

*Connected by the love of Jesus, we at First Lutheran Church welcome people of all ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, abilities; of any socio-economic status, citizenship status, or political affiliation. Committed to inclusivity, racial equity, anti-racism and justice, we are centered in the love of God through Jesus and gather as beloved in Christ.*

*We affirm that in Christ, "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

*Every time I feel the Spirit, an African American spiritual in a setting by Adolphus Cunningham Hailstork III (b. 1941)*

### WELCOME

*The assembly stands.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

After fifty days of Easter rejoicing, the church cries out:

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

All those living in resurrection light sing with joy:

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

All those burdened under the weight of fear and grief plead:

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

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

Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending the gift of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise your name in joy and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Wie schön leuchtet by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

*This text is a beautiful New Testament paraphrase of Isaiah 11:2, which is used at baptisms and confirmations.*



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your  
 2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the  
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,  
 nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -  
 doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength  
 fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -  
 ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is  
 ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some  
 true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.  
 to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.  
 pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Michael Schirmer (1606-1673)  
 translated into English by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *This is the feast of victory*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Especially appropriate to the Sundays of Easter, this hymn of praise is drawn from the hymns in the book of Revelation and joins Passover and Easter with a glimpse of the glorious kingdom.*



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



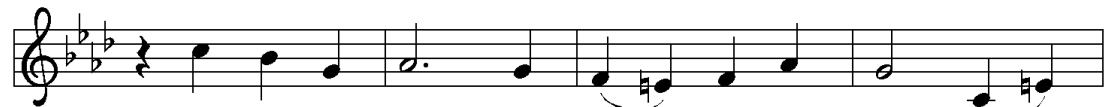
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**And also with you.**

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.**

*The assembly is seated. Children are invited to the crossing.*

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*Children may leave for the Children's Chapel afterward.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

*For the Jewish people, Pentecost is a thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular day of Pentecost, however, Christians believe that the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.*

**W**HEN 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 Jewish-born 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, "You Judeans 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 children shall prophesy,  
and your youth shall see visions,  
and your elders shall dream dreams.  
Even upon all of my slaves, 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.'"

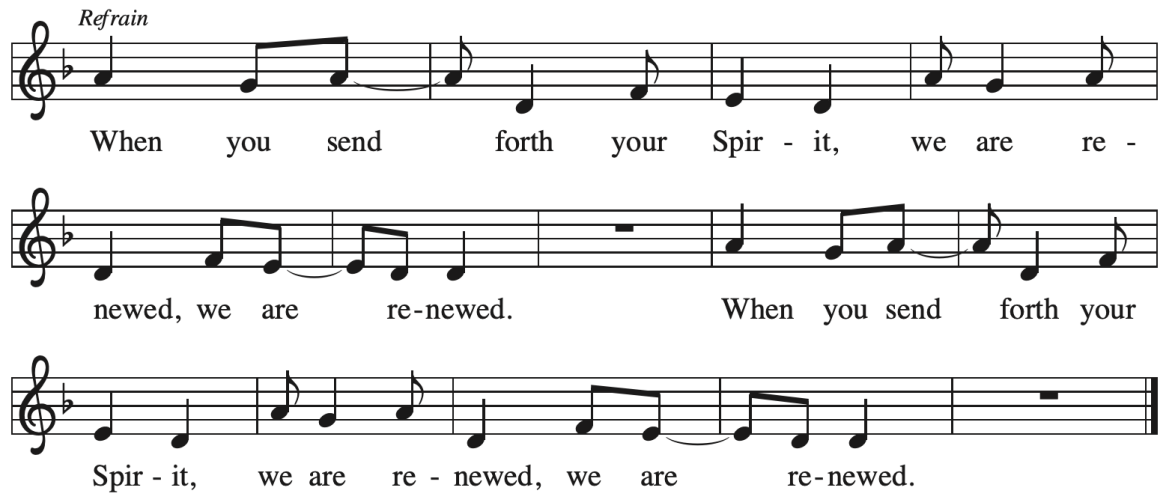
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

*The cantor sings the refrain, which is repeated by the assembly.*

*Refrain*



When you send forth your Spir - it, we are re -  
newed, we are re-newed. When you send forth your  
Spir - it, we are re - newed, we are re-newed.

*Composer Ray Makeever wrote this paraphrase of Psalm 104 for Pentecost worship at the ecumenical Community of St. Martin in 1987. He was influenced by the strong rhythmic singing style of the South African freedom songs, and we hear that in the syncopated melody of this song.*

*The cantors sing the verses;  
the assembly sings the refrain as indicated.*

Manifold your works, O God of might:  
maker of the earth, the air, the light.  
Waters great and wide and all therein,  
creatures that abide, let life begin. **Refrain**

When we look to you to give us food,  
you open your hand, fill us with good.  
When you hide your face, we are dismayed;  
when you take away our breath, we fade. **Refrain**

May the glory of our God endure.  
May our God be glad, be strong, be sure.  
Unto you, O God, our praise we give:  
we will sing your glory while we live. **Refrain**

Now may evil cease upon the earth;  
wickedness no more shall be of worth,  
Pleasing God shall be our only goal.  
Alleluia! Blest be God, my soul. **Refrain**

## SECOND READING: I Corinthians 12:3b-13

*Around 54 CE St. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth correcting some of their behaviors and calling them to unity in Christ. It seems that the Corinthians had introduced a status system in which some ministries were more valued than others. Paul described an ideal community in which all persons valued each other as manifestations of God's Spirit for the common good.*

**N**O one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 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. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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. 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The acclamation is sung by all.*

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains two measures of music, each with a double bar line. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the notes. The second staff also begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains two measures of music. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5. The lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes.

*The cantors intone the tract.*

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

*The assembly repeats the acclamation a final time.*

*The gospel is proclaimed in the center of the assembly, symbolizing Christ's incarnation — the Word of God coming into the midst of the people.*

*Traditionally, the Great Doors are opened so that the gospel may be proclaimed to the world.*

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

The holy gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In the Gospel of John, Jesus appears to the disciples on the day of his resurrection to enact his living power through his gift of the Holy Spirit. Thus St. John offers theologically what St. Luke presented narratively. For John, the resurrection is the empowering of the church by the Spirit. John's language of divine breath recalls God's breathing on the first creation.*

**W**HEN 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 Judeans, 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."

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Thaxted* by Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

*This hymn sings praise to the Holy Spirit, which enables prayer and discernment. In this context it is particularly fitting for its ability to express reverence with humility, honesty, and clarity. Whenever God's people need passion, inspiration, and a ceaseless wind and undying flame to urge them forward, this hymn can prepare them for prayer and attentiveness to the Spirit's movement.*



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.

Delores Dufner, OSB (b. 1939)

## CREED

*The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 CE and confirmed in 381 CE, the Nicene Creed reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the deity of God, the person of Jesus, and the role of the Holy Spirit.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the power of the Spirit who aids us in our weakness and teaches us to pray, let us offer to God our intercessions, thanksgivings, and the deep yearnings of our hearts.

*The assembly remains standing for prayer.*

*After each petition:*

O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit,  
**breathe in us as we pray.**

*After the final petition:*

Good and gracious God, send forth your Spirit into our hearts.  
Wipe away the fear between churches, nations, and families.  
Tear down the walls that divide us, and make us one  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

*The assembly is seated while the table is prepared.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS



*Free-will gifts are gratefully received to benefit the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. For your convenience, you may text the amount you wish to give to 844-927-1044. Alternatively, electronic giving is also available by scanning the QR code. Cash or checks may be placed in an offering plate located at each entrance.*

*The assembly stands as the gifts are presented.*

*The peace is the link between the proclamation of the Word and the sharing of the Lord's Supper. Our unity and mutual forgiveness come from Christ whose Word has first been proclaimed and whose meal we now prepare to share. We wish the peace of the Lord for each other.*

## OFFERTORY CANTICLE

by Richard W. Hillert (1923-2010)

*The canticle is sung by all.*



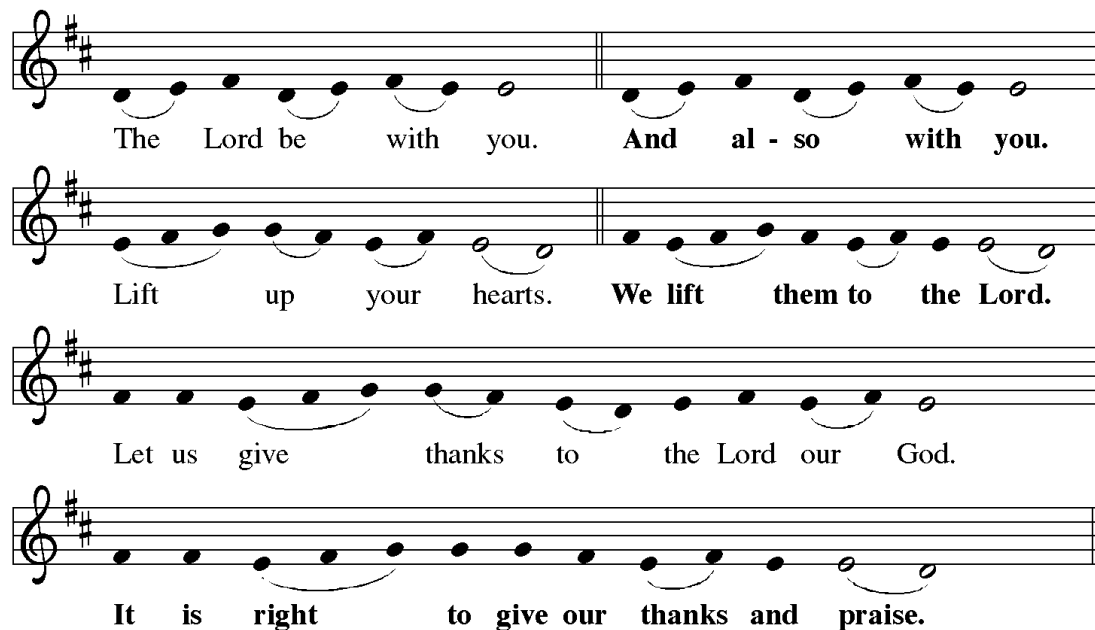
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.  
Day by day you shower us with blessings.  
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,  
give us glad and generous hearts,  
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

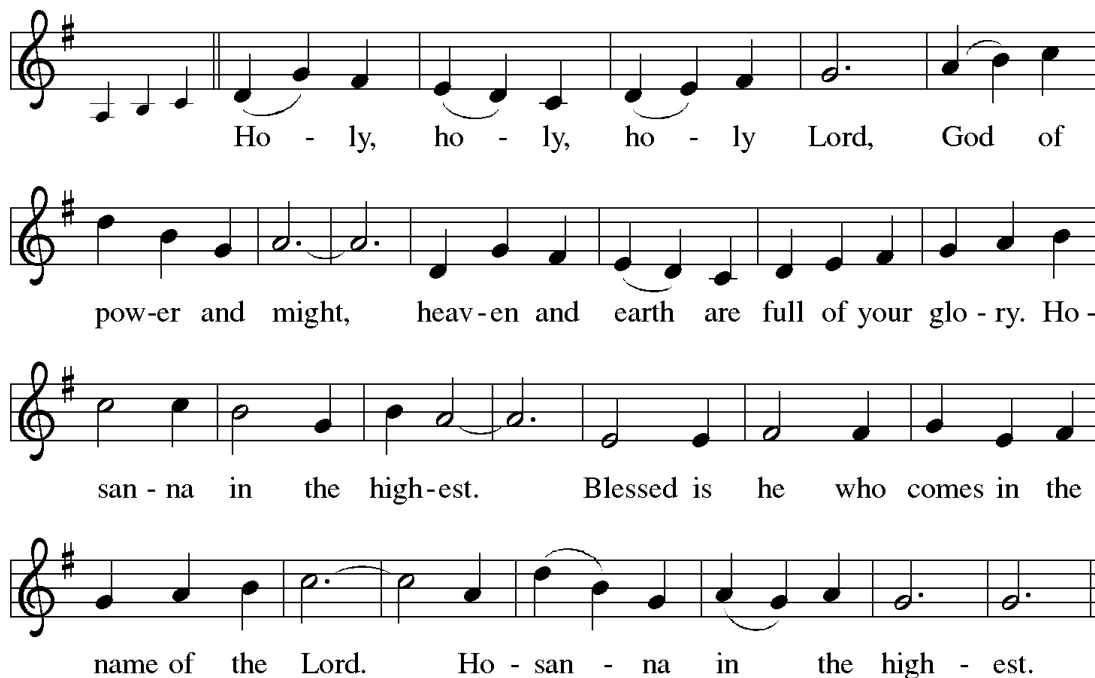
*The sacrament of Holy Communion is also known as the Eucharist, from the Greek word for "thanksgiving." Jesus repeatedly gave thanks when he took the bread and wine and gave it to his disciples.*



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.

