

# *Pentecost Sunday*

June 8, 2025

9:30 a.m. Worship



**Como Park Lutheran Church, ELCA, RIC**

*Reaching out in Christ to a changing world.*

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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.  
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## ADULT FORUM & UPCOMING EVENTS

*(For full list of events, see page 20-21.)*

TODAY	Pentecost	Thank you for wearing <b>red</b> .
06/15/2025	Father's Day	-
06/16/2025	Vacation Bible School	First Day of VBS
06/27/2025	Friday Family Night	Fellowship Hall



Regular - Liturgist  
**Bold - Congregation**  
✖ - Stand as able



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### THE GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

O Living Breath of God

setting by David Cherwien

#### WELCOME, GREETING, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ✠CONFESSİON 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.**

## ✠OPENİNG HYMN

**Loving Spirit**

**ELW 397**

## ✠THE APOSTOLIC GREETİNG

(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: Let us pray to the Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

The musical notation is in 2/4 time, key of G major. The 'Assistant' part is on the top line, and the 'All' part is on the bottom line. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

*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)

*Assistant:* Help, save and defend us, O God.

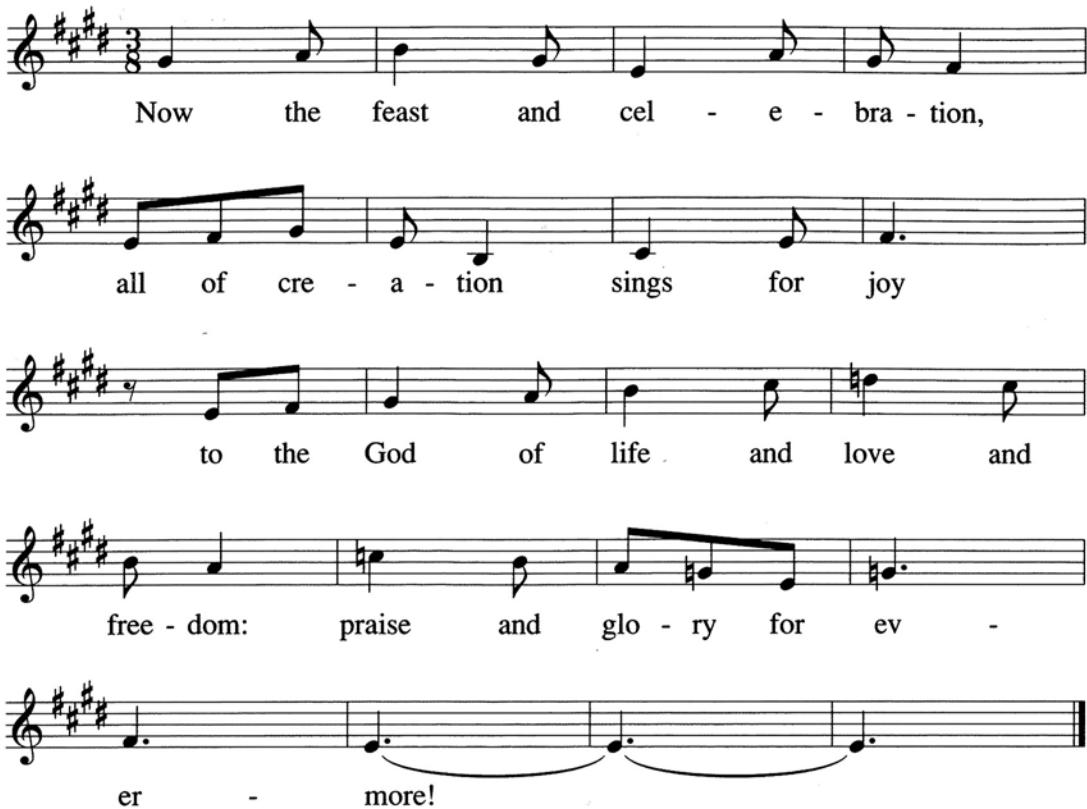
*All:* Amen.

