Pentecost Sunday

May 25, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship

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We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship, community, and faith.

We acknowledge and celebrate the rich diversity within and around us. As a community rooted in the body of Christ, we commit ourselves to creating a space where people of all races, ages, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions are not only included but deeply valued and seen as essential to our shared journey.

Together, we value human diversity as a divine gift and blessing—a reflection of God's boundless creativity and love. Because of this, we commit ourselves in ministry to fully embracing all people and advancing racial equity in our ministry.

We recognize that we hold a variety of beliefs, perspectives, and lived experiences; and yet we gather in Christ to worship God together. If you have questions, feedback, or needs for assistance, please ask. We seek to grow together in ministry, community and faith, and we are glad that you are here with us today.

~ The People of Como Park Lutheran Church

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR
will immediately follow the service.
Please join us for some coffee and light snacks in the Narthex.

This service will be broadcast live on YouTube
and recorded for later viewing.
www.youtube.com/c/ComoParkLutheranChurch

FLOWERS

have been placed in our sanctuary in celebration of the Day of Pentecost, and:

In memory of Clarence & Marietta Harris from David Harris
In memory of Patrick and other family from the Fischers
In memory of Stan and Ava Garvin, Stan Garvin, Elizabeth Dempsey, James and Bernadine Kmetz from Dan Garvin and Debbie Kmetz
In memory of Loved Ones
In memory of Judith Hazen
In memory of Verna Johnson

ADULT FORUM & UPCOMING EVENTS

(For full list of events, see end of bulletin)

TODAY	Pentecost. Thank you for wearing **red**.
05/25/2026	Memorial Day. Church office closed.
05/29/2026	Funeral: Judith Hazen
05/31/2026	Baptism: Freya Julieann Fischer
06/07/2026	Pastor Marty's Farewell Celebration

Regular - Liturgist
Bold - Congregation
✠ - Stand as able

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" — Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME, GREETING, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

~ Silence is kept for reflection. ~

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✠OPENING HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness **ELW 396**

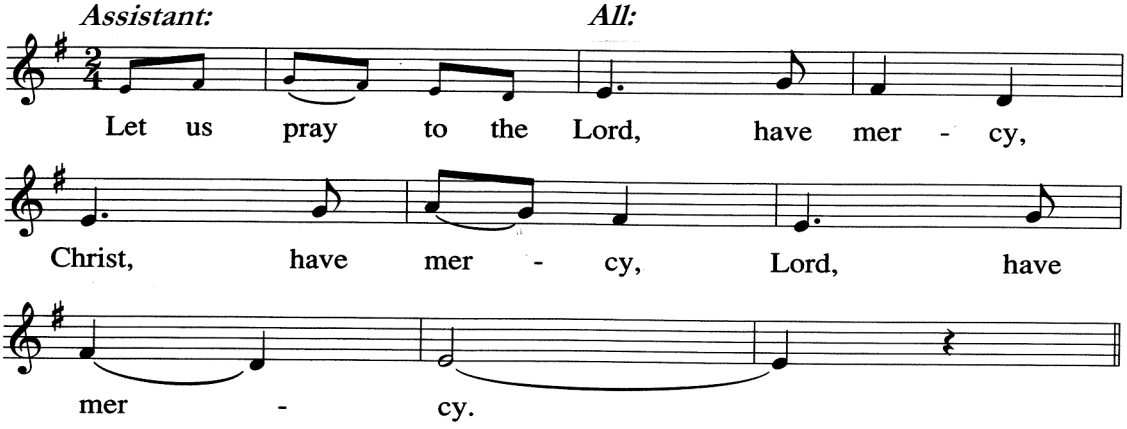
✠THE APOSTOLIC GREETING (2 Corinthians 13:14)

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.

