

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



DAY OF PENTECOST  
MAY 24, 2026

*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*

# Weekly Update



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Sunday, May 24, 2026

**VISITORS:** It is a joy to have you with us this morning. If you are looking for a church family, we hope you will consider Holy Cross. For more information, you can fill out a visitor form in the narthex, speak to an usher, or scan the QR code to the right.



**FAMILIES:** Children are always welcome at our worship services! There's also a small play area in the Narthex where you can hear the broadcasted service.

**FLOWERS:** Today's flowers are given by Tonya Elliott, remembering those who served to protect our freedoms.

## WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

For additions or updates, email [Admin@HolyCrossHerndon.org](mailto:Admin@HolyCrossHerndon.org)  
Names are removed after one month unless advised otherwise.

### OUR CONGREGATION

Juliana Roe Beck | Bonnie Burton | Terry & Linda Butler | Joy Caveney  
Joel Flegal | Roy Geiger | Otto Jacobson | Reed Morgan | Mike Muller  
Craig Reichow | Jeremy Shoop | Tuula Toney | Cherie Weatherhead

### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Riley Morgan | Thomas Newcomb | Collin Reichow  
Friends of Thomas Newcomb currently serving in Iran

### RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION

Erin Barden (sister of Andrew Barden)  
Pastor Pervaiz Bahadur (Asia 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist pastor)  
Von Bergstrom (cousin of Jill Reichow)  
Jane Campbell (friend of Cheryl Smith)  
Gianna Carter (granddaughter of Sam & Sharon Carter)  
Don and Liz Gober (friends of Craig Reichow)  
Madilyn Gross (cousin of Desirae Peral)  
Uwe Gutschmidt (nephew of Ellen Atwell)  
Jeff Harwood (friend of Craig Reichow)  
Matt Kim (friend of John & Tammy Breene)  
Michael Levrini (friend of Jared Lem)  
Georgia Kirby and Cain Mason (friends of Cherie Weatherhead)  
Lori Manzel (daughter of David & Patricia Manzel)  
Phyllis Krapf (wife of Dick Krapf)  
Don Kress (friend of Helen and Gary Wolfe)  
Dale, John, and Jeff MacPherson (friends of Jared Lem)  
Sue Mason (sister of Pam Darby)  
Sharon Massen & Dorie Miller (friends of Craig Reichow)  
Lisa Nolf (friend of Jared Lem)  
Jim Pollock (godfather of Andrew Barden)  
Anne Marie Berardi Rabinowitz (friend of Tonya Elliott)  
Tracy Radican (daughter of former HCLC pastor, Pastor Harper)  
Dylan Roe (nephew of Mark & Jo Roe)  
John Smith (brother-in-law of Cheryl Smith)  
Joseph Strada (father of daughter-in-law of Sam & Sharon Carter)  
Nancy and Steven Swancutt (sister and brother of Lynn Russo)  
Bernadette Stevenson Williams (friend of the Roe family)

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Supply Pastor: Rev. Pam Mitcham  
Director of Music and Liturgy: Jeremy Shoop  
Sound Technician: Bob Thompson  
Video Technician: Sylvia Moran

### Serving May 24<sup>th</sup>: Day of Pentecost

Assisting Minister: Anne Geiger  
Reader: Dick Smullen  
Acolyte: TBD  
Greeter: Matthew & Kristin Andersen

### Serving May 31<sup>st</sup>: The Holy Trinity

Assisting Minister: Matthew Andersen  
Reader: Kristin Andersen  
Acolyte: TBD  
Greeter: TBD

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: MAY 24 – MAY 31

SU 24	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School ~ Conference Rm
	10:00 am	Worship – Day of Pentecost
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	11:30 am	H.U.G.S. ~ Conference Rm
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH
M 25		Church Offices Closed
TU 26	6:30 pm	Bldg. Use: Boy Scouts Troop 12
W 27	11:30 am	Lunch for the Soul ~ FH
TH 28	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
SA 30	8:00 am	Bldg. Use: Herndon's Women AA ~ Rm 204
SU 31	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School ~ Conference Rm
	10:00 am	Worship – The Holy Trinity
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH

*The Church offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.*

# Bake Cookies for Pride!

Help Holy Cross share a sweet welcome at our Pride booths

We need **20** dozen cookies.

