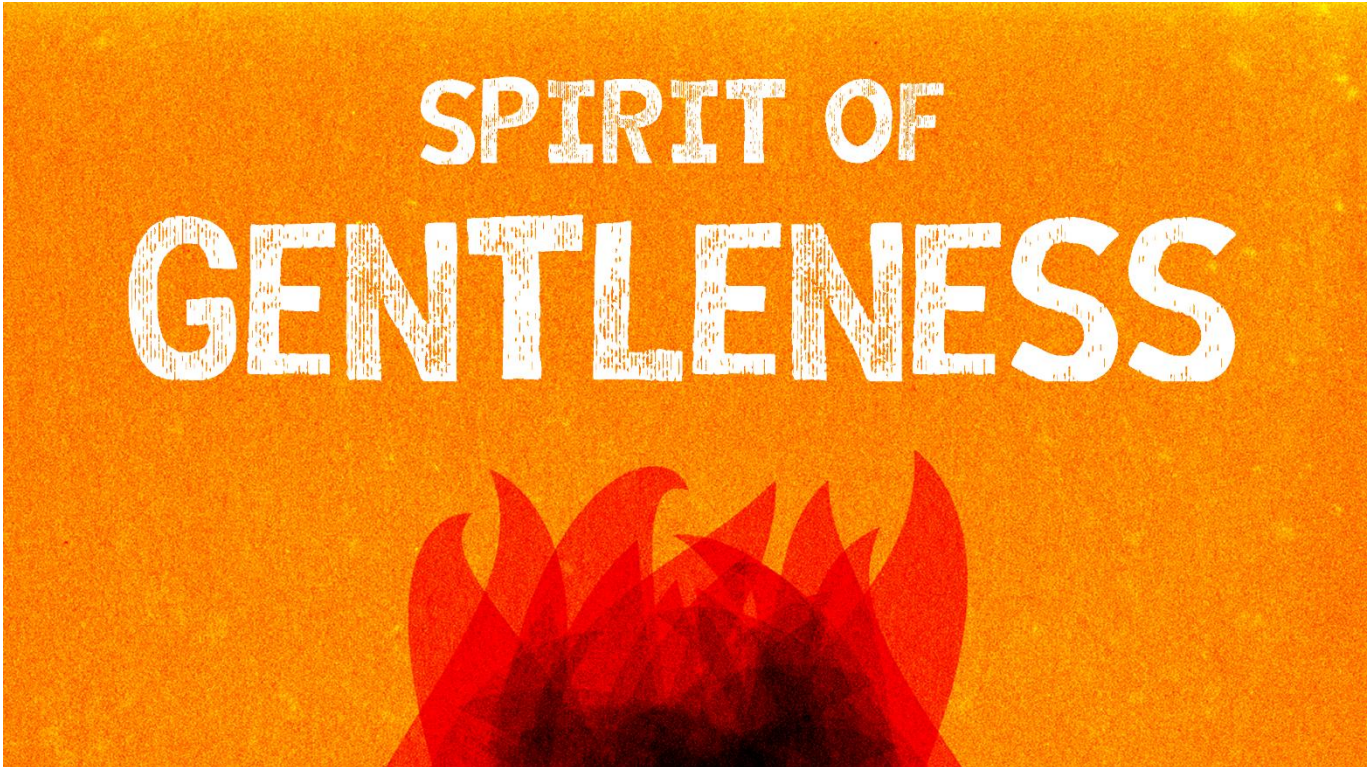
P: The gospel of our Lord.
All: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Walter Still

Please rise, in body or spirit for the Hymn of the Day



Verses 1, 3, and 4 - Large print words found on page 23

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,

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;

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 down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,

our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”

when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.

With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of Intercession

Assisting Minister

AM: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. We especially pray for our new bishop elect, the Reverend Justin Grimm of the St. Paul Area Synod. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

AM: You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

AM: Almighty God, we celebrate the legacy of our congregation and the Spirit's guidance as you invite us to shape our future. Bless everyone of Arlington Hills Lutheran Church, our mission partners in Tanzania, and those who serve and are blessed by Alley Shoppe, Open Door, House of Praise, Ministerio Dias de Gloria, Spirit of Liberation and the East Side Collaborative

Churches. Guide us to bless and serve one another, to your glory! Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

AM: You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God

All: receive our prayer.

