

MAY 17, 2026 | 9am Traditions | Pastor Chris Kneen

# Easter

## IN OUR BODIES: WOUNDS

*Join us for a thoughtful, embodied  
journey through Eastertide.*



**We are a Christian community of faith, seeking to provide nourishment for the hungers of life. We welcome all people, inclusive of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability, and circumstances of life.  
Welcome to White Bear Lake United Methodist Church!**

**PRELUDE** "Fantasy in C Minor" by J.S. Bach

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** "The Heavens are Telling," from *The Creation*, by Joseph Haydn

**OPENING WORDS**

Creator God, as this spring morning opens around us with new light and fresh air, we give thanks for the gift of this day.  
**Awaken in us hope, kindness, and renewed purpose.**

May our words be gracious, our work be meaningful, and our fellowship be filled with peace and joy.  
**Bless this gathering and each person present, that together we may reflect Your love in the world. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN** "O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go" | No. 480

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *Children stay in service with their families; nursery available birth through age 3.*

**ANTHEM** "Come Find His Rest" by Erik Dewar, arr. Dan Forrest

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** *Kathy Agerbeck, Scott Christensen, Patty Sample, Cheryl Starr*  
See screens for congregational response.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING** "Adagio" by Josef Rheinberger  
*Text to Give: WBLUMC to 73256*

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 34:17-18 | Reader: Sheila Bennett

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**COMMUNION** For those who desire gluten free bread and/or individual servings of juice,  
go to the eucharist station on the communion table.

**COMMUNION MUSIC** "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" | No. 614

**CLOSING HYMN** "Abide With Me" | No. 700, v. 1, 2, 4

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Fugue in C Minor" by J.S. Bach

*\*Hearing assist devices are available for your convenience at the sound booth located at the back of the sanctuary.\**

*\*See an usher for a large print hymnal.\**

Summer Worship Begins | **MAY 24 @ 10AM**

# Pentecost

## 2026

**WEAR RED** to celebrate the Holy Spirit



**Sunday, May 17 | 9am Traditions  
HAPPENINGS AT WBLUMC**

**Welcome New Visitors:** First-time visitors are invited to stop by the Welcome Table in the narthex for a gift of freshly baked bread. If the basket is empty, ask a pastor and they'll be happy to assist.

**Summer Worship & Pentecost Sunday:** Our summer worship schedule begins on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, with one blended service at 10am! As a symbol of the flame of the Holy Spirit, we invite you to wear something red during worship!

**Summer Sermon Series, Soul Friends begins May 31:** We never really walk alone, "Soul Friends" accompany us on our spiritual journey. Explore the path with us on Sundays, May 31 – July 12!

**Save the Dates:** Music on the Lawn returns on Sundays at 4pm on June 14, July 19, Aug. 16 and Sept. 13. More details to follow!

**FINAL World-View Workshop (Today):** 4:00–5:15pm, Room 200  
In this final session, we'll compare the **Theological** and **Integral** world-views and consider how each helps us understand today's reality.

- Quick review of the first three world-views
- A closer look at the Integral world-view
- Discussion: choosing a world-view that best reflects our current experience

You're welcome to join even if you haven't attended earlier sessions.

**Women's Golf Group 2026:** This week on **Wed. May 20**, we will play at Island Lake Golf Course in Shoreview. If you are interested in playing or would like more information, please contact Marcia Lantto at [malantto@hotmail.com](mailto:malantto@hotmail.com), alternate contact is Carol Effertz 651-429-6023. We hope to see you on the course!

**BeFrienders Ministry** is sponsoring a nature walk at Tamarack Nature Center on **Mon., May 18th at 2:00pm**. We will have a guided walk with a retired Methodist pastor. All are welcome. For questions, contact Barb Hinz at [barbhinzwbl@yahoo.com](mailto:barbhinzwbl@yahoo.com) or 651-777-0465.

**May Book Club:** The title for May, our last for this reading year, is "The Women of Arlington Hall" by Jane Healey. We'll meet on **Mon., May 18, 7-8:15pm**, with your choice of in-person in room 200 or via Zoom. Please email Rick Flynn [rmflynn1@comcast.net](mailto:rmflynn1@comcast.net) for the Zoom link. Everyone is welcome!

**Coffee for Widows/ers:** We invite all widows and widowers to join us for a warm and friendly coffee gathering on **Thurs., May 21 at 9:30am** in the library. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Karen Fairchild at 651-426-4725. We look forward to connecting with you! All are welcome!

**Baking with a Purpose (BWAP):** In partnership with Missions, will be baking to raise money for Bridging where the homeless build a home. On **Sun., May 31**, we will have Honey Oatmeal (great for sandwiches), Craisin Walnut, and a Pain Au Levain Sourdough for sale in Fellowship Hall between services. Thank you to all who have made this year's BWAP successful, we will return in the fall!

**Church Communication Safety Reminder:** Please be aware that pastors and church staff will never email, text, or call asking for money, gift cards, or copies of the church directory. While the "from" name in an email may appear to match a pastor or staff member, the actual email address is often different and may be fraudulent. Please use caution and do not respond to suspicious messages. If you ever have questions about the legitimacy of any communication, contact the church office directly before taking any action. Thank you for helping to keep our church community safe.

**Committee Meetings:** Below are this week's meeting dates for the church committees with elected members, in addition to the volunteer Worship Committee.

**Thurs., May 21:** Church Council Mtg., 6:30pm, rm. 200

**Church Calendar:** Stay up to date on elected and volunteer committee meetings, events, classes and more at <https://wblumc.org/viewcalendar>.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Chancel Choir; Doug Nelson, piano;  
Godfrey Holzbach, sound technician;  
Tammey Busch, PowerPoint

### WHITE ROSE ON ALTAR

The white rose placed on the altar is in loving memory of long-time church member, Joan Hoffman who passed away on Sun., May 3. Her funeral will be held on Tues., May 26 at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary.