



**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

## Pentecost

*Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.*

**WELCOME!** We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Here are a few notes to help you feel more at home participating in our worship.

**Worshipping.** Today's service is printed in this bulletin. Parts in **bold** indicate responses by everyone in which you are invited to participate.

**Communion.** *Lutheran Christians believe that the Lord Jesus Christ feeds us with his true body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. All baptized Christians who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please note that the darker wine is non-alcoholic and is available from the Lector. Communion will be distributed continuously, in procession. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.*

**Coffee Hour.** We hope that you will join us for coffee and conversation in the lobby following the worship service.

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## ✠ GATHERING ✠

### PRELUDE

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Pause for silent reflection.*

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

P Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

P We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

P To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS* (ELW 396)

*Refrain*

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

*Refrain*

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940  
Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley  
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## GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

## SONG OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C **Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

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

A reading from Acts.

<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.’ ”

...The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: PSALM 104:30



Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

<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 man- | y 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. R**

<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. R**

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

## SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-13

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>3b</sup> No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

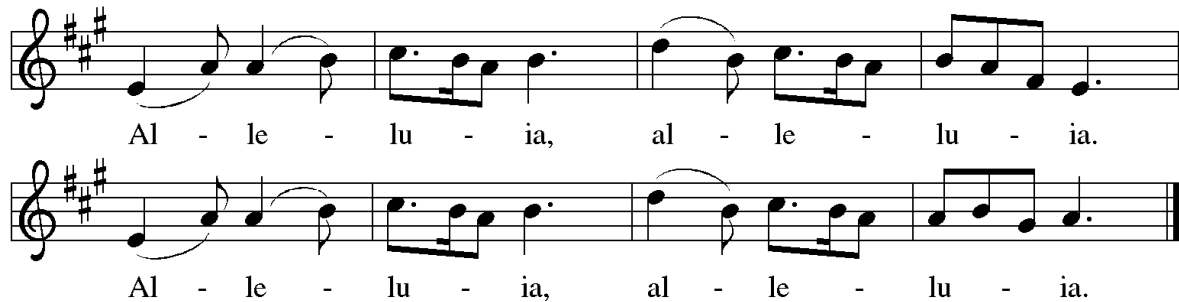
<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the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

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *CELTIC ALLELUIA* (ELW 174)



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

### GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23

P The holy gospel according to John.

**C 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.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY: HOLY SPIRIT, EVER DWELLING (ELW 582)**



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;  
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;  
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;  
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;  
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;  
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ;  
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.  
you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.  
in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

**APOSTLES' CREED**

A With the whole Church, we confess our faith.

**C 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 OF INTERCESSION**

A Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

A You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

A You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

A You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

A You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

A You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

A God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **C Amen.**

## **PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**

P Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## **ADDITIONAL PRAYERS**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### OFFERING SONG: *ONE BREAD, ONE BODY* (ELW 496)

*Refrain*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

*Refrain*

wom-an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath-ered to one for all.

### DEDICATION FOR CROSSES

P Let us pray. Eternal God, we give you thanks for the gift of these crosses, symbols of your great love shown to us in Jesus Christ. As they are given in loving memory of those who have gone before us, may they stand as signs of faith, hope, and remembrance.

Bless these crosses, O Lord, that all who see them may be reminded of your promise of life everlasting, and of the cloud of witnesses who surround us in love. May they bring comfort to the grieving, strength to the faithful, and glory to your holy name.

Through Jesus Christ, the one who bore the cross for our salvation, we pray. Amen.

**C Amen.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.           **C Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE**

**P** The Lord be with you.           **C And also with you.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts.           **C We lift them to the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C 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'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.'

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

P 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.

P 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.

P Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

P Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

C **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

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

C Thanks be to God.

### 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.

**SONG DURING COMMUNION:**

*WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME: THE SUMMONS (ELW 798)*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

## **✠ SENDING ✠**

### **BLESSING**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

**P** The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **C Amen.**

**P** The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

**P** The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever. **C Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:**

*MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY: BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC (ELW 890)*



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;  
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.  
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!  
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.  
Our God is march - ing on.  
while God is march - ing on.

*Refrain*



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910  
Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent

**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Upcoming Commemorations

**Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists  
Sunday, May 24, 2026**

These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.

**John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564  
Wednesday, May 27, 2026**

Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.

**Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637  
Friday, May 29, 2026**

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

Announcements for the week of  
May 24, 2026

*Sanctuary Lamp Candle for May is given to the glory of God and  
in Loving Memory of Ed Dressler by Loretta Dressler*

*Altar Flowers for today are given to the glory of God and  
in Memory of Lois J. Menik by her Family*



**May Movie Madness: *Rio Bravo***

**Date: TODAY!** May 24th | **Time: 2:00 PM**



A classic Western about a small-town sheriff, played by John Wayne, who must hold a jailed murderer in custody while the criminal's powerful brother gathers gunmen to break him out.

