



Acts 2:4 All were filled with the Holy Spirit

# Day of Pentecost

May 23/24, 2026

6:00 pm | 9:45 am

Holy Communion

*First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE*



# Announcements and Welcome

## Prelude "Spirit of the Living God"

Betty Heggemeyer, organist

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Processional Hymn "As the Wind Song" ACS 943



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the  
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,  
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the  
as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has  
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,  
true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -  
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

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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.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**L:** 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Word**

### **A reading from Acts the second chapter.**

**L:** <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.’ ”  
(Acts 2:1-21)

**L:** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P:** <sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” (*Luke 24:44-49*)

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Children’s Message and “Noisy” Offering**

*(Children’s offering goes towards ELCA North Carolina  
Disaster Relief Fund)*

**Sermon      Pastor Rick Carlson**

Please stand as you are able.

## Hymn of the Day

### “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” ELW 401

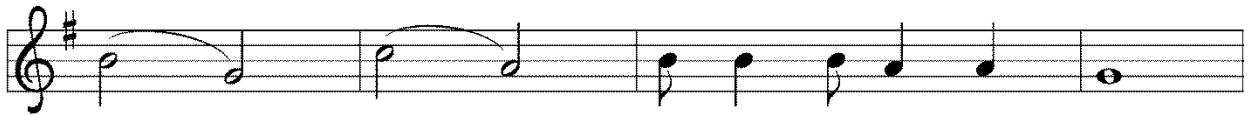


*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*  
1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*  
It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

#### Refrain



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
nor rootless liberty;  
turn disquiet to contentment,  
doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
unswayed by earth's allure.  
Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
which you alone assure. *Refrain*

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## **Apostles' Creed**

**L:** With the whole church, let us profess 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**

**L:** 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 brief silence for reflection.*

**L:** 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.**

**L:** 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.**

**L:** 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.**

**L:** 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. We pray especially for:

Jim Anderson	Patty Ibsen	Jo Smallcomb
Bertha Boyer	Derek Johnson	Joanne Suing
Vicki Buschelman	Larry Junker	Patty Suing
Pastor John Carlson	Laura Morton	Tony Tauer
Gregory Carrico	Nancy Olson	Martha Tiede
Lindsey Clarey	Natalie Radcliffe	Mariah & Barrett Vohland
Ann Day	Mary Renshaw	Misty White
Rich Ferris	Virginia Rewerts	Dean Wiese
Corinne Fischer	Eileen Richter	Miranda Wright
Leonard Fowler	Kristen Richter	Paula Yoachim
Randy Fritson	Garth Scism	James Ziebarth
Larry Giddings	<b>Bryan Slater</b>	
Keith Halliwell		

- *Prayers for peace and comfort for Nancy McKillip and family on the death of Amy Woodside.*
- *Prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the birth of Elena Hobbs, daughter of Alexis and Nick Hobbs.*

**L:** Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

**L:** 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.**

**P:** 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.**

*Please share a sign of peace with one another.*

*Please be seated.*

## Meal

### Offering

*“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”*

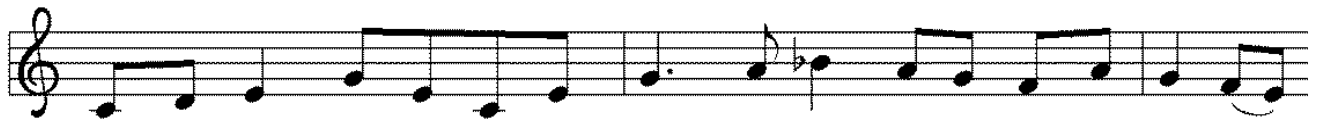
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**9:45am: Communion Servers:**

**Please come forward at this time.**

### Offertory Response

*“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”* ELW 182



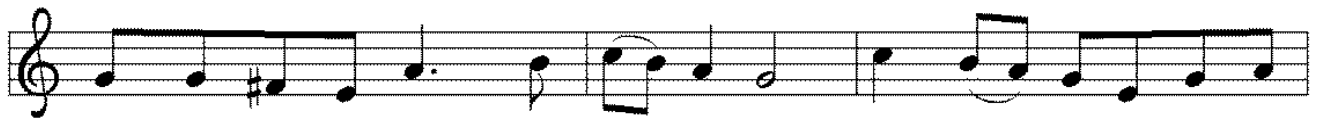
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## Offertory Prayer

**L:** Let us pray.

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P:** Compassionate God,

**C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy,  
and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back  
to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

**P:** Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are  
carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name  
of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God's love.

**C: Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

**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.**

## Words of Institution

**P:** In the night in which he was handed over, 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.

**P:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

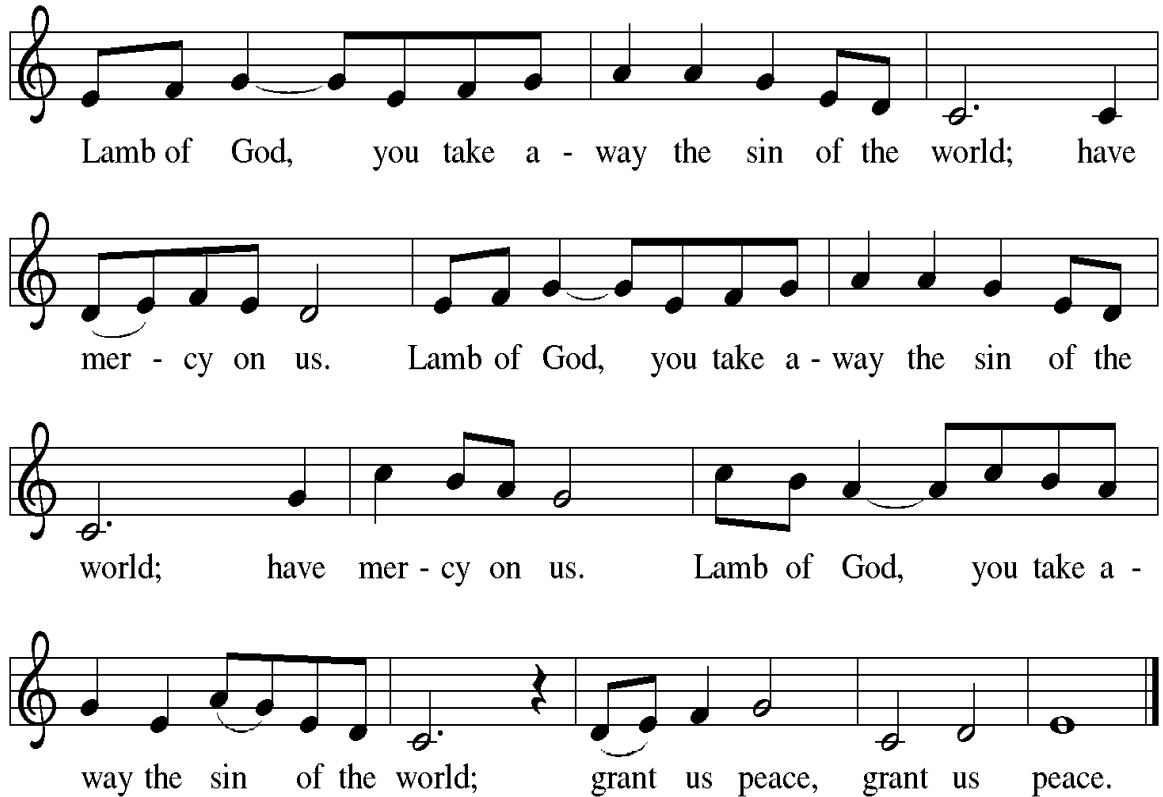
**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## **Invitation To Communion**

**P:** Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

*We practice open communion at First Lutheran. All are welcome to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers are available. In addition to the cups filled with wine (red) in the tray, there are cups containing grape juice (clear) in the center.*

## 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.

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## Communion Music

*“Breathe (with) Breathe On Me Breath of God”*  
**Betty Heggemeyer, organist**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Table Grace

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

**C: Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

**L:** Let us pray.

Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.  
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Blessing**

**P:** Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# Sending Hymn “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” ACS 942

*Refrain*

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing  
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the  
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,  
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

*Refrain*

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
asked . . . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

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## Dismissal

**L:** Go in peace. Share the good news!

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude “God Is Here!”