The musical notation is in 2/4 time, key of G major. The 'Assistant' part is on the top line, and the 'All' part is on the bottom line. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

## ⌘NOW THE FEAST

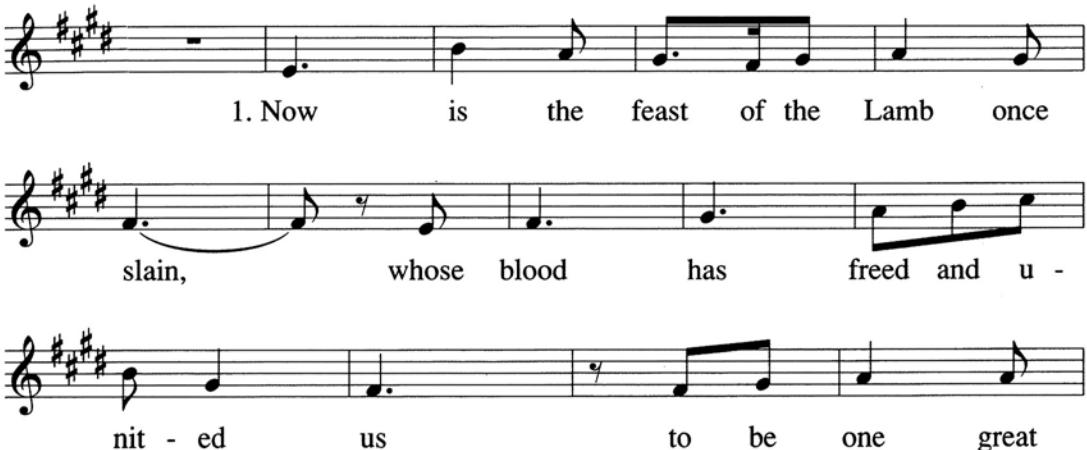
ELW 167

Refrain



Now the feast and celebra-tion,  
all of crea-tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free-dom: praise and glo-ry for ev-er -  
er - more!

Verse 1:



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and uni-  
nit - ed us to be one great

*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...

**God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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 nation 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, "Men of Judea 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.' "

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 104:24-34, 35b



<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

**<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

**<sup>27</sup>All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**



<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it;  
 you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;**  
**when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;  
 and so you renew the face | of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;**  
**O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
 you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;**  
**I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God.  
 I will rejoice | in the LORD.

<sup>35</sup>**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.**  
**Hal- | lelujah!**

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ✠GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*

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

*Repeat optional*

## ✠GOSPEL: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the Fourteenth Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him

nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

[<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."]

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Meg Duncan

**(Jesus Loves Me! ELW 595)**

## **SERMON**

Pastor Martin Ericson

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Holy Spirit, Truth Divine**

**ELW 398**

## **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

The Spirit in Our Midst

Sandra Eithun

Joyful Ringers and David Person, narrator

*Electronic offerings can be made using smart phones and tablet devices by going to [www.ComoParkLutheran.org](http://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.**

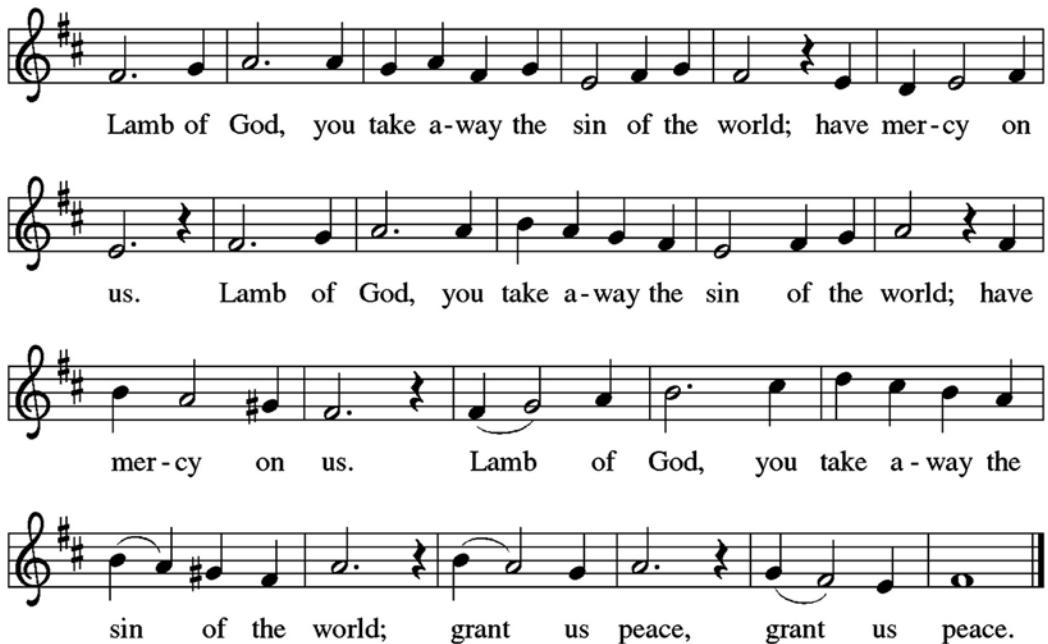
**Amen.**

## 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



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.

