



**First Lutheran Church**

**May 24, 2026**

**Day of Pentecost**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*CWM RHONDDA*

*Wayne L. Wold*

*Processional and Trumpet Tune on CWM RHONDDA  
God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

## **SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**

*The assembly stands.*

### **INTRODUCTION**

AM: 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.

### **GATHERING**

PM: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

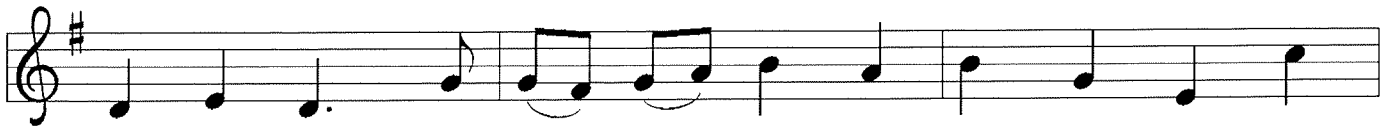
**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

PM: On this day, the Holy Spirit brings together people of all times and places.

**C: Send your Spirit, Lord, to renew the face of the earth.**

PM: We gather in joy for the breath of life,  
and in gratitude for those who served, sacrificed,  
and now rest in your peace.

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



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!

**GREETING**

PM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

**C: And also with you.**

PM: The word is near you,

**C: on your lips and in your heart.**

PM: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,  
C: **and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,  
you will be saved.**

PM: Faith comes from what is heard,  
C: **and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. (Romans 10)**

### SCRIPTURE SONG

Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to  
Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

*The cantor will sing the verses.*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: 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.

C: **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

#### 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.*

R: A reading from Acts, the second chapter.

<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.' "

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us re-joice and be glad in it.

*The Cantor will sing the verses.*

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. **Refrain**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup> I give thanks to you, for you have answered me

and you have become my salvation. **Refrain**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. **Refrain**

**SECOND READING**

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3-13

*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.*

R: A reading from First Corinthians, the chapter twelve.

<sup>3</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.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Word of life, Je-sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je-sus Christ, all praise to you.!

*The cantor sings the verse.*



*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*

PM: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

PM: Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith.

**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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION**

*BRIDEGROOM*

*Robert A. Hobby*

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

*Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
like the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*The assembly stands.*

## OFFERTORY SONG



Glo-ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Gracious God,  
breath of life and movement of all creation,  
we bring these gifts today as signs of our faith  
and our hope in your Spirit's work among us.  
As you did on Pentecost, pour out your Spirit anew,  
leading us to speak words of welcome and love across every boundary.  
May these offerings support ministries that cross divides  
and embody the hospitality of Christ.  
Open our eyes to see your deeds of power  
and to follow where your Spirit sends. In Christ's name we pray.

C: Amen.

*The assembly kneels.*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

PM: 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.*

AM: 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.

*Each petition concludes:*

PM: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

PM: 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.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

PM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**





1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand  
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,  
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;



leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 in this free land by you our lot is cast;  
 make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:  
 oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
 fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace



our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.  
 your word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.  
 your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

**DISMISSAL**

AM: Go in peace.

PM: Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

**POSTLUDE**

*VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS*

*Flor Peeters*

*Ten Chorale Preludes, Opus 75*

*VI. Allegro maestoso*

*Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

# Events in Review



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

We will be honoring our graduating seniors on June 14th.



If you know of anyone we should include, please contact Diane Greene.

<u>Sunday</u>		May 24
10:00 AM	Pentecost—wear <b>RED</b>	
<u>Monday</u>		May 25
	<b>Memorial Day</b>	
10:00 AM	NO Bible Study at Willows	
<u>Tuesday</u>		May 26
<u>Wednesday</u>		May 27
<u>Thursday</u>		May 28
1:00 PM	West Ohio Food Bank	
<u>Friday</u>		May 29
<u>Saturday</u>		May 30



Today we wear red to represent the spiritual fire, zeal and power of the holy spirit.

<u>Sunday</u>		May 31
	Service @! Trinity United Church of Christ	
<u>Monday</u>		June 1
10:00AM	No Bible Study at Willows	
<u>Tuesday</u>		June 2
<u>Wednesday</u>		June 3
9:00 AM	Life Screening	
6:00PM	Worship & Music Mtg	
<u>Thursday</u>		June 4
<u>Friday</u>		June 5
<u>Saturday</u>		June 6



Sunday School has completed for the summer. Thank you to Diane Greene for your dedication to this teaching.



Sharing Kitchen  
June 8th & 11th  
Sign up sheet  
located on Information Board



LAWN MOWER OF THE WEEK  
May 28—Steve Livoti

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## Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”

“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,  
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”

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