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.  
Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,  
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,  
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.  
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:

*The text of the Sanctus is based on Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9. This is the highest part of the entire liturgy. As we join our voices with others around the world and with the choirs of angels, heaven and earth become one.*



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. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
You rescued your covenant people,  
led them on all their journeys,  
and taught them by the prophets.  
You so loved the world  
that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but may have eternal life.

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.

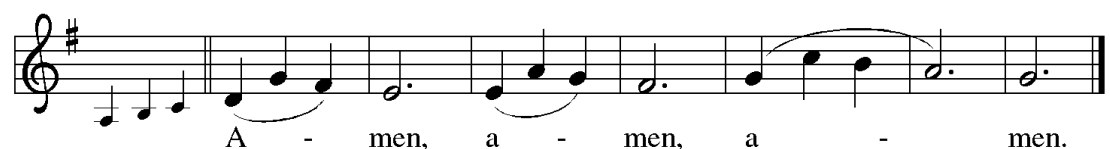
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Our hearts burn within us as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,  
send upon us and upon this meal your Holy Spirit,  
whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love.  
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.  
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,  
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.  
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



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

*The Lord's Prayer  
is based on  
Matthew 6:9-13  
and Luke 11:2-4.*



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

*The presiding minister invites the assembly to the table, saying:*  
Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
**And kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

*Those joining us via livestream may now consume the bread and wine.*

*The assembly is seated.*



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



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



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



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

*Holy Communion is freely offered to all who are hungry and long for the living presence of our Savior, Jesus Christ. If you do not want to receive communion, you may still come forward for a blessing, if you desire.*

*At the invitation of the ushers, please proceed to the altar.*

*Trays of cups are available as you approach the communion rail.*

*For grape juice, please select a stainless steel cup;*

*for wine, a clear glass.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available.*

*If it is more convenient to receive the sacrament from your seat, please let an usher know and a communion minister will gladly bring it to you.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Vårvindar Friska*, a Swedish folk tune  
in an arrangement by John Helgen

*This beautiful  
hymn sets words  
translated from  
an Argentinean  
prayer to a  
melody of Nordic  
origin.*

Soplo de Dios viviente  
que en el principio cubriste el agua,  
Soplo de Dios viviente  
que fecundaste al creación:  
Ven hoy a nuestras almas,  
infundenos tus dones;  
Soplo de Dios viviente,  
oh Santo Espíritu del Señor.

O living Breath of God,  
wind at the beginning upon the waters;  
O living Breath of God,  
bearing the creation to wondrous birth:  
Come now, and fill our spirits;  
pour out your gifts abundant.  
O living Breath of God,  
Holy Spirit breathe in us as we pray.

O living Breath of God,  
by whose power the son came to birth among us;  
O living Breath of God,  
who to the creation gives life anew.  
Come now, and fill our spirits;  
pour out your gifts abundant.  
O living Breath of God,  
Holy Spirit breathe in us as we pray.

O living Breath of God,  
bearing us to life through baptismal waters;  
O living Breath of God,  
sighing with creation for freedom's birth:  
Come now, and fill our spirits;  
pour out your gifts abundant.  
O living Breath of God,  
Holy Spirit breathe in us as we pray.

Oswaldo Catena (1920-1986)  
translated from Spanish by Gerhard M. Cartford (1923-2016)

COMMUNION HYMN

*Wairua tapu* by Lim Swee Hong (b. 1963)

*Reversing the usual order, this hymn began with the music rather than the words. The composer (from Singapore) sent this tune to the author (in New Zealand) to see what text it might inspire from her. She also suggested the tune name, a Maori phrase meaning "Holy Spirit."*



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the  
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,  
 gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



as the heart made strange - ly warm, as the voice with - in the  
 as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
 string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has  
 mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring - ing life, bring - ing pow'r to the world,  
 true, bring - ing gifts, bring - ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -  
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

*After all who desire to commune have returned to their places,  
the assembly stands at the invitation of the presiding minister.*

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

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of abundance,  
with this bread of life and cup of salvation  
you have united us with Christ,  
making us one with all your people.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **BLESSING**

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out  
upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with blessing, that you may abound  
more and more in that Spirit forever.

**Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads  
of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the  
pure light of God's presence.

**Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim  
Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to Christ in  
word and deed.

**Amen.**

And may the blessing of Almighty God: the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

*Cwm Rhondda* by John Hughes (1873-1932)

*Though the Spirit is not specifically mentioned until midway through the second stanza, Pentecost is named at the beginning; the connection is clear at once. In contrast to some of the other hymns in this service, which speak of the gentle images, this text speaks to the powerful ones. The petitions call us to bold and unambiguous action.*

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!

Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. (1923-2007)

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



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Ajeé Church, Pamela Allen Morris, and Nerissa Thompson, *cantors*  
Ellen Hinz Bowlin, *organ*  
Ryan-Michael Blake, *organ & piano*

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Leland Douglas Peterson  
(July 19, 2026 — January 12, 2012)  
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*and in the columbarium  
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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the power of the Spirit who aids us in our weakness and teaches us to pray, let us offer to God our intercessions, thanksgivings, and the deep yearnings of our hearts.

*The assembly remains standing for prayer.*

By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence.

O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit,  
**breathe in us as we pray.**

Strengthen those who serve and protect the garden of this earth. Restore the choir of your creatures and let us sing for joy. Pour out over the earth justice that rolls down like water to nourish the life of the world. Send forth your Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit,  
**breathe in us as we pray.**

Make us, who come from many nations with many languages, a united people that delights in our different gifts. Breathe upon us, so that we may hear one another with language we can understand. Pour out your Spirit upon us now, that even when we disagree on the way forward, we may remain united in Jesus Christ, in whom we are known and accepted with a single love.

O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit,  
**breathe in us as we pray.**

Embolden us to speak truth to those in power and to challenge systems of oppression. Empower us to be courageous disciples and responsible citizens. Grant that our life in the public realm may be grounded in love for our neighbors, advocacy for the most vulnerable in our midst, and respect for the common life we share.

O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit,  
**breathe in us as we pray.**

Bring your healing presence now to all who are grieving, hopeless, sick, or in pain. Grant comfort and peace to all who are in emotional, mental, physical, or spiritual distress. Attend to the needs of all who turn to you in prayer, including [*those named on the prayer list*].

O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit,  
**breathe in us as we pray.**

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We remember our departed loved ones who, though hidden from our sight, now dwell in your nearer presence. Grant that we, with them, may be clothed with glory in the day of your return in majesty.

O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit,  
**breathe in us as we pray.**

Good and gracious God, send forth your Spirit into our hearts. Wipe away the fear between churches, nations, and families. Tear down the walls that divide us, and make us one through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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<b>PRAYER LIST</b> as of 05.21	Ed & Karen Grogan	Jane van Wolzenten	Rosalind
friends of Richard Bridgford	John Grogan	Melissa Zaletski	Shannon
family of Barbara Cordrey	Jim & Valerie Harvey		Stephanie
family of Marvin Schaus	Marion Ingersoll	Alex & Stephanie	Steve
family of Carl Spangler	Marilyn Jersild	Anderson	Steven
family of Beverly Speed	Donna & John Kennard	Baylee	Veronica
	James Kennedy	Billie	Victoria
	Joann Klotz	Brandy and family	
Margaret & Ronald Ackley	Timothy Korchak	Chris	
Nichole Blaisure Bailey	Pauline Kussart	Chris & Megan	
Tess Barlow	(mother of Kat Foster)	(family of The Zaletskis)	
David & Judy Basco	Joe & Shirley Leafe	Christina	
Cooper Bishop	Don & Joanne Lundquist	Claudia	
Angela Blue	Rema McMannus	Daniel	
Maria Sanchez Bratko	Kelley Minschke	David	
Don Buckley	Lorna Moss	David & Jenny	
Matthew Castle	Steven Napier	Ellen	
Barbara Cordrey	Bill & Diane Newlon	Ellis	
Steve Delaney	Bill Oehlkers	Frank	
Chris Dial	(family of Ellen Bowlin)	Gretchen	
Gabe Dulong	The Oleson Family	Hannah	
Rose Easter & family	John S. Perry	Jabari	
William Forts	Beverly Rhodes	Julie	
Steve Fox	Wilma Robinson	Karen	
Jeff Fraley & Craig Nichol	Inga & Nathaniel Schaus	Katrina	
Gabe Gottesmann	Gail Simos	Kenny	
Nikki Gottesmann	Laura & Peter Siwik	Landon	
& Caroline Kiernan	Norma Venavage	Max	
Margo Griffin	Randall Wiele	Pedro	
(mother of Steve Griffin)	Dallas Williams	Robert	