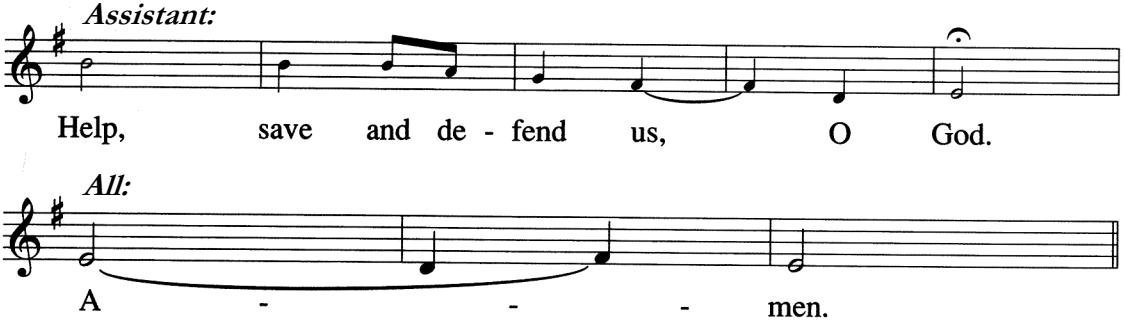
✠KYRIE *ELW 157*

Assistant: In peace, in peace,



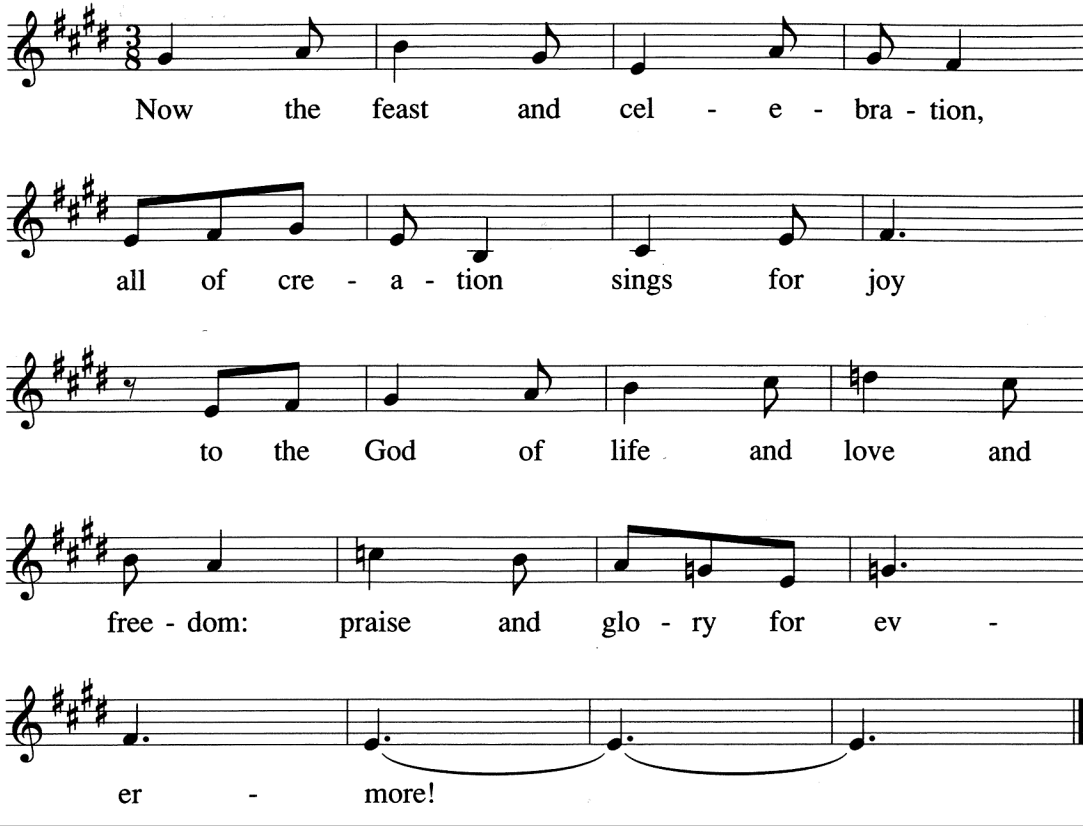
Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all… (Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word… (Refrain)



✠NOW THE FEAST *ELW 167*

Refrain



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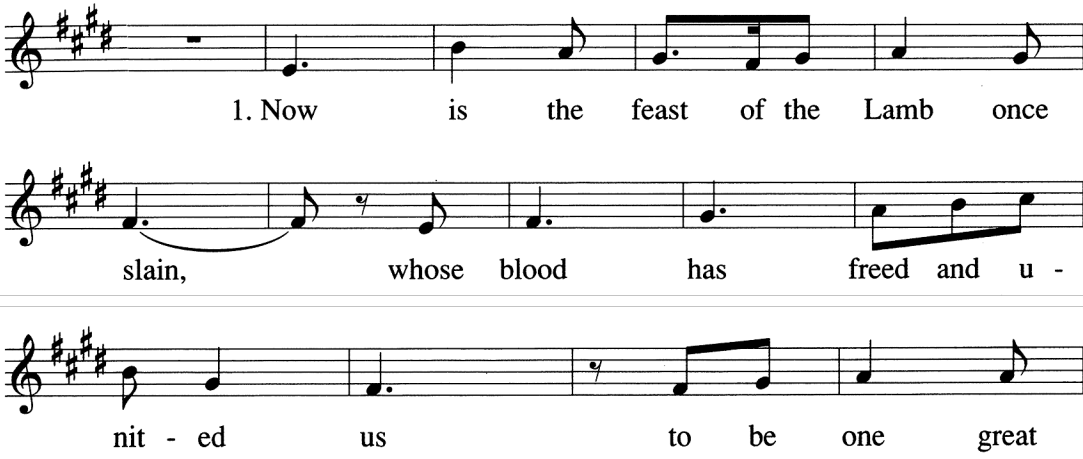
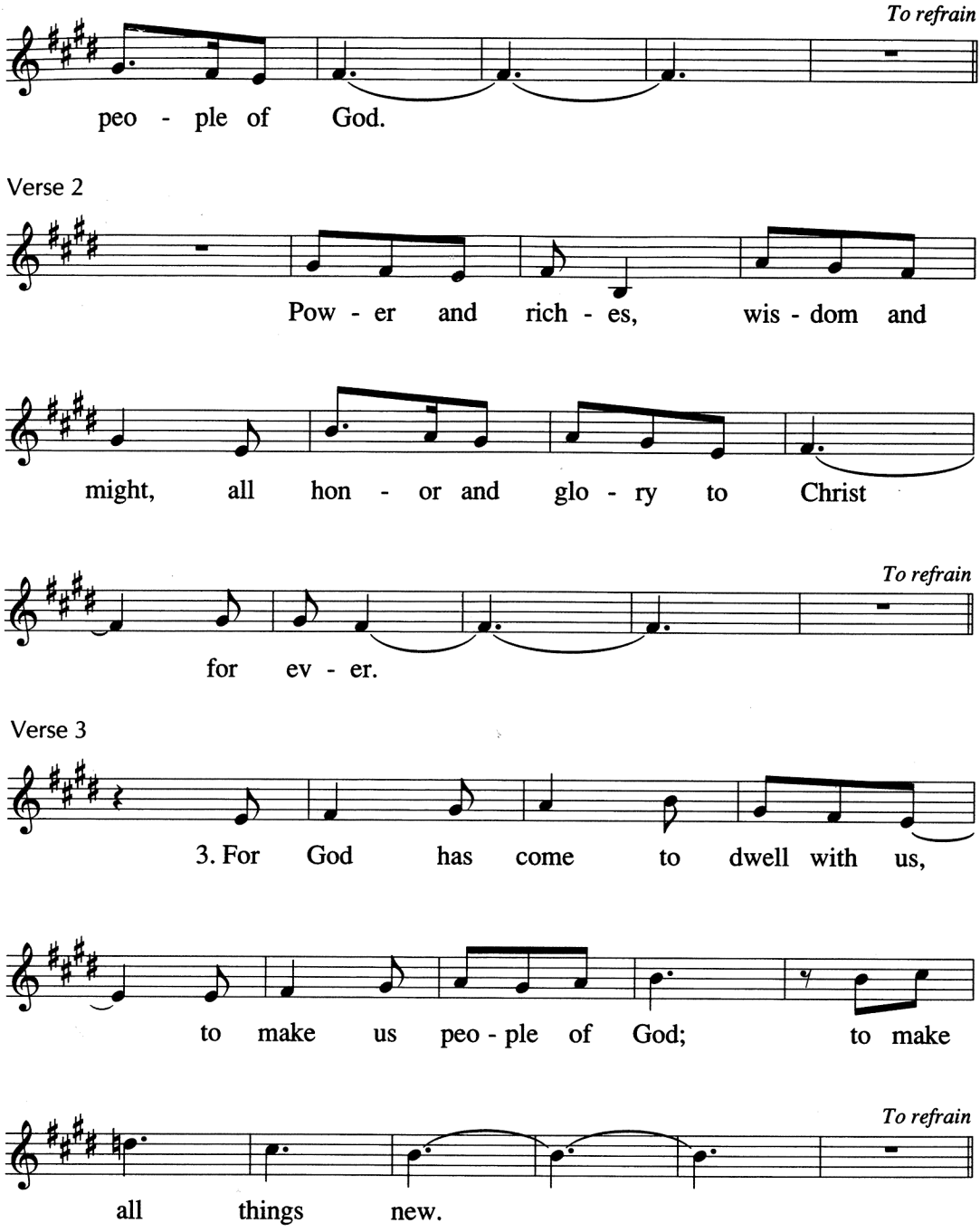