- We're looking for homemade cookies to share at Loudoun Pride and Herndon Pride.
- We'll package 3 cookies in each bag along with information about Holy Cross Lutheran Church.
- Our goal is about 20 dozen cookies total.
- Email Jeremy if you can help bake some cookies!  
MusicDir@HolyCrossHerndon.org



## HUGS GROUP – JOIN US TODAY AFTER WORSHIP



The HUGS group will meet **today, May 24** after the service in the conference room. We are here to support each other through whatever happens in our lives.

Having a rough day? Stop by—hugs are free!

## THANK YOU!

Thank you for the beautiful music we hear each Sunday through the voices of the choir and the ringing of the bells. Your dedication and commitment to weekly practice are truly appreciated, and enrich our worship in so many meaningful ways.

## SAVE THE DATE



Loudoun Pride - Saturday, June 6  
Herndon Pride - Saturday, June 27

More details to follow

### REMEMBERING JEANNE MAYSONETT FRIDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:00 PM ARLINGTON NAT'L CEMETERY

Jeanne Maysonett, who passed away in October of last year, will be interred into the columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. A brief ceremony with a military chaplain will be held. Please note that all adults attending must present a REAL ID or passport for entry.

Kindly RSVP to James Maysonett at [james@maysonett.com](mailto:james@maysonett.com).

## Lunch for the Soul

Next HCLC Host Date: Wednesday, June 3



We need your help to serve our neighbors in need through this caring ministry! Holy Cross provides lunch on the first Wednesday of every month, and your support in cooking, serving, or cleanup is always welcome. Our next opportunity to serve is on Wednesday, June 3. Please consider joining us! Sign up at: [perfectpotluck.com/YEEI1717](http://perfectpotluck.com/YEEI1717)



## TREASURERS REPORT – APRIL 2026

April 2026		Year to Date – 2026	
<b>Operating Fund</b>		<b>Operating Fund</b>	
Income:	\$ 35,115.53	Income:	\$ 141,865.82
Expenses:	\$ 29,620.71	Expenses:	\$ 114,930.51
Net Balance:	<b>+ \$ 5,494.82</b>	Net Balance:	<b>+ \$ 26,935.31</b>

## **Holy Cross Lutheran Church Welcomes ALL!**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church joyfully affirms and celebrates that every person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all who are seeking God's boundless love and sustaining grace into full community with us at Holy Cross. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down barriers and systems that divide God's children working to be a space committed to racial equality for God's people and to building a community where all are recognized as part of Christ's new creation.



We welcome you, and you are safe with us...  
 Whatever your race, ethnicity, or heritage;  
 Whatever your relationship status;  
 We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or gender expression;  
 Whatever your socio-economic status;  
 We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your age and life circumstance;  
 Whatever your physical and mental ability.  
 You are a beloved child of God, you are valued, and you are welcome here.

## **What to Expect in Worship**

Worship services can be intimidating for newcomers. While we try to make worship as accessible as possible for everyone, we know that some aspects can be confusing. Feel free to ask an usher or someone near you for help if you have any questions today. We are happy to help and want all voices to be included in praise to God.

Our worship style is traditional at Holy Cross. A full liturgy is used to focus our praise and prayers to God. Notes are included in the side gutter of the bulletin to explain why we use the various liturgical elements. Communion is celebrated every Sunday at Holy Cross. The table (altar) is not our table, but Christ's table. Just as Christ welcomes all, all are welcome to receive communion at Holy Cross. Pastor will give instructions on how we celebrate communion at that part of the service. Written instructions are also included at that point in the bulletin.

Throughout the year we emphasize each liturgical season differently to mark the passage of time. Liturgical texts change to reflect aspects of that season, some elements are removed or added to reflect the mood of that season, and colors used to decorate the chancel are changed to provide visual reminders of the current season.

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

*Transforming the world & ourselves, together in community, fellowship, and faith.*

**Day of Pentecost**  
May 24, 2026 | 10:00 AM

*Fifty days after Passover, Jews kept the Pentecost festival, which originally celebrated the wheat harvest but had become the commemoration of the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. As the fiftieth day of Easter, Christians maintained the festival, altering its focus to a celebration of the Spirit of the risen Christ in the church. In an oblique reference to Sinai, the fire of God's word is now on the foreheads of the faithful. In John, all believers receive the peace of the Lord. In Luke, especially the leaders are lauded. Pentecost concludes the Easter season.*



**WE GATHER**



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*...Hallelujah has been restored...*

by Dan Locklair

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen

Assembly: **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

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

Assembly: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Pastor: 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.

