

*Day of Pentecost*

*May 24, 2026*

## **WELCOME**

*A warm welcome to visitors who join us today to worship our Risen Lord!  
We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.  
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

*Children are always welcome at worship.*

*If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children  
on the second floor in the education wing. Take the first left down the hallway, and  
the nursery is the first door on your right.*

*Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices  
for today's worship are available.*

*Please feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

# GATHERING

## **PRELUDE & WELCOME**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Please stand as you are able.*

The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost with the sound of a mighty, rushing wind.

**Come mightily into our lives, O Holy Spirit.**

The Holy Spirit came with tongues of fire on the heads of all the disciples.

**Burn within our hearts, O Holy Spirit.**

The Holy Spirit allowed the lips of many to speak in different languages.

**Move our lips to declare the news of Jesus Christ in new ways, O Holy Spirit.**

The Holy Spirit called disciples to spread the Word of the Lord to lands near and far.

**Launch us out into the world to proclaim peace, truth and love, O Holy Spirit.**

The Holy Spirit inspired the apostles to write the story of Jesus in books of the Bible.

**Enlighten us with Gospel messages we write and share with others to draw them to you.**

The Holy Spirit brought people together to worship and praise the Lord.

**Come, let us worship the Lord. Amen**

# God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

Text: Herman Stuempfle Music: John Hughes

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!

## **GREETING**

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.**

## **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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READINGS**

**1 Kings 19:11-13**

<sup>11</sup> The Lord said to Elijah, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl  
and strips the forest bare,  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

<sup>11</sup> May the Lord give strength to his people!

**May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

## SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles 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 people 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, “Fellow Jews 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.

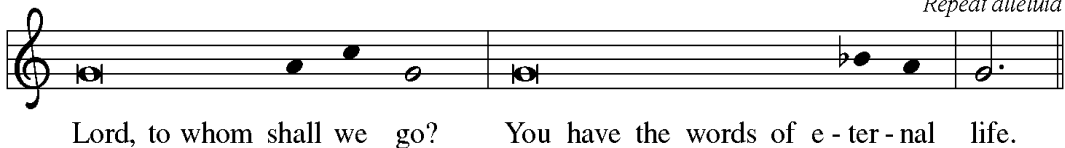
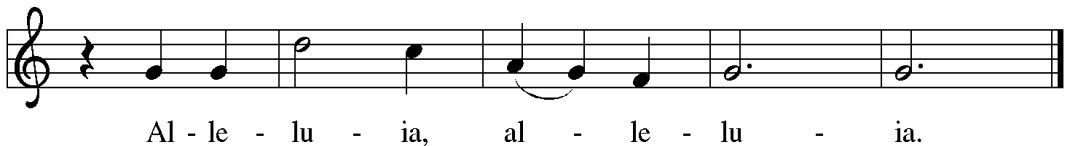
<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

<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.' ”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Repeat alleluia*

## GOSPEL

**John 20:19-23**

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

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

## SERMON

*Silence is kept to reflect upon God's message to us.*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

# Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Text: Simon Browne Music: German Folk Tune

1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and  
2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us  
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us  
4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian  
know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in  
from his pas - tures stray. Lead us in ho - li -  
joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -

and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.  
ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.  
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God  
ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

## **NICENE CREED**

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and 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**

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

*The assembly is seated.*

# MEAL

## GATHERING OF GIFTS

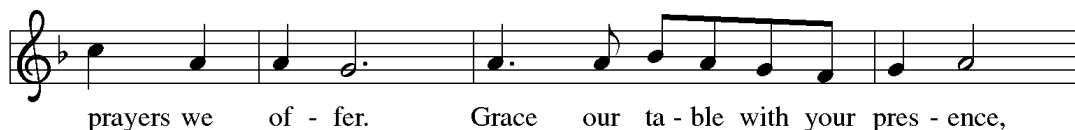
*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at [felcc.org](http://felcc.org) or by scanning this QR code.*



## ANTHEM

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY



## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## DIALOG

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

## PREFACE

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,  
through 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:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy God,

Breath of Life and Fire of Love:

with a mighty wind you brought creation into being,  
and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.