**Betty Heggemeyer, organist**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Worship Schedule**—Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8:45 am & 11am
- **Church Office Hours**—Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- **Brookestone Garden Services: First Sunday** monthly at 2:00 pm
- **For the hard of hearing FLC offers a loop system** for wearers with a “T”(t-coil) setting; the coverage works **best** on the main floor in the **center** aisles. T-coil is not available in the balcony.
- **S.A.F.E. Center donations** - for May are Laundry Products: Laundry Detergent, Fabric Softener Sheets, Laundry Baskets. Please put donations on the sharing shelf in the Narthex.
- **Volunteers of the Month** for May are F.R.O.G. Teachers, Sunday School Teachers, Confirmation Leaders, Music Teachers and helpers. *Thank you for sharing your time, faith, and gifts with our children – you are planting seeds that will last a lifetime.*
- **Communion registration**—Please register annually to maintain membership. Registration cards in pew racks & on Welcome Stations.
- **Visitors**—please complete a visitor card, found in the pews.
- **The Nursery** is available for anyone to use with services livestreamed inside. A toddler restroom is located inside.
- **Sun. May 24<sup>th</sup>** – Beginning of Summer Worship Hours:
  - **6pm Saturday 9:45am Sunday (One Service)**
  - **Sunday Coffee Hour: 9:00am – Sign up to make coffee in the Café.**
- **Sat. May 30** – FLY Lock-In.
- **June 7 – 12<sup>th</sup>** – Confirmation Camp.
- **June 14** – Budget Forum Meeting
- **June 28** – Annual Congregational Meeting – 11:00am
- **Save the DATE:** Vacation Bible School July 13-16 & 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Van Drivers Needed** for the “Summer Ride Ministry” \*
- **Sign up to help with Summer Music.** \*
- **Liners are needed for quilts for LWR.** Old blankets, flannel sheets, mattress pads. Please drop of in the church office.  
\*See [FirstLutheranKearney.org](http://FirstLutheranKearney.org) for details

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Jim Anderson	Garth Scism
Leonard Fowler	Jo Smallcomb
Randy Fritson	Martha Tiede
Patty Ibsen	Misty White
Natalie Radcliffe	Dean Wiese
Eileen Richter	Miranda Wright

## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH**

Bertha Boyer – Susan Slater’s aunt  
Vicki Buschelman – Angie Wright’s aunt  
Pastor John Carlson – Monie Karschner’s cousin  
Gregory Carrico – Martha Tiede’s son  
Lindsey Clarey – Jen Puls’s friend  
Ann Day – Greg & Linda Sue Jensen’s friend  
Rich Ferris – Larry and Nancy Merz’s friend  
Corinne Fischer – Bridget VonSeggern’s sister  
Larry Giddings – Deb Beerman’s friend  
Keith Halliwell – Greg & Linda Sue Jensen’s friend  
Derek Johnson – Kylee Vreugdenhil’s brother  
Larry Junker – Karen Emal’s brother  
Laura Morton – Natalie Radcliffe’s sister  
Nancy Olson – Greg & Linda Sue Jensen’s friend  
Mary Renshaw – Linda Peterson’s sister  
Virginia Rewerts – Janiene Rewerts’ sister-in-law  
Kristen Richter – Tim & Eileen Richter’s daughter  
**Bryan Slater – Susan Slater’s husband**  
Joanne Suing – Angie Wright’s aunt  
Patty Suing – Angie Wright’s mother  
Tony Tauer – Linda Sue Jensen’s brother  
Moriah & Barrett Vohland – Kim and Nita Deyo’s friends  
Paula Yoachim – Deb Beerman’s friend  
James Ziebarth – Jane Ziebarth-Bovill’s brother

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6:00 pm – Amy Behrhorst  
9:45am – Miranda Obermeier**

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