Assembly: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

*“O Spirit All-Embracing” is a wonderful inclusion in “All Creation Sings,” our new hymnal supplement. Matched with a favorite tune, THAXTED, Delores Dufner’s text is a great way to gather for the Pentecost festival. As a nun from the Order of Saint Benedict, Dufner is familiar with work of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. Her text uses words like “all-embracing,” “unfailing,” “surpassing,” “undying,” and “tenacious” to portray the true power of the Holy Spirit that surpasses all understanding.*

*The final phrases in each stanza bids the Holy Spirit to be present in our lives as we celebrate God on Pentecost.*

**Pastor:** 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.

**Assembly:** **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**Pastor:** 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.

**Assembly:** **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### 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.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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## GREETING

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Assembly: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

Assembly: **And also with you.**

## LITANY OF THE SPIRIT

Cantors

A add9 E/G# D add9/F#

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

All

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

A/E D add9 A add9/C# Bm E

Lord, have mer - cy. 1. Spir - it of

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## VERSES

A add9 E/G# D add9/F# A/E

1. wis - dom, Spir - it of coun - sel, Spir - it of  
2. love, \_\_\_\_\_ Spir - it of joy, \_\_\_\_\_ Spir - it of

1. 2. fill our hearts. fill our hearts.

D add9 A add9/C# Bm

1. for - ti - tude, Spir - it of pi - e - ty,  
2. peace, \_\_\_\_\_ Spir - it of pa - tience,

1, 2. fill our hearts. fill our

E A add9 E/G#

1. Spir - it of un - der - stand - ing, 2. Fear \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
2. Spir - it of \_\_\_\_\_ kind - ness, gen - er - os - i - ty and

1, 2. hearts. fill our hearts.

Dadd9/F# A/E Dadd9

1. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ Spir - it of knowl - edge,  
2. faith - ful - ness, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness,

1, 2. fill our hearts. fill our

Aadd9/C# Cmaj7 E

1. Spir - it of \_\_\_\_\_ cour - age,  
2. Spir - it of self - con - trol, \_\_\_\_\_

1, 2. hearts. fill our hearts.

**REFRAIN: All**

Aadd9 C#m7 D E Aadd9 E

Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, dwell \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Aadd9 C#m7 D E Aadd9

Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, dwell \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ us.

1 E Cantors Final E rit. Aadd9

2. Spir - it of

Paul Hillebrand, based on  
Isaiah 11:2-4, Galatians 5:22-23

Paul Hillebrand and John D. Becker

*The prayer of the day,  
based on #526 in the  
seventh-century  
Gregorian  
Sacramentary, prays  
that the light of the  
Spirit and the joy in the  
peace of Christ come  
to us on this very day.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:**

Let us pray. 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.

**Assembly:**

**Amen.**

*Please sit.*



*The narrative of Pentecost exemplifies Luke's expert storytelling ability. The reading includes hidden references to the Hebrew Bible, a citation from the prophets, a contemporary geography lesson, an account of miracles, and the folksy detail of the accusation of drunkenness. As we await the eschatological end of all things, we are now those who prophesy, see visions, and dream dreams.*

## LISTENING WITH CHILDREN'S EARS

### FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

Reader:                    A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

<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.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> 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." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to 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, "Fellow Jews 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.'

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

*The reading in Numbers is concerned with the authority of religious leadership, and this selection from 1 Corinthians with the many and varied roles of church members. We pray that the unity in the Spirit that Paul described will characterize also our assembly of faith.*

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians:

<sup>3b</sup> No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

<sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

<sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> 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.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

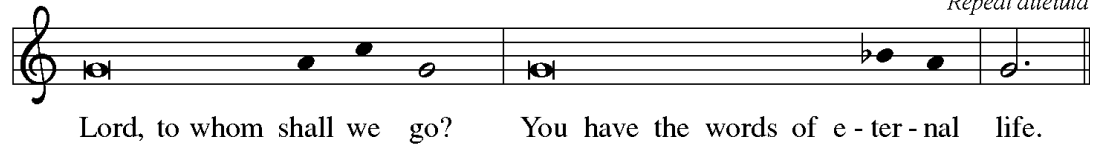
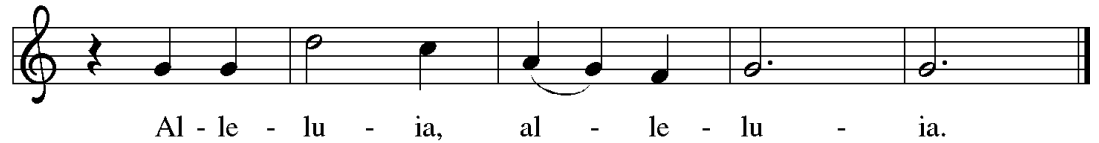
Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel of John is appointed for most of the primary festivals of the liturgical year because of John's high Christology and its centrality in the development of Christian doctrine. John says theologically the narrative of Pentecost: the breath of the risen Christ has enlivened the Christian community with the Spirit of God. This passage from John 20 was appointed also for the second Sunday of Easter.*