To refrain
peo - ple of God.
Verse 2
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
To refrain
for ev - er.
Verse 3
3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
To refrain
all things new.

✠PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

1When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent
wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues,
as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All
of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other
languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in
Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered,
because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.
7Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking
Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native
language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea
and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the
parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and
proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them
speaking about God's deeds of power." 12All were amazed and perplexed,
saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13But others sneered and

said, "They are filled with new wine."

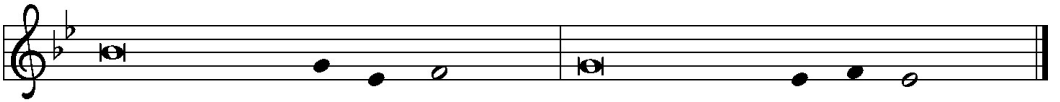
[14]But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,
"Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and
listen to what I say. [15]Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is
only nine o'clock in the morning. [16]No, this is what was spoken through the
prophet Joel:

[17]'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.
[18]Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
[19]And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
[20]The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
[21]Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b



24How manifold are your | works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full | of your creatures.
25Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.
26There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.
27All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season.
28You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.
29When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.
30You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.
31May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.
32You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.
33I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.
34May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.
35Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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

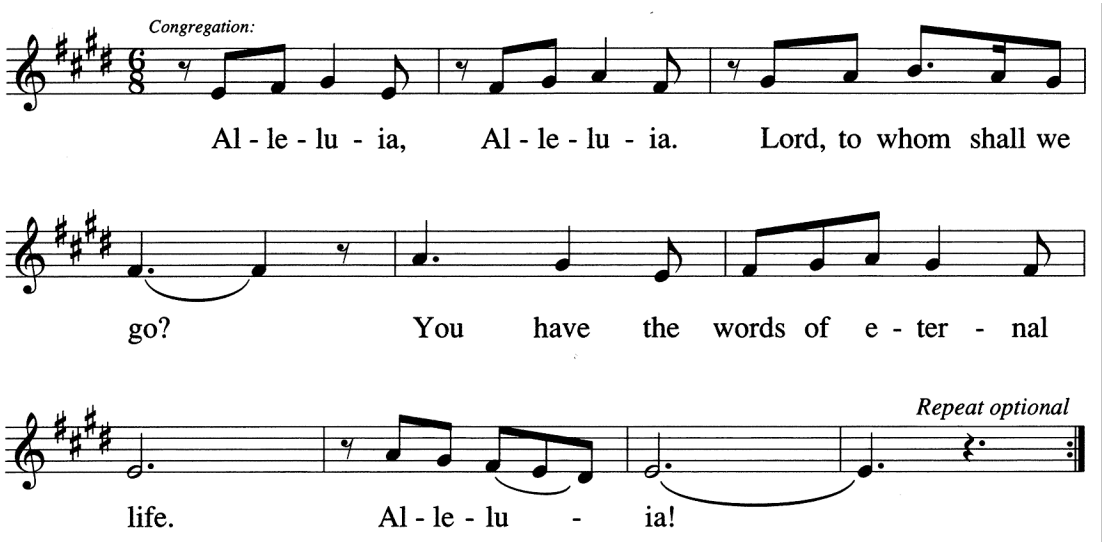
4 Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, 5 and there are varieties
of services but the same Lord, 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the
same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the
manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the
Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge
according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another
gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 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. 11 All these are
activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as
the Spirit chooses.