AM: You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name. We pray especially for Marjorie Anderson, Sven & Marion Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Brenda Boogren, Tom Brackey, Carolyn Brusseau, Kurt Dyrhaug, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Judy Hanggi, Charles and Laurie Helgason, Betty Hasse, Patricia James, Jim Jaszczak, Eugene Karls, Gisela Koegh, Velta Krauze, Chuck Linderkamp, Maria Lopez, Marilyn Nelson, Dennis Rasmusson, Priscilla Reeve, Marnie Rose, Bev Stickler, Ivanka Vicic, Ken Wagner, MaryAnn Wistrom and those we name in our hearts. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

AM: You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

AM: You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

AM: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

All: Amen.

Please rise, in body or spirit, for the sharing of the peace.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also, with you.**

Please be seated.

MEAL

Offering Anthem "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Please rise, in body or spirit, for the Offering Song

Offering Song Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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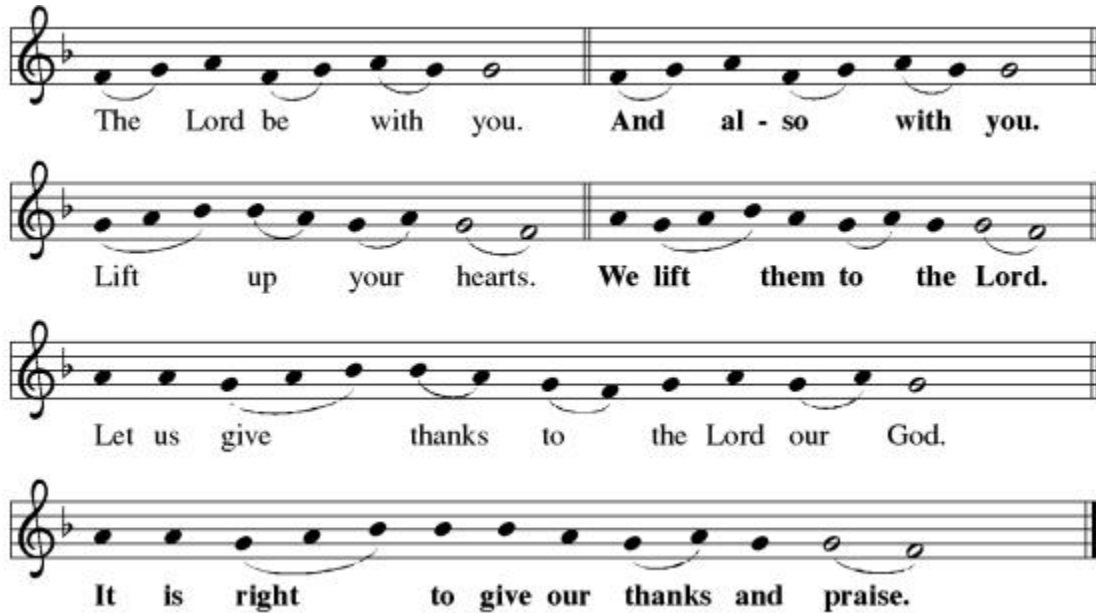
Offering Prayer