*"In Christ Alone" tells the whole story of salvation: Christ's incarnation, death, resurrection, and promised return. With its strong, folk-like melody and clear confession of faith, the*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

**Pastor:** The Gospel according to John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Assembly:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Assembly:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## SERMON

### ANTHEM

*In Christ Alone*

by Adrienne Camp and Geoff Moore

Matthew Andersen, guitar/voice; Kristin Andersen, piano

*Please stand as you are able.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

*hymn invites us to proclaim not only what Christ has done, but where our hope is found. It is especially fitting for Pentecost Sunday, the fiftieth and final day of the Easter season. Pentecost does not move us away from Easter, but brings Easter to its completion: the risen Christ sends the Holy Spirit to empower the church for witness, worship, and mission. As we sing of Christ's victory over sin and death, we also remember that it is the Spirit who gives us faith, strengthens our song, and sends us out to bear witness to the risen Lord.*

*We pray for the greater church.*

*We pray for creation.*

**Assisting Minister:** With the whole church let us profess our faith,  
**Assembly:** **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.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

**Assisting Minister:** 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. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God,  
**Assembly:** **receive our prayer.**

**Assisting Minister:** 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,  
**Assembly:** **receive our prayer.**

*We pray for justice.*

Assisting Minister: 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. Guard those serving in the armed forces as we pause this weekend to remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God,

**Assembly: receive our prayer.**

*We pray for those in need.*

Assisting Minister: 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 sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name, including those we name before you now (*the assembly offers names*). Merciful God,

**Assembly: receive our prayer.**

*We pray for this congregation.*

Assisting Minister: You send your Holy Spirit to guide the church in every season of change. As Holy Cross prepares to welcome Pastor Eric, bless this time of transition with patience, joy, and open hearts. Guide our planning, deepen our hope, and help us prepare faithfully for the ministry we will share together. Be with Pastor Eric in his final days with his current congregation; surround them with gratitude, tenderness, and peace as they give thanks for the ministry they have shared and entrust one another to your care. May every goodbye and every new beginning be held in your grace. Merciful God,

**Assembly: receive our prayer.**

*We remember the saints.*

Assisting Minister: 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,

**Assembly: receive our prayer.**

Pastor: 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.

**Assembly: Amen.**

*The sharing of The Peace is an ancient ritual that puts us right with our neighbors before we offer our gifts to God.*

## THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Assembly:** **And also with you.**

*Please sit.*

## OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*Come, Holy Spirit*  
 Sanctuary Choir

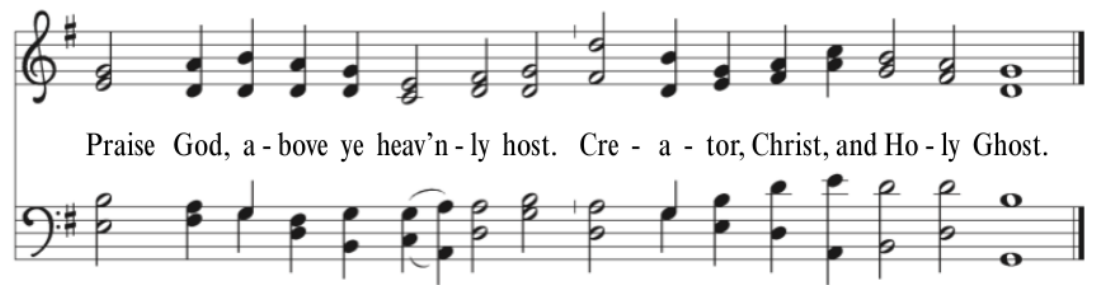
by Wayne Wold

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY



Praise God from Whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low.