12 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. 13 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

✠GOSPEL VERSE



✠GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the Twentieth Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

19 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." 20 After he said this, he
showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw
the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent
me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to
them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Joe Fischer

(Jesus Loves Me! ELW 595)

SERMON Pastor Martin Ericson

✠HYMN OF THE DAY

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling **ELW 582**

✠APOSTLES' CREED

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

… Lord, in your mercy,
… hear our prayer.

✠THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(In sharing God's Peace we share with each other our hope for God's blessing by shaking hands, or turning to one another and nodding, or bumping fists and saying "God's peace be with you.")

THE MEAL

OFFERING

Chorale Prelude on "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" Healey Willan

Electronic offerings can be made using smart phones and tablet devices by going to www.ComoParkLutheran.org and clicking on the "donate" button. You may also use the giving kiosk in the narthex located by the staircase.

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray…

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.

✠WORDS OF INSTITUTION (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

In the night in which he was betrayed…
… Do this for the remembrance of me.

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Revelation 11:15)

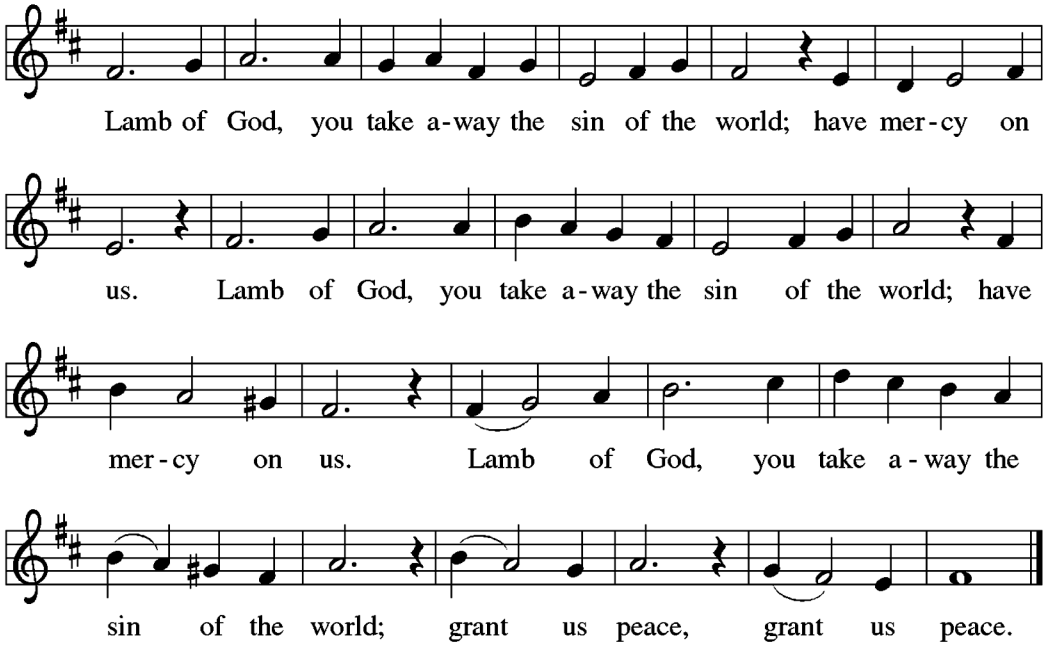
Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

