

May 24, 2026

## WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Spirit Unbound; God Poured Out

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*Inviting All to Live the Gospel through Faith, Love, and Compassion*

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### Welcome to Family of Christ

You are welcome to participate in worship this morning  
the way you feel comfortable.

**All Are Welcome, No Exceptions!**

**Everybody Is Somebody Here**

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### WELCOME FAMILIES!

We are glad that you are worshipping with your children and want you to feel welcome.

There is a “Pray Ground” for quiet play in the front right of the sanctuary. We ask that families stay with their little ones and try to keep noise to a minimum.

If you or your little one needs “a break” or “louder play”, there is an “Active Worship” room on the West side of the sanctuary. You can see and hear the service from this room.

### GATHERING



The Holy Spirit gathers us together during this time of worship

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When the world divides us

**C: Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.**

L: When the world calls us orphaned

**C: Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.**

L: When the world leads us astray

**C: Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.**

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!**

### GATHERING HYMN

**"God Is Here!"**

**ELW #526**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess together:

We confess to you, Renewing Spirit, that we confuse unity with uniformity, and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means conforming others to our way of living. We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person. We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not know how. Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. And empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love. Amen.

### SONG OF PRAISE

**"You are Holy"**

**ELW #525**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Send forth your spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth. **Dwell among us, even though your presence will startle and unsettle us. Grant us your peace, we pray, as justice and love pour down upon the yearning earth. Amen**

All young and young at heart  
are invited forward during the  
Children's time.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### READING:

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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 Jews and proselytes, <sup>1</sup>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, "Fellow Jews 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 sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
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.'

### THE WORD

God speaks to us through  
scripture reading, preaching,  
and song.



L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Pastor Brent Erler

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"Spirit of Gentleness"

ELW #396

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 Pilot,  
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

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NOISY OFFERING

## OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayer

## HOLY COMMUNION

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offering plate.



## THE MEAL

God feeds us with the  
forgiveness and presence of  
Christ.

All are invited to receive  
these gifts of God.

No Exceptions!

Children are welcome to  
come forward and receive  
communion or a blessing  
and Goldfish Crackers



## THE SENDING

We are blessed and sent out into the world to share God's Love with all people.



### Serving Today

Pastor

Brent Erler

Musician

Mary Wescott

Sound and Video

Jeremy Mann

Acolyte

Communion Set-Up

Gerry Wills

Communion Servers

Gerry Wills

Karen Agee

Tony Otero

Reader

Audrey Hanchek

Ushers

Brita Hanchek

Matt Hanchek

Fellowship Host

Jessica Groeller

\*Thanks to all those who helped make worship possible.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## BLESSING

## PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Lord God, you have called your servants  
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,  
by paths as yet untrodden,  
through perils unknown.  
Give us faith to go out with good courage,  
not knowing where we go,  
but only that your hand is leading us  
and your love supporting us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## CLOSING HYMN

“Here I am, Lord”

ELW #574

## SENDING

## POSTLUDE

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