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Submissions are due by 12:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to publication.*

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

**Sunday, June 7 | 10:00 a.m.**

We would like to celebrate and recognize this important milestone. If you have a high school or college graduate in your life, send an email to [office@flcnorfolk.com](mailto:office@flcnorfolk.com) and include:

- their name
- a photo
- the school they are graduating from, and
- their future plans

Submissions must be received by Thursday, May 28.

## YOUTH GAMING LOCK-IN

*One night. Little sleep. Lots of fun.*

**Friday, May 29 | 6:00 p.m.**

FLY's annual Gaming Lock-In is back! Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for an all-night adventure of video games, board games, movies, food, and hanging out with friends — all the way until Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

School-aged friends are also welcome! Bring your favorite games, consoles, controllers, or movies (explicit language or content is not allowed). We'll provide dinner, snacks, drinks, and plenty of fun.

**IMPORTANT:** Sign-up by Wednesday, May 27 so we can plan food and activities: [Gaming Lock-In 2026 Registration](#)



## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Sunday, May 24

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (various locations)  
 10:00 a.m. Worship (Nave)  
 11:30 a.m. *JustFaith* Dialogue  
 (Conference Room)

### Monday, May 25

*Office closed in observance of Memorial Day.*

### Tuesday, May 26

8:30 a.m. Breakfast via NSCP (Strickler Hall)  
 5:30 p.m. Dinner Ministry (Strickler Hall)  
 7:00 p.m. Small Group (Zoom)

### Wednesday, May 27

7:00 a.m. Bible Study @ IHOP  
 12:00 p.m. Lunch Ministry (Strickler Hall)

### Sunday, May 31

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (various locations)  
 10:00 a.m. Worship (Nave)  
 11:30 a.m. *JustFaith* Dialogue  
 (Conference Room)

**PRAYER REQUESTS** can be made by using the prayer request station in the Welcome Center, the prayer wall in Strickler Hall, by speaking to a pastor after this service, and by contacting the office via phone or email. Requests will remain on the list for one month, unless otherwise indicated.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Sundays in 2026 are now available for flower memorials. [Sign-up online](#), use the QR code below, or contact Ryan-Michael Blake. Sponsorship is \$100 for two vases on the gradine of the altar.



### FLOWER DELIVERIES

After worship the altar flowers are distributed to those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, to the sick or homebound, and to guests. Volunteers are needed. Contact Judy Cobb.

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Those willing to serve as acolytes, communion ministers, hospitality ministers (fellowship hosts, greeters, ushers), and readers can [sign-up online](#) or connect with Ryan-Michael Blake for more information and training.



Worship Help

### COMMUNITY SERVICE @ FLC

*all events take place in Strickler Hall*

Mondays	12:00 p.m.	"Help Me Think" NA
	4:30 p.m.	Happy Hour AA
	5:00 p.m.	Happy Hour AA
	7:00 p.m.	SAA
Tuesdays	8:30 a.m.	Breakfast via NSCP
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner
Wednesdays	12:00 p.m.	Lunch
	5:00 p.m.	Just for Today AA
	7:00 p.m.	Acro Yoga 757
Thursdays	6:00 p.m.	Women in Ghent AA
	7:30 p.m.	SAA
Fridays	12:00 p.m.	"Continuing Quest" NA
	8:00 p.m.	Candlelight AA
Saturdays	5:30 p.m.	"Back to Life" NA
Sundays	5:30 p.m.	Mixed Groups

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