P: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

All: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Great Thanksgiving



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

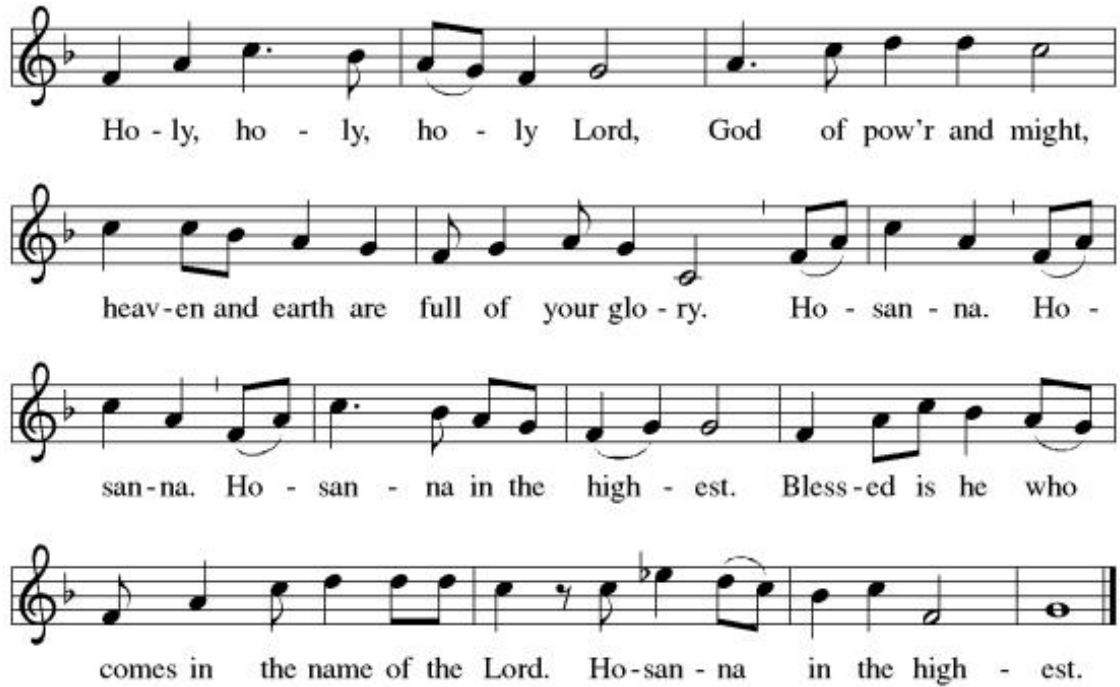
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Words of Institution

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Communion

As pastor comes down to serve communion you may come forward.

Please form a single line to receive the bread from him by holding out your palms to receive the wafer. Once you receive the bread, you may go to the communion assistant on the side closest to where you were seated to receive the wine. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you.

*Please feel free to say "Amen" after you receive each element if you wish.
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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.