All who believe Christ is truly present in the sacrament are invited to receive communion. At the server, hold out the flat of your palm to receive the wafer. If you desire gluten-free wafers, simply say to the first server "gluten-free." Then, step to the second server and take the wine in the small cup. The cups hold red wine and grape juice. If you are allergic to grapes, you are free to receive only the bread, knowing that Christ is fully present within each element. Children who do not yet commune will receive a blessing from pastor or first server.

LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29) *ELW pg. 154*



COMMUNION HYMN

Like the Murmur of a Dove's Song **ELW 403**

✠POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

✠POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING

✠BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

✠CLOSING HYMN

O Day Full of Grace **ELW 627**

✠DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare Jacques Nicolas Lemmens

Please pray for...

Dorothy E.
Kathy H.
Ann L.
Heather Q.
Ruth R.
Gina K.
Mary C.
Tyler F. (brother-in-law of Ginger F.)
J.J. K. (great grandson of Bill H.)
Joe (friend of Sandra H.)
Cheryl & Jim (quilter & husband)
Nichole (friend of Como Connects)
Gary (friend of Deb S.)
… and all in need of prayers

We welcome names of members, family, and friends on our prayer list.

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Serving in the Military

Dane Beecham, Jonathan Lund, Kristian Nelson
… and all others who serve

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We pray regularly for all members and friends of our congregation.
This week in worship, we pray for:

Jake & Mel Hatch-Popp, Maxwell, Annabel, Clara
John & Jenny Potter, Elliot, Milo
Scott & Sarah Powers, Declan, Nora
Aaron Purdham & Elsa Ballata
Emily Purdham
Ken and Lori Purdham
Russ & Amy Schneider Purdy, Eli, Milo

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Pastor: Martin Ericson

Director of Music Ministry: Tom Ferry

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Date	May 24, 2026
Time	9:30 AM
Acolyte	Isaac Hakanson
Communion Prep	Meg Duncan
Assisting Minister	Jonathan Nye
Communion Asst 1	Mary Sommerfeld
Communion Asst 2	Meg Duncan
Greeter	Mary Sommerfeld
Coffee Servers	Mark & Joann Becker
Children's Message	Joe Fischer
Reader	Jeanette Maynard-Nelson
Liturgist	Dan Garvin
Ushers	Family Team Bergstrom
Welcome Desk	Janice Kragness
Bus Helper	Shirley Dingman
Bus Driver	Lowell Lundy
Video Tech	Ken Purdham

USHER TEAM

Family Team Bergstrom: Suzy & Drew, Evan and Kyle

SENDING FORTH

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Celebrating Pastor Marty

Join us on June 7 to celebrate Pastor Marty on his final Sunday with us before retirement.

Following worship, please stay for cake and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall to give thanks for Pastor Marty's 26 years of faithful ministry, compassionate leadership, and devoted care for our church family.
During our church's centennial celebration this year, we reflected on the many people who have shaped the life of this congregation across generations. Among only seven senior pastors in our 100-year history, Pastor Marty has faithfully served for more than a quarter of that time; a remarkable record of faith, leadership, and dedication.

We invite you to join us in this time of celebration, gratitude, and blessing as we honor Pastor Marty and send him forth into this new chapter.

Honoring Our Graduates

We will recognize our graduates during the June 7 worship service and include their names in the bulletin. If you or someone in your family is graduating from high school, college, graduate school, or another program, please contact the church office with the graduate's name and program completed.
We look forward to celebrating this milestone together and lifting our graduates in prayer as they step into new opportunities, trusting God's presence in every transition.

CPLC Programs and Groups on Summer Break

The following CPLC programs and groups are currently on summer break and will resume this fall.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact the appropriate person listed below.