Praise God, a - bove ye heav'n - ly host. Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. 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,

**Assembly:** **Amen.**



## WE COME TO GOD'S TABLE



### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Assembly: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

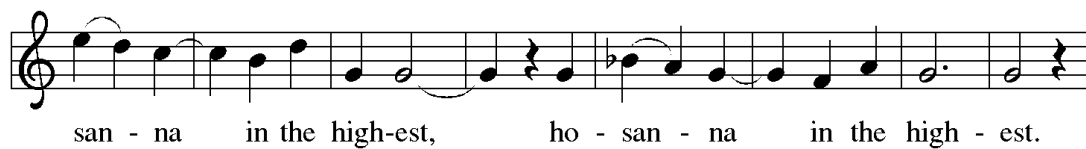
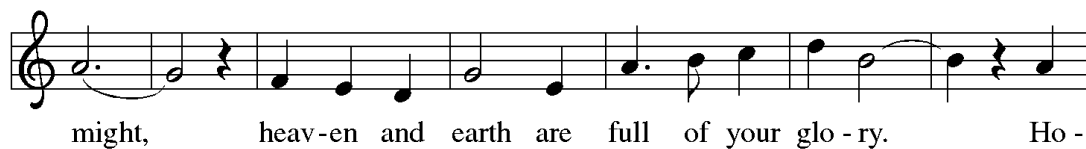
**Assembly: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

Pastor: It is our duty and delight... and join their unending hymn.

### SANCTUS

(Setting 9)



### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

**Assembly:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please sit.*

## DISTRIBUTION

*This is Christ's table of welcome. Jesus invites **all** who are hungry and thirsty for unconditional love and acceptance to come to God's banquet. The ushers will direct you forward at the appropriate time. Communion will be by station. The pastor will be in the center with the bread. All the bread we use here is gluten free. On either side will be someone with a tray of red wine and white grape juice. Empty cups can be placed in the basket on either side of the aisle. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms on your chest.*

## AGNUS DEI

(Setting 9)



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.



“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” takes a different approach to the Holy Spirit. The text of this hymn portrays Spirit as both wind and fire. It is set to a great tune that drives home the intense burning fire of the Spirit.


## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

### Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

*Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema*




*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.

## Veni Sancte Spiritus

### *Holy Spirit, Come to Us*

*Ostinato (repeated continuously)*



Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.      Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.  
Ho - ly Spir - it,    come to us.      Ho - ly Spir - it,    come to us.

Text: Pentecost sequence; Taizé Community

Music: TAIZÉ VENI SANCTE, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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*Please stand as you are able.*

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**Pastor:**                    May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Assembly:**                **Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Assisting Minister:**    Let us pray. 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,

**Assembly:**                **Amen.**





## WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE



### 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!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

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**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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.

**Assembly: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Assembly: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*As part of our continuous efforts to make worship more  
inclusive and sensory friendly, we ask that you refrain  
from applauding during worship and after the postlude.*

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## **THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS**

**Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783;  
scientists**

**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.

**John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564**

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026**

Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.

**Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637**

**Friday, May 29, 2026**

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

## FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

*[Frederick A. Niedner, Jr., in Homilies for the Christian People, 283-286.]*

The Christian story of Pentecost is a story of wind and fire, our images for talking about God as spirit. Fire we can usually contain and put into our service, but fire can be an overzealous or unwelcome servant which consumes much more than we wish. No wonder that one of the oldest names for God in the Hebrew Scriptures translates to English as Consuming Fire. This Consuming Fire of the Spirit of God blew rushing and mightily upon the disciples and drove them out of Jerusalem, scattering them like seeds all over the earth, filling them with words which changed many lives but which eventually, if we can believe all the legends, got almost every last one of them killed. We often pray in words like those of J.S. Bach's Pentecost cantata, "O eternal fire, kindle, ignite our hearts. Let the heavenly flames flare up and penetrate them, for we wish to be thy temple." Do we who dwell in tents dare pray for wind and fire? . . . The Spirit will hold us, and with sighs too deep for words she will breathe us back to life. The Spirit is ready, too, one day, when the tents which we are become burnt and ashes, to hold us in peace forever. Come, O eternal fire!

—*Frederick A. Niedner, Jr.*

*St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Charleston, South Carolina, is home to some biblical stained-glass windows. One is dedicated to the Pentecost story. Note that above the disciples are the flames of the Spirit, and at the top is a depiction of the church as a ship in which through baptism we sail together toward God.*



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