Communion Anthem

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

arr. Don Wyrten

Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

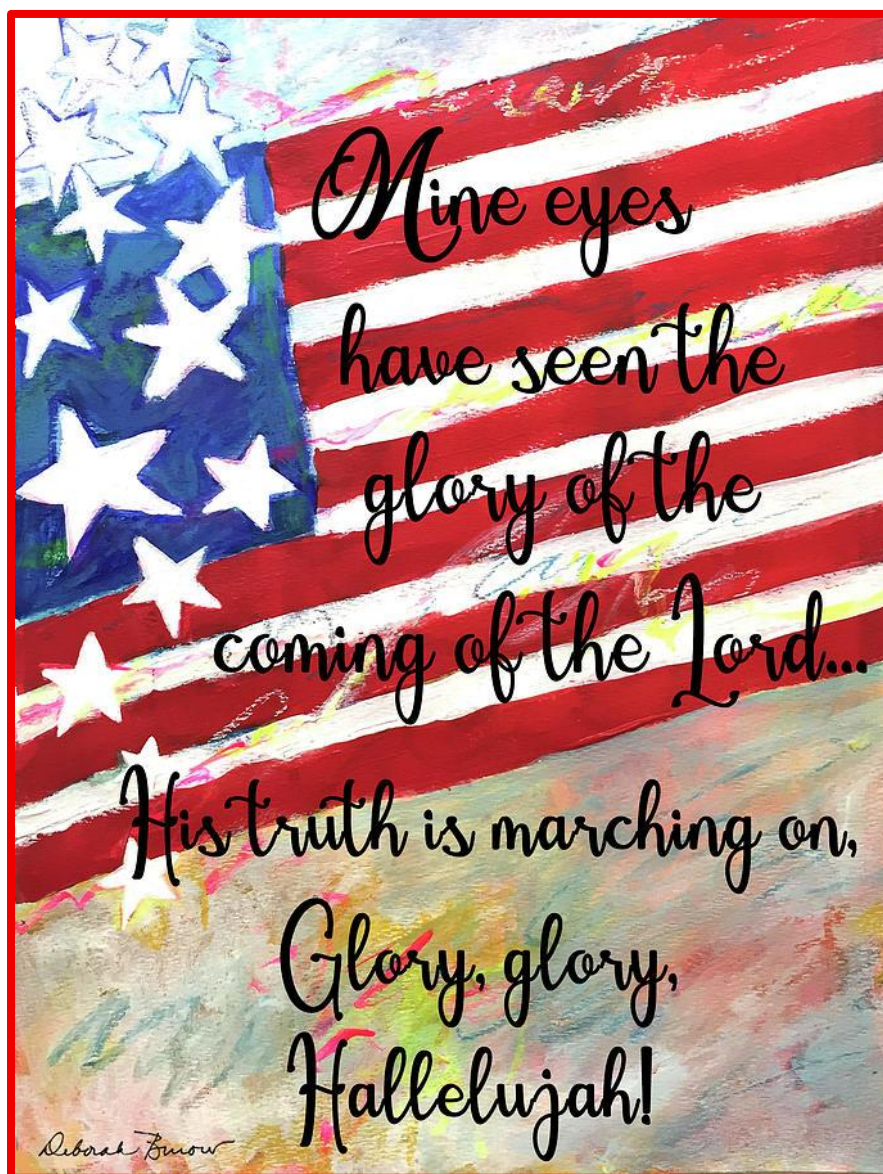
Prayer After Communion

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

All: Amen.

SENDING

Please stand for the sending hymn.



Verses 1, 2, and 3 - Large words are printed on page 28



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
 with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,

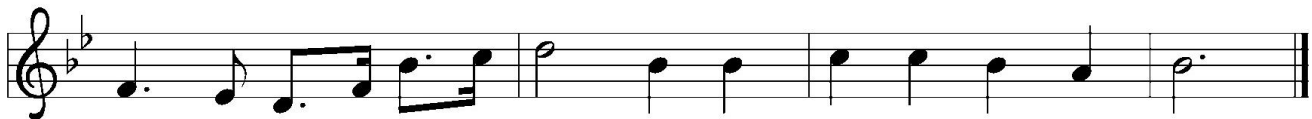


his truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on.
 while God is march - ing on.

Refrain



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910
 Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent

Blessing

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” arr. Ronald A. Nelson

Dismissal

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Walter Still

Music: Barbara Rossow

Assisting Ministers: Valerie and Orv Osmundson

Communion Assistants: Valerie and Orv Osmundson

Song Leaders: Janine Almquist, Paul Kowitz or Linda Strohkirch

Livestream Producer: Silvester Vicic, Jim Persoon and or Ryan Henk

Ushers: Elaine and Charles Rohrbach and David Almquist.

Hospitality: Sally Keller and Cindy Schreiber

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Please pray for: Marjorie Anderson, Sven and Marian Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Brenda Boogren, Tom Brackey, Carolyn Brusseau, Kurt Dyrhaug, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Judy Hanggi, Charles and Laurie Helgason, Betty Hasse, Patricia James, Jim Jaszczak, Eugene Karls, Gisela Koegh, Velta Krauze, Chuck Linderkamp, Chuck Linderkamp, Maria Lopez, Marilyn Nelson, Dennis Rasmusson, Priscilla Reeve, Marnie Rose, Bev Stickler, Ivanka Vicic, Ken Wagner, and MaryAnn Wistrom. If you wish to have Pastor Walter visit with you, please contact Mary in the church office to set up a time.



Congratulations to our new Bishop elect, Reverend Justin Grimm. He will be installed as Bishop on September 13, 2026, at Shepherd of the Valley in Apple Valley.