Program/Group	Contact
Confirmation Class	Office
CPLChoir	Tom Ferry ferry@comoparklutheran.org
Joyful Ringers	Tom Ferry ferry@comoparklutheran.org
Sunday School	Kelly Whitstone sundayschool@comoparklutheran.org
Youth Group Meetings	David Osterhouse osterhouse@comoparklutheran.org
Women's Craft Group	Meg Duncan (melaurak@msn.com) or Cathy Gagné (cmtm@comcast.net)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

CHURCH DAY CAMP

Kids from our neighborhood and from our congregation are invited to summer Vacation Bible School. We will be partnering with counselors from Camp Onomia to fill the week with Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and more! **Invite your friends, actually!**

DATES: July 6-9

TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm

AGES: PreK-5th; PreK children must be potty trained. Must have experience participating in a class environment.

LOCATION: Como Park Lutheran Church (1376 Hoyt Ave W., Saint Paul, MN 55108)

COST: $40 per child (financial assistance available)

REGISTER BY JUNE 22

COMO PARK FARMERS' MARKET

May 14 – Oct. 29
Thurs: 2 PM – 6 PM
1545 Hamline Ave, St. Paul
No market Aug. 27, Sept. 3

IN LOVING MEMORY

Pastor Judith Ann Hazen

October 20, 1942 - May 6, 2026

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Rest eternal grant to her O Lord and let your light perpetual rest upon her.

Memorial Service:
Friday, May 29, 2026
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location:
Como Park Lutheran Church
1376 Hoyt Avenue West

MAY 24, 2026
PENTECOST
SUNDAY

taking faith home

The Holy Spirit moves us to act with forgiveness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	**John 20:19-23**	**Jesus appears to his disciples**
Monday	**Acts 2:1-21**	**The coming of the Holy Spirit**
Tuesday	**1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**	**Spiritual gifts**
Wednesday	**Titus 3:1-8**	**Doing helpful deeds**
Thursday	**Ephesians 4:25—5:2**	**Rules for the new life**
Friday	**1 John 4:7-21**	**God is love**
Saturday	**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**	**God the creator**
Sunday	**Matthew 28:16-20**	**Sending of the disciples**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

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." **John 20:21-22 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Almighty God, through the Holy Spirit you send us into the world to speak, forgive, and give peace in the name of Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit, help us to bless the world with your love. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Gracious God, thank you for giving food to all you have created; open your hand and fill us with good things. Amen. (Psalm 104:27-28)

A Blessing to Give:
May the Holy Spirit give you peace.

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MAY 24, 2026

taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How does forgiving someone breathe new life into a relationship?
- How do you think the Holy Spirit is at work in the world today?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 20:19-23.

Those first disciples were fearful and huddled in a locked room. We all have had experiences of being frozen in fear and wanting to hide. Jesus knows this. Just as he did with those first disciples, Jesus enters our anxious lives, sends us out of our locked rooms, and releases us from our fearful confinements. The crucified and risen Jesus enters our lives with the power of the Holy Spirit. He sends out his followers of all generations to conquer those destructive forces with a peace that dares to forgive. On Pentecost we are reminded of the power of the Holy Spirit that breathes Jesus' life-giving and life-freeing forgiveness into the world. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus sends out disciples like us into the world with peace. That peace is not simply a good feeling filled with the absence of struggles. Jesus' peace is a life-giving power to conquer our fears and timidity that we may courageously extend a word of divine forgiveness to others.

Discuss: How has the Holy Spirit moved you to act with the power of peace and forgiveness for others?

Pray: **Dear Jesus, breathe on us your holy breath that we may go forth into the world to share your peace and the power of forgiveness. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, to whom can you offer a word of forgiveness?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

When we recite the Apostle's Creed, we say, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church…". With the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the holy catholic church with a small "c" (meaning the whole Christian church on earth), we are reminded of the gifts of faith we are given through the Spirit. We celebrate this day as the day the church received the Holy Spirit. Read or recite the Apostle's Creed and talk about what it means to you.

Please visit the Welcome Desk in the narthex if you have any questions about our facility or upcoming events.

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