

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026
DAY OF PENTECOST
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

a little about the Scripture readings today
and the saints of the Church we remember
this week...

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21
Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

GOSPEL John 20:19-23
The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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COMMEMORATIONS
FOR THE WEEK

Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler,
died 1783; scientists

May 24

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

May 27

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

May 29

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.



Festive Liturgy
for
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Confirmation Sunday [10:00]

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May 24, 2026
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude *Six Short Preludes and Postludes: Set 1, No. 4 Andante tranquillo* C.V. Stanford

The Sanctus Bells proclaim the advent of worship and Christ's presence with us. Please rise as the bells are rung.
During the 50 days of Easter, we stand for portions of the Liturgy for which we usually kneel,
witnessing to the confidence we have in the victory Christ has won for us through His resurrection.

Thanksgiving for Baptism [the faithful stand]

Hymn *Hail Thee, Festival Day!* *ELW 394*

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

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.**

Word

God speaks to us in Bible reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Message [10:00]

First Reading *Acts 2:1-21*

Psalm: 104:24-34, 35b

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 12:3b-13*

Holy Gospel *John 20:19-23*

Spoken response at the announcement of the Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord.**
After the reading of the Gospel: **Praise to you O Christ**

Sermon *Pastor Heagy*

Hymn of the Day *Spirit of Gentleness* *ELW 396*

Public Affirmation of Baptism [10:00] *ELW pages 234-236*

Apostles' Creed [8:30] *Insert*

Prayers of the Faithful [Response to each petition: receive our prayer.]

Exchange of Peace

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Anthem *"Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing"* arr. John Carter

Doxology [the faithful stand] *ELW 565, Stanza 5*

Offertory Prayer

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

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.**

Proper Preface *Insert*

Sanctus *ELW 190*

Verba [the faithful kneel]

Lord's Prayer *ELW page 163*

Invitation to the Table

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

**Gluten free wafers available*

Agnus Dei [the faithful stand] *ELW 195*

Distribution

ELW 403 is sung during distribution of the Eucharist.

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Hymn *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* *ELW 400*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude *Jesus Christ reigns as King* Ernst Pepping

Soli Deo Gloria