

May 24, 2026
9:00 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday



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Sunday

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Neenah, Wisconsin
Service of Holy Communion

Ministers
Worship Ministry

Everyone at Gloria Dei
Pastor Doug Holtz

Welcome to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!

So that we may come to know each other better...please fill out the maroon Friendship Pad located at the end of each pew and pass it along for others to do the same. Once completed, return it and note the names of the others seated next to you so you may greet one another after the service.

Congregational portions are in **Bold** print, *please stand as you are able

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Come, Holy Fire, and burn in us.
Come, Holy Wind, and cleanse us within.
Come, Holy Light, and lead us in the darkness.
Come, Holy Spirit, and fill your Church.

C Amen.

L When our lives remain hidden, when our hearts are shuttered, when our souls are filled with fear because of all we have done and said, God comes, breathing new life, blowing away our failings, restoring us to new hope.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Spirit of Pentecost,

C if only we would tell of your wonders in our lives, your overflowing grace – but we are too busy complaining of someone's social media post. If only we would share the Spirit which has transformed our lives, but we bottle it up, hoping to sell it for our own profit. If only we would let go of all the envy we have about others, but we let it erode our souls day by day.

Forgive us and pour your mercy into the closed rooms of our hearts. Breathe your peace upon us, that we might be healers of brokenness. Breathe your hope upon us, that we might open ourselves to the lonely. Breathe your love into us, that we might be as generous and welcoming as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

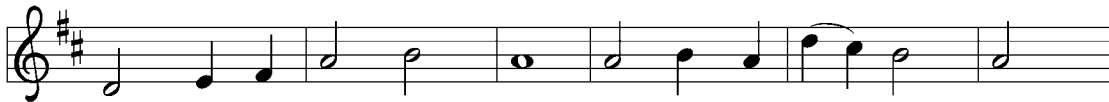
P Listen! This is the good news spoken long ago, yet brought fresh to us by the Holy Spirit: God forgives us and fills us with all things new.

C Thanks be to God! God gives us new hope, new joy, new life—this day and in all the days to come. Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

ELW #804



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

***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 Give us just a spark on this day, Imaginative God,
C to kindle our smoldering apathy until we burst into bonfires to melt all the injustice which threatens to consume the world.
- L Give us just a word this day, Poet of Pentecost,
C that we might be the voice of those dispersed by fears, that we might proclaim the good news to all we would meet.
- L Give us a cool breeze this day, Shattering Spirit,
C stirring and shaking us until we become a storm of hopes to clear the despair from all our neighborhoods and lands.
- L Give us yourself this day, God in Community, Holy in One, by the way of your Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ '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. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and

women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”
 L The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104 **“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”** **ELW #864**



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b} No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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.
L The word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

C

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

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

¹⁹ 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.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

ELW #401



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.



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
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



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*

NICENE CREED

C 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**

L God of love, C hear our prayer.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

SHARING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

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***OFFERTORY**

"We Are an Offering"

ELW #692



We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

L We pray together: Generous Spirit,
C Blow the dust off our fears, so we might be more giving people. Blow the dust off our material gifts we think have little value, so we might realize how they can bring hope and life to others. Blow the dust off our mistaken views of others, so we might see them as our siblings, ready to grace us, even as we may bless them with these offerings. 8
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION / GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P May the Spirit of Pentecost touch you this day.

C And touch you, as well.

P May the fresh breeze of love fill your hearts.

C We open them to the Spirit who would overflow from our hearts.

P May the words of Pentecost offer you new songs.

C We will sing praise and thanksgiving to our God.

P Wow! All you do, God of imagination and wonder!...we join in singing your praise forever and ever:

C

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: 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. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P Like your glory, may your holiness be eternal, God of wind and flames, and may your Child, Jesus, bless us with words of wonder and joy. Though we would close our hearts, he comes to open them with love; though we would shutter our souls, he comes to throw them wide open with laughter and love; though we would remain hidden away in death's cold upper room, he enters to take away its power over us, so that the bright flames of the resurrection might dance over our lives bringing us hope. In the night in which he was betrayed...

P As we would open our hearts to the Spirit, as we would welcome the peace and power, we tell of that faith grounded in Pentecost's mystery:

C Drawing his last breath, Christ died for us; with the sudden breath of the resurrection, Christ was raised; Christ will return, to breathe the Spirit into us forever.

P Here in this place, with people gathered in this space, may you pour the Spirit of Pentecost upon the simple gifts of the bread and the cup. With the brokenness of the bread, we pray hope might dance upon our souls so we will rush out like a mighty wind to bring healing to our shattered world. Drinking from the cup of grace, we pray it flows through us to become a fountain of unending generosity to parched people thirsting for life. And when that day comes when we no longer need to huddle under the covers of fear, you will gather us around the Table with our siblings of every time, of every place, of every language, breathing the Spirit upon us, telling us the Word of grace and hope, as we sing our thanks forever and ever, God in Community, Holy in One.

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.

***WELCOME TO THE TABLE**

P How good it is to be all together in one place, rejoicing at the gift of God's Spirit and longing to be united with all God's people from every time and place, in every land and nation. We are made one through this meal, invited by the same Savior, fed on the same body and blood, empowered for the same earthly mission. Come to the table—all is now ready!

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Supper today! Communion is served by intinction at stations. As you come forward, you will receive the bread and then dip it into the divided chalice for wine (red) or grape juice (white). Children who receive communion, please hold out hands to receive the bread. Those not communing, please fold hands to receive a blessing. Please notify an usher if you would like to receive communion at your seat.

SONG DURING THE MEAL**“In This Feast of Love”****ACS #962**

1 In this feast of love, in this
 2 In this bread and wine, in this
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have promised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the

blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

***TABLE BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you with the wind of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**BLESSING**

P May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

C Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

"O Day Full of Grace"

ELW #627



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

***DISMISSAL**

L The shutters of our hearts have been flung open by the fresh breath of God!

C We will go to offer God's love to everyone around us.

L Our souls have been set on fire by the justice of the Brother of the poor.

C We will go to share visions of hope, to listen to the dreams of the oppressed.

L Our loneliness and fears have been set aside by the Spirit of inclusion creating community.

C We will speak words of peace to all we meet, we will open ourselves to the gifts of others.

L Go in peace! The Spirit leads you!

C Thanks be to God!

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

	9:00 a.m.
MINISTERS	All God's people at Gloria Dei
WORSHIP MINISTRY	Pastor Doug Holtz
MINISTER OF MUSIC	Dr. Myron Jones
CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR	Jill Kruger
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LECTOR	Christine Olsen
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USHERS	
GREETERS	Valerie Gulke
ACOLYTE	Landon Schaller
NURSERY ATTENDANT	
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AUG 3-6

Register your child



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Early drop off at 7:30 am

Register to volunteer



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