



**A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ON THIS DAY OF PENTECOST  
MAY 24, 2026**

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## DAY OF PENTECOST

10:00 A.M.

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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.*

**PRELUDE**                      "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"                      arr. Organ                      **Jean Pontious**

*You may remain seated or stand.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

**C** **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.

**C** **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.

**C** **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.

C 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.

C Amen.

## GATHERING HYMN

### “Gracious Spirit”

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.

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*

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

## GREETING

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

C And is also with you.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



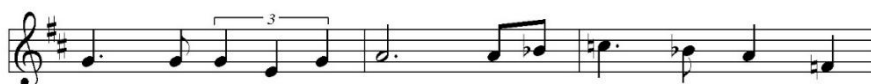
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

II



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### PEACE

P The peace of Christ is with you always.

C **And is also with you.**

*Please take a moment to share the peace*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together the prayer of the day.

C **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.**

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## WE HEAR THE WORD

*The pericopes readings for this week are: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23*

### READING: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 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 devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: '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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's

great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104

“Breathe on Me Breath of God”

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I

5  
life a - new, That I may love what Thou dost  
whol - ly Thine, Un - til this earth - ly part of  
nev - er die, But live with Thee the per - fect

10  
love, And do what Thou wouldst do.  
me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.  
life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system covers measures 1-4, the second system covers measures 5-8, and the third system covers measures 9-12. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*You may remain seated or stand.*

### VERSE



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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

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

*After the reading:*

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**  
**Pastor Joel Richter**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Send the Fire”**

**Johnson**

**Advent Choir**

*Offering is taken and the offering plates will be passed. You may put your donation in one of the pew envelopes and put in the offering plates, or use the “Online Donator” card, found in the pew rack. You can also support Advent’s Ministries by using this QR code:*



*You may remain seated or stand*

**C** Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## APOSTLES' CREED

A Christians, what do we believe?

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

**A** 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*

**A** O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel, including our Bishop Suzanne and national Bishop Curry, to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God,  
**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** 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,  
**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. We lift up especially Ukraine, Israel, Iran, Gaza, Sudan, Tanzania, China, North Korea, the United States, and Russia - 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,  
**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** 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 family members, friends,

co-workers, casual acquaintances and those we know only by name, either out loud, or silently in our hearts (**pause**). Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A 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,

**C receive our prayer.**

A 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,

**C receive our prayer.**

A 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.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, on this day, as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

A 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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



**☩ 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**

***This communion bread is free from: Gluten, Dairy, Nuts, Egg and Yeast.***

*Grape juice is available by request at the chancel rail.*

*Please place your empty communion cup in the baskets  
provided on the first row of chairs.*

***If you would like to receive communion at your seat,  
please let an usher know.***

## **POST COMMUNION**

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

**C** **Amen**

## PRAYER

- A 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,
- C Amen.

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

## BENEDICTION

- 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.
- C Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

### “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

*Refrain*

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
 2 All a - round me looked so fine,  
 3 Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

*Refrain*

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
 asked . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
 chills the bod - y but not the soul.

**DISMISSAL**

- A Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others, and Make Disciples.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

<b>Sun May 17, 2026</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	<b>ANNIE WELCH</b>
<b>ORGANIST</b>	<b>JEAN PONTIOUS</b>
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	<b>SUSAN COCKERILL</b>
<b>PASTOR</b>	<b>THE REV. JOEL RICHTER</b>



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in celebration of Caroline's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, from her grandmother, Jean Pontious.

Please check the 2026 Altar Flower Chart located above the usher stand to order flowers in honor of someone special or celebrating special occasions. Price is \$25.00 per vase.

### **This Week at Advent**

<b>Mon May 25</b>	Memorial Day – Office Closed	
<b>Tue May 26</b>	Building Use – Singing Buckeyes	6:00pm
<b>Wed May 27</b>	Worship at The Estates	2:00pm
<b>Thur May 28</b>	Bell Choir rehearsal	6:40pm
	Advent Choir rehearsal	7:30pm

### **Looking Ahead:**

Sun June 7	Pastor Joel Richter's Installation	10:00am
June 22-26	Advent's Vacation Bible School	9:00am – 11:30am
June 28	Jean Pontious' retirement celebration	11:00am

## **Commemorations This Week:**

Sun May 24, 2026: **Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists**

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.

Wed May 27, 2026: **John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564**

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.

Fri May 29, 2026: **Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637**

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.

## **“Red Paraments”**

**by Melissa Richeson-O’Neil, Artist, October 2006**

The designs of the red paraments and stole for Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church reflect the variety of liturgical celebrations for which they will be used. Their color scheme reinforces this variety. The overall background color of bright red is the liturgical color for Pentecost, Reformation, and days celebrating the martyred saints. The deeper, dark red highlights call to mind the celebrations of Holy Week, including Palm Sunday. These two reds interweave throughout the parament designs, just as our celebrations come together as vital parts of the overall church calendar year.

The shapes of the pieces are unusual as each display one wavy, or undulating, side edge. These waves, three in number on the altar piece to represent the Trinity, are the waters of our baptism, marking us as children of God as they continually nurture us. The breaks between the waves remind us of the differences that led to the Reformation. The running waters mingle with flames of fire in the parament designs, just as believers were baptized with the Holy Spirit in the flames at Pentecost. The Spirit is personified here as a dove, appearing from within the flames. Proclaiming the power of our Triune God, a gold pointed cross is shadowed by a white cross, creating a star-shaped nimbus behind the dove.

The Altar parament and the stole includes palm leaves, reminding us that all the red days of the church year are holy celebrations – in each of them, our brokenness is made whole as we gather in Christ’s love.