We praise you for the gift of your Son,

who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his death, resurrection,  
and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit,  
we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal:

anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love,  
that, with thankful hearts,  
we may be witnesses to your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,  
both now and forever. **Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ) and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

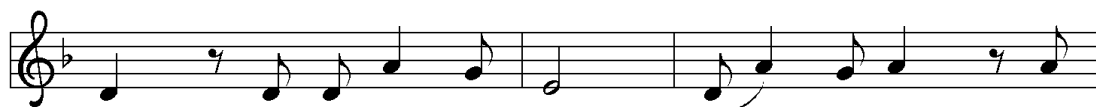
*To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, take a glass (the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar.*

*Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing.*

# LAMB OF GOD



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



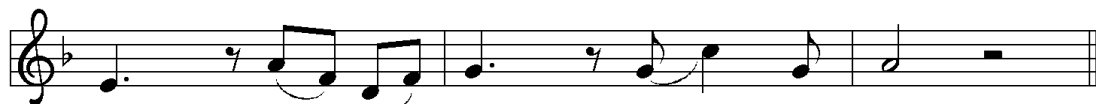
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



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.

# Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Text: Samuel Longfellow Music: Orlando Gibbons

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;  
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;

breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight,  
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.  
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.  
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. **Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

# O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Text: Katherine Bates Music: Samuel Ward



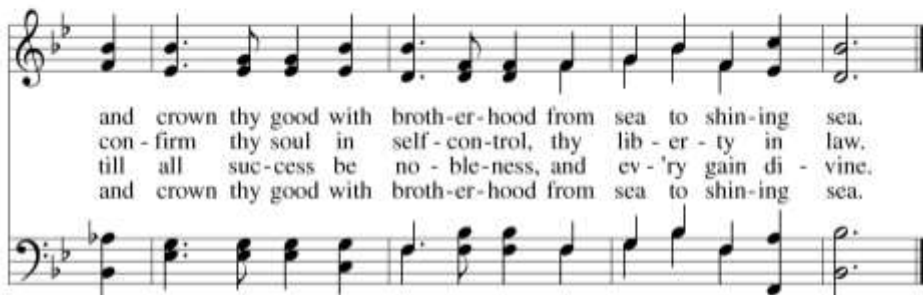
1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress  
3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain;  
a thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat a - cross the wil - der - ness;  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life;  
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea,  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law,  
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine,  
and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

# MEMORIAL DAY VIDEO - Thirteen Folds

## BLESSING

Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

### My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Text: Samuel Smith Music: Thesaurus Musicus



1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,  
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,  
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees  
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,



of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the  
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and  
sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that  
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.  
tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.  
breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.  
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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***Please remember in your prayers ...***

Healing: Ed Grove (5/27), Bob Hockensmith (6/18), Susan Lily (6/6),  
Alvino Long (6/12)

Continuing Prayers: Madeline Artman, **Joanne Caskey, June Diehl, Harold Forrester, Charles Kampmeyer, Dalton Paul, Julie Paul, Connie Wilkins**

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, **Hunter Boock**, Derek Haugh

**ATTENDANCE**    May 17    46 in person    5 online

### **DEACON DAVID HOPE TRINGALI**

from **Tree 4 Hope**

will be with us on Sunday, June 7 at our 9:30 worship.

We hope you will be able to join us  
as he preaches the Gospel  
and shares with us what is happening  
at the Girl's School in Guatemala.



**OFFICE CLOSED** on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

**JUNE BIBLE STUDY** Come and be a part of this small group as we study the Holy Scriptures together. We will read stories in Matthew and discuss them, intertwining God's word and our daily life. Join us on Monday afternoons from June 1 through June 29 at 1 p.m. in Meeting Room #1. If you are only available to attend one or two sessions, that is fine. Join us for those. Sign-up sheet is by the main office door. Led by Pastor Nicholson.



## OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC

We hope you will join us at Greene Township Park Pavilion for Worship on Sunday, June 28 at 10:45. You may wish to bring a lawn chair. Shorts and T-shirts are appropriate dress. If you would like to help with the more casual worship that day, please be in touch with Pastor Nicholson. To help with music contact Freda Dorand.



The congregation picnic will follow. Price per person is \$15. Children 12 and under are free. Menu will be posted in Memorial Hall. Please make your reservation for food by Sunday, June 21. Sign up in Memorial Hall after worship on June 14 & 21 or by calling Mary Beth at 717-372-8282.

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA** We are gathering at Memorial Park Pavilion (by the playground) for lunch on Thursday, June 11 at 12:30. Bring your own lunch and beverage. Dessert will be provided.



**BIRTHDAY BAGS** for Little Daisy's Closet are needed. The needs are: large birthday bags, plates, napkins, candles, balloons, small gifts, snack items, cakes, icings, and cake pans. Thank you for your contributions to make up the bags!

**UNDY SUNDAYS** to support the Back to School Event begin in May. Please donate underwear for elementary age children. Size small, medium and large are needed for boys and girls. Boys underwear are briefs (no extended legs) and girls are regular, no low cut. Also, camisoles for girls are needed. Please put the items in the box outside the main office. Donations by cash or check can also be made using the envelopes provided or use your own. Please make checks out to First Lutheran with "Back to School" in the memo line. Thank you!!!



**SCAN (Student Clothing Assistance Network)** Working with the social workers of the school district, SCAN volunteers fill emergency requests for clothing and school supplies. When a request is received, it is assigned to volunteers to acquire the necessary items, either through purchase or donation. When requests are received the need is urgent. The children involved are in crisis situations—domestic upheaval, homelessness, unexpected relocations. Please contact Tim or Mary: 717-264-4759, 717-491-0611, [tim@gotwald.org](mailto:tim@gotwald.org), [mary@gotwald.org](mailto:mary@gotwald.org)  
Thank you for considering.



**May 24**

Lector: Jane Love  
 Communion Mary Gotwald  
 Assistants: Tim Gotwald  
 Jane Love  
 Greeters: Joe Hunt  
 Marsha Hunt  
 Altar Guild: Barb Evans  
 Ushers: Jim Brown  
 Bill McCoy  
 Carol McCoy  
 Rick Gates

**May 31**

Becky Hoover  
 Mary Gotwald  
 Tim Gotwald  
 Karen Sloan  
 Joe Hunt  
 Marsha Hunt  
 Barb Evans  
 Jim Brown  
 Bill McCoy  
 Carol McCoy  
 Rick Gates

**June 7**

Joyce Ray  
 Jim Brown  
 Ralph Burdick  
 Becky Hoover  
 Nancy Hamilton  
 Kathy Shoop  
 Barb Evans  
 Volunteers

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

May 24 – May 31

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Pentecost Sunday with Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>		OFFICE CLOSED- MEMORIAL DAY
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
<b>Thursday</b>	6:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Rose Ringers Choir
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Holy Trinity Sunday with Holy Communion



### Memorial Day Remembrance

Today we pause with gratitude to remember the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation.

Their sacrifice reminds us of the blessings of freedom, peace, and hope we share.

We also remember those who are currently serving in the military and pray for God to keep them from harm's way.

*“Greater love has no one than this:  
to lay down one's life for one's friends.”*

John 15:13



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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**We welcome visitors this morning.**

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps.  
at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

### **Our Mission**

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus,  
burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

### **Worship Schedule**

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

also on Facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
and on our webpage at [www.FELCC.org](http://www.FELCC.org)

ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus,  
and to worship with us.