## ⌘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

**God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind**

**ELW 400**

### ⌘DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Toccata on RESTORATION

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## 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 Fischer from the Fischer Family

*Please pray for...*

Donnie B.	Mary Ann S.
Pam B.	Carol S.
Beth D.	Mary Ellen T.
Bill H.	Amy W.
Kathy H.	Tyler F. (brother-in-law of Ginger F.)
Scott H.	J.J. K. (great grandson of Bill H.)
Carl J.	Justin K. (friend of Sandra H.)
Nora J.	Joe (friend of Sandra H.)
Ann L.	Mike W. (friend of Sandra H.)
Erik M.	Paula M.L. (cousin of Jeanette M.N.)
Connie P.	Cheryl & Jim (quilter & husband)
Niko P.	Nichole (friend of Como Connects)
Ruth R.	Tommy (former student of Beth S.)
Mike & Shirley 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:**

Paul Ziegenhagen  
Marc Al  
Darlene Amlotte  
Audrey Anderson  
Darrell Anderson  
David & Donna Anderson  
Pam Ballis

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

**Pastor:** Martin Ericson

**Director of Music Ministry:** Tom Ferry

## THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

<b>Date</b>	June 8, 2025
<b>Time</b>	9:30 AM
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kyle Bergstrom
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Jan Lathrop
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jonathan Nye
<b>Communion Asst 1</b>	Sasha Weber
<b>Communion Asst 2</b>	Elizabeth Weber
<b>Greeter</b>	David Person
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Fay Cushman & Pam Ballis
<b>Children's Message</b>	Meg Duncan
<b>Reader</b>	Mary Hagerman
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dan Garvin
<b>Ushers</b>	Family Team McCreight
<b>Welcome Desk</b>	Val Negaard
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Tom Spivey
<b>Video Tech</b>	Ruth Pechauer

## USHER TEAM

Family Team McCreight: Kate & Paul, Finn & Moxy

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 8TH

## SPECIAL EVENTS



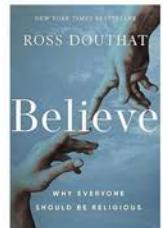
**COMO PARK FARMERS' MARKET - MAY 15-OCTOBER 30**—We are excited to be partnering with the St. Paul Growers Association—St. Paul Farmers' Market to bring a farmers' market to our Como Park neighborhood! This new market will take place in our **CPLC parking lot** located at 1545 Hamline Ave N, and will be held **every Thursday afternoon from 2-6 PM from May 15th through October 30th**. There will be a variety of locally grown and produced food items for sale. This market accepts and provides matching dollars to SNAP/EBT customers. We look forward to seeing you at the market. Visit: [www.comoparklutheran.org/farmers-market](http://www.comoparklutheran.org/farmers-market)

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) - JUNE 16-19**—Kids ages PreK-5th (completed) 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! Join us on **June 16-19 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at CPLC**. Cost is \$40 per child (financial assistance available). PreK children must be potty-trained and have experience participating in a class environment. Please bring a bagged lunch. **Register by June 2** at: [www.comoparklutheran.org/vacation-bible-school](http://www.comoparklutheran.org/vacation-bible-school)



**FRIDAY FAMILY NIGHT - EVERY LAST FRIDAY**—Families with Littles & Middles (newborn through 6th grade) are invited monthly for an evening of food, games, and fellowship. Our next meeting will be **June 27th from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM at CPLC**. Contact David Osterhouse at [osterhouse@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:osterhouse@comoparklutheran.org).

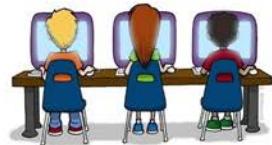
**SUMMER READING GROUP - SUMMER 2025**—Join us this summer for stimulating discussion and conversation on the new book by the *New York Times* columnist, Ross Douthat, Believe: Why Everyone Should Be Religious. In this book, Douthat argues in a clear and engaging manner that religious belief makes much better sense of many issues within contemporary science and culture than a non-religious perspective does. It is an intelligent and fascinating discussion. We encourage anyone with interest to participate. Contact Walter Wietzke at [w.wietzke@gmail.com](mailto:w.wietzke@gmail.com).



**CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY - APRIL 25-26, 2026**—Save the dates! We will be celebrating our 100th Year Anniversary in 2026. 100th Year Anniversary Banquet is on Saturday, April 25, 2026 and 100th Year Anniversary Special Worship Service is on Sunday, April 26, 2026. Contact Jonathan Nye at [jonathan@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:jonathan@comoparklutheran.org).

## RECURRING EVENTS

**TECH SHADOWS - EVERY SUNDAY**—Come sit with us **any Sunday** during worship service in the sanctuary, and watch the technical side of worship! Find out if you'd like to be a CPLC Tech. Contact [office@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:office@comoparklutheran.org).



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE - EVERY TUESDAY**—Let's make a difference together by making quilts **every Tuesday at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall**. At the end of the year, we donate our quilts to homeless shelters. We always accept & appreciate donations (bed sheets, pillow cases, & materials), which can be dropped off at CPLC. Join us whether you know how to sew or not. Contact Jan Lathrop ([janetklathrop@gmail.com](mailto:janetklathrop@gmail.com)).

**TUESDAY FAITH TALK & THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY**—Join us for a **Faith Talk every Tuesday at 9 AM** and **Bible Study every Thursday at 9 AM in the Fireside Room**. To receive our weekly invitation and updates, email Pastor Marty at [ericson@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:ericson@comoparklutheran.org).



**BUS SERVICES**—If you would like a ride to Sunday worship services, please contact the church office at 651-646-7127 or [office@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:office@comoparklutheran.org).

**NURSERY ROOM**—Our Nursery Room is available for families with children ages 3 & under. Drop off your children before service, pick them up after service, or join them and enjoy your time in the Nursery Room. The Parents Room is also available.



JUNE 8, 2025

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Spirit of Gentleness*



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:

- What do you think it was like to be a slave in the ancient world?
- How do you think a first century slave felt to be told that they had been adopted as a child of God?

DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Romans 8:14-17.

In the first century Roman Empire, slavery was much more common than Roman citizenship. Being adopted by a family of means was a dream come true. Roman citizenship carried with it protection and opportunity. Paul uses that contemporary context to emphasize what it meant to be a follower of Jesus. Paul states that "*all who are led by the Spirit of God*" are adopted as "*children of God*" (v. 14). Pentecost focuses on the giving of the Holy Spirit for the ministry of the church. It conveys the intimacy of a familial relationship that promises a grand inheritance, but the promise of glory comes with the promise of the suffering of Christ. It is in suffering that God's love is displayed from the cross. On Pentecost Sunday, that suffering love leads the church into the world with God's saving power and glory.

*Discuss:* How does knowing that you are an adopted child of God impact your life?

*Pray:* **Loving God, we thank you for the Holy Spirit that makes us your children and gives us an eternal inheritance with Christ; give us grace to accept the glory and the suffering of a life in Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone feel that they are valued as a child of God?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Pentecost takes place 50 days after Easter Sunday. It is when the apostles began to spread Jesus' message. It has been recognized as the birthday, the beginning, of the church. Red is the traditional color for Pentecost Sunday. Buy or make a cake. Decorate it with red icing. Place candles on the cake to represent flames and to symbolize the Holy Spirit. Buy birthday party plates and hats and have a Pentecost party. Sing Happy Birthday to the church before cutting the cake. Close the party with this reading from Psalm 104:35b.: "***Bless the Lord, O my soul.***

***Praise the Lord!***"



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

JUNE 8, 2025  
PENTECOST SUNDAY

taking  
faith  
home

*We are children of God through the Holy Spirit.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 14:8-17, 25-27</b>	<b>Jesus promises the Holy Spirit</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 2:1-21</b>	<b>Filled with the Holy Spirit</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Romans 8:14-17</b>	<b>Life in the Spirit</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Isaiah 44:1-5</b>	<b>God's blessing on Israel</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Galatians 5:16-25</b>	<b>The fruit of the Spirit</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2 Kings 2:1-15a</b>	<b>Elijah ascends to heaven</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b</b>	<b>God the creator and provider</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 16:12-15</b>	<b>The Spirit will guide you into truth</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" It is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.  
Romans 8:15-16 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Come Holy Spirit, give us faith to know that we are children of God and inheritors of your eternal love that gives us confidence to live as a follower of Christ. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Loving God, all creation looks to you to give us food in due season; we thank you that you open your hand and fill us with good things. Amen. (Psalm 104:27-28)

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

Child of God, may you be filled with the Holy Spirit.



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