With help from a recovering alcoholic deputy, a young gunslinger, and a hotel owner, the sheriff stands his ground against mounting pressure in a tense story of loyalty, courage, and quiet determination. *Leave your six-shooter at the door.*



**Honor Someone Special**

A chart on the lobby bulletin board lets us designate Sunday altar flowers or the monthly sanctuary lamp as memorial or in-honor gifts. Please use the provided envelopes to submit your gift (\$25 for flowers; \$15 for the candle), & include the name of the person being honored or memorialized, along with your name, address, & telephone number. You may also contact the church office at 516.931.0710.



**Helping every heart beat on!!**

We are continuing our efforts to raise funds for a new AED (*Automated External Defibrillator*) to help keep our congregation safe and prepared in case of emergency. Please consider a “gift from the heart” in support of this important need. Donation envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex and may be placed in the offering plate on any upcoming Sunday.

**See the Story. Share the Conversation.**

“The Chosen” takes an intimate look at the real and authentic lives of Jesus and all those around him through this historical



drama. “The Chosen” brings the Bible to life. At each meeting we’ll present one episode followed by a discussion about the scripture that inspired that episode. **Next Meeting: Wednesday June 3rd @ 2pm.**



## St. Stephen's Needs YOU!

Looking for a meaningful way to be involved? We're welcoming new volunteers for an important ministry in our church: **Altar Guild**. This small and dedicated team prepares the sanctuary for Sunday Communion, festive services, and Services of Word & Light. Tasks and seasonal changes are shared and supported, often done in pairs or as a group, with help from the Property Committee when needed. *This is a meaningful way to serve and care for our worship space.* Interested or have questions? Please speak with Jane.



### Serving at Worship Today - Sunday, 9:00 AM

Assisting Minister.....Jane Ebersberger	Greeter.....Ilse Zeeck
Lector.....Christine Carlson	Music Director.....Mason Griffin
Acolyte.....Kiko Reyes	Audio/Visual.....Tyler LaVorgna
Ushers.....John Musi & Rich Humann	Altar Guild.....Jane Ebersberger

### Parish Calendar This Week (May 24th - May 31st)

Day	Event	Time
<b>Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost</b>	<b>Holy Communion 9:00 am</b>
	HSS Yoga	10:00 am
Tuesday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Back to Basics	7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	N.A.	7:00 pm
Thursday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
<b>Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>The Holy Trinity</b>	<b>Holy Communion 9:00 am</b>



## **Parish Prayer List**

If you would like to have your name or your friend or family member's name added to the Prayer List, please call the office. Please remember to keep the office updated.

### **Pray For Our Congregation**

Bill Artus  
Lauren Artus  
Gail Bodnar  
Dottie Eberhardt  
Richard Engert  
John Langbehn  
Jan Mosebach  
Ilona Riggers  
Ilse Zeeck

### **Pray For Our Families**

Richard Agarenzo (*brother of Anthony Agarenzo*)  
Fred Barrell (*brother-in-law of Paul and Susan Portz*)  
Scott Berman (*cousin of Laureen Aiello*)  
Lynn Cawley (*cousin of Muller/Shurman Family*)  
Peter Denning (*son-in-law of Lois Angstadt*)  
James Ebersberger (*brother of Jane Ebersberger*)  
Mrs. Feeney (*Mother of John Feeney*)  
Jim Fritz (*cousin of Lauren Artus & John Langbehn*)  
Arleen Grimm (*cousin of Maureen O'Brien*)  
Andrew Ojeda (*son of Pastor Moira Ahearne*)  
Bernd Pfeiffer (*brother of Christel LaVorgna*)  
Laura Panaro (*mother of Laureen Aiello*)  
Family and friends of Linda Pisano (*cousin of Lauren Artus & John Langbehn*)  
Jean Riolo (*mother of Christine Carlson*)  
Cecelia and Bruce Rudd (*cousins of Bob Maurer*)  
Steve Scala (*cousin of Laureen Aiello*)  
Lynn Scilia (*sister of Bill Artus*)

### **For Our Friends**

Jennifer Amiruddin (*friend of Maureen O'Brien*)  
Alice Brahs (*friend of Maureen O'Brien*)  
Carol (*friend of Lois Angstadt*)  
Ellen Grace (*high school friend of Joan Hagner*)  
John Judge (*friend of Jane Ebersberger*)  
Jenn Logan and her Mother (*friends of Janet Muller*)  
Rich McDermott (*friend of the Mosebachs*)  
Ellen Motoi (*friend of Maureen O'Brien*)  
Betty, John & Mary Beth Ott (*friends of Jane Ebersberger*)  
Bill Schlatter (*friend of the Hesse Family*)  
Liz Weiser (*friend of Barbara Barcavage*)