Thank You! To Bishop Patricia Lull for her twelve years as serving as our Bishop. We pray for her as she finishes out her term. May she enjoy her next chapter of her story. Please attend the celebration on Sunday July 26th from 2-4 p.m. at Roseville Lutheran Church.



Memorial Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,
 We come before You on this Memorial Day with gratitude for the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. As John 15:13 says, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." We honor their courage and dedication.

Lord, comfort and bring peace to the families who have lost loved ones. As Matthew 5:4 says, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

We pray for those currently serving in the military. Protect them and guide their steps. Psalm 91:1-2 reminds us, "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty."

Help us live lives that honor these sacrifices and support our nation and its defenders.

Thank You for the blessings of liberty and the courage of those who defend it.

In Your holy name, we pray.

Amen. CoffeeWithStarla.com

Thank You to all of our church family members who served. We are grateful for your service.

New Church Office Hours
Monday – Wednesday
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Thursday – Friday
Closed

Upcoming Events

Sunday Services – 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Mondays and Tuesdays - Alley Shoppe – Closed for the Summer

Wednesday – ROMEO’s Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. Perkins

May 24

Pentecost Sunday – 9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary - Wear RED

May 25

Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

May 26

Alley Shoppe Closed

May 27

Betty Swanson - Private interment in WBL, Lunch at 12:30 at the WB Yacht Club

May 31

Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

Path of Discernment Forum – following worship in the Reception Room

June 2

Tuesday - WMA Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

Building Users Meeting – 2:00 p.m.

June 6

Ordination of Bethany Ketcham at Gustavus Adolphus at 4:00 p.m.

She has been called to be the pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. She invites us all to her ordination.

June 7

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Thank you everyone who brought a geranium this morning, you should take them home after the service.



Save the Date....June 23rd – Tuesday – FUNdraiser at

Culver’s Sign-up sheet is in the office if you’d like to help with serving or just come and enjoy the “Fun” and “Fellowship”.

Looking for a Hospitality Co-Chair to help Cheryl with the scheduling and planning for our Sunday morning Coffee hour and other events. Please let Cheryl or the office know if you can help.... Thank you.





Today we also celebrate Memorial Day by singing the
“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” as our sending hymn.

It was written by Julia Ward Howe. Below is some information on her.

Julia Ward was born in New York City on May 27, 1819. Her father was a Wall Street stockbroker, banker, and strict Calvinist. Her mother was a poet who died of tuberculosis when Julia was five. She was educated by private tutors and schools for young ladies until she was sixteen. She became very well read.

Julia Ward met Samuel Gridley Howe, a physician and reformer who founded the Perkins School for the Blind. They married in 1843 and had six children. She published several books of poems and plays. Many of the discussed critiques of women’s roles as wives, her own marriage, and women’s place in society. Julia believed it was right to free slaves but did not believe in racial equality.

She was inspired to write “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” after she and her husband visited Washington, D.C., and met Abraham Lincoln at the White House in November 1861. She wrote new words to the song “John Brown’s Body”. It quickly became one of the most popular songs of the Union during the American Civil War.

Howe’s most significant accomplishments were her contributions to women’s rights. She laid the foundation for women’s rights groups both in her own home and in the public eye. Howe died of pneumonia October 17, 1910.

Gathering Hymn – O Day Full of Grace

- 1 O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on our hearts emblazon.

- 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
when he on the cross was hanging;
and then he arose and moved the stone,
that we, unto him belonging,
might join with angelic hosts to raise
our voices in endless singing.

- 4 God came to us then at Pentecost,
the Spirit new life revealing,
that we might no more in death be lost,
its pow'r over us dispelling.
This flame will the mark of sin efface
and bring to us all true healing.

- 5 When we on that final journey go
that Christ is for us preparing,
we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
all joy of the heavens sharing,
and there we will join God's endless praise,
with angels and saints adoring.

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Hymn of the Day – Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.
Refrain

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

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Sending Hymn – Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are
stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. *Refrain*

3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on. *Refrain*

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910