



# Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025

## Welcome to Lord of Life!

All are welcome here. We extend a special welcome to visitors. We're glad you joined us today! The following information may help you in your worship experience and getting to know Lord of Life.

**Communal words** spoken and sung will be on the screen and/or in this bulletin. The bold text is spoken together. Songs/hymns can also be found (with music) in either Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) cranberry hymnal or All Creation Sings (ACS) purple hymnal. Both can be found under a chair near you.

**Holy Communion** is the Lord's Table and all are welcome, regardless of age. We celebrate the Eucharist (literally "thanksgiving") during worship every Sunday. Our bread is dairy, nut, and gluten-free; wine and juice are both available.

**Children are welcome in this place!** At baptism, we welcome people into God's family and the community of Lord of Life. Children of all ages are integral members of the Body of Christ, and have a place in our community that includes worship. Children learn by seeing, hearing, and experiencing worship with adults who care about them (not just their parents). We embrace the sounds and activity that accompany them. We have a few resources for parents:

*PrayGround:* Table up front with coloring supplies. Go with your child, sit near the table, or send them independently.

*Activity Bags:* great things to occupy busy hands during worship, located in the shelves just outside the sanctuary; ask an usher if you need help finding them.

*Nursery* (for children 0-5, 5-7 by exception): You can leave young children in the nursery. Our nursery attendant has been background checked. There is a sign-in sheet for security.

*Narthex* (Gathering/Entrance space): Benches, rocking chairs, or space to move around.

**Offering** is an act of worship and a privilege to return to God a portion of what God has given us. If you are a guest, do not feel obligated to give, but for those comfortable participating, please join us in this act of worship. Offerings given today are joyfully used for outreach to the greater church/community and for the work and ministry of Lord of Life. You may donate by using the QR code that leads you to the website ([www.lordoflife.org](http://www.lordoflife.org)), by mail, using direct deposit with your bank, or RMD / QCD / or stock gift (in consultation with your financial advisor).

If at anytime you are uncomfortable standing, you are free to remain seated.

**If you are worshiping from home**, you are invited to participate, not just observe. Please prepare your own sacred space for worship. You might include some candles, a cross, and water for remembering your baptism. Join worship in-person to celebrate Communion with the congregation! If that is not possible, please reach out and we can have a member of our Care Team arrange a visit with Communion.

*Lord of Life is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are located on the ancestral homeland of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Palouse, Wanapum, and Yakama peoples. We give thanks for their presence and care of this land since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.*

*You can learn more at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org).*

# Gathering

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*We give thanks for the gift of water that sustains us and, in the gift of baptism, connects us to Christ in death and resurrection.*

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.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

We remember the waters of creation—  
waters over which your Spirit moved and all things were called into being, water that carried Noah and his family to safety, water that parted to make a way out of slavery into freedom, water that satisfied Moses and the people in the desert.

We remember the waters of Jesus—  
waters of baptism in the river, stormy waters calmed on the lake, water from the well to drink, water from the pool to heal, water to wash the disciples' feet.

Your waters are below us, around us, above us: through the Spirit, our life is born in you.

We praise you, O God, for the gift of baptism. Through this water you have birthed us into the family of Christ, bathed us in forgiveness, and enlivened us in the Spirit. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

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

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN: ELW #401 *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

*Wison Niwagila composed this song in 1965 after the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Tanzania became united to form one Lutheran Church. He has served in many capacities as a pastor and a leader in higher education in Tanzania and Germany. He currently serves as Provost for Josiah Kibira University College in the North Western Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Our Companion Synod is the Ulanga-Kilombero Diocese of the ELCT, in the southern part of Tanzania.*

## 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

Let us pray.

Abba, Father, **you have adopted us as heirs of your kingdom and we have inherited the gift and presence of the Holy Spirit. Through the fire of the Spirit make us generous stewards of all that you have bestowed upon us, for the sake of the one whose fire brings light and life to all the world, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# Word

All Christian worship is biblical. We follow the Narrative Lectionary (NL), which seeks to provide a narrative arc through scripture and increase biblical literacy. Instead of a 3-year cycle like the RCL (Revised Common Lectionary, where Matthew, Mark, and Luke each get their own year, and John interspersed throughout), the NL is a 4-year cycle where every gospel gets its own year. The NL starts in Genesis and works through the early stories of God's people, hears from the prophets and reaches the gospel by Christmas, where it stays through Easter. After Easter we'll hear some post-resurrection accounts and stories of the early church through the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles.

*Hearing the proclamation of the Word is central to our worship experience. The Word is proclaimed throughout our worship, in our liturgy, prayers, sermon, hymns, and yes, scripture. You are invited to let go of the need to read along and simply listen, and let the Spirit lead your imagination and inspire your hearing.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We end with this refrain:

**All: You are a dearly loved child of God!**

Children: And so are you!

## INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

### SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION: ELW #519 Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

*This is a traditional Hasidic tune. The Hasidic movement comes from Eastern Europe. It emphasizes the study of Torah, a continual awareness of God's presence, joyful and ecstatic exuberance, and physical involvement of the whole body at worship. The author of the text, Willard F. Jabusch, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, heard the tune when he was in Israel and put words to it.*

### READING OF SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-4 & Galatians 4:1-7; 5:13-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians:

I'm saying that as long as the heirs are minors, they are no different from slaves, though they really are the owners of everything. <sup>2</sup>However, they are placed under trustees and guardians until the date set by the parents. <sup>3</sup>In the same way, when we were minors, we were also enslaved by this world's system. <sup>4</sup>But when the fulfillment of the time came, God sent his Son, born through a woman, and born under the Law. <sup>5</sup>This was so he could redeem those under the Law so that we could be adopted. <sup>6</sup>Because you are sons and daughters, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!" <sup>7</sup>Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son or daughter, and if you are his child, then you are also an heir through God.

<sup>13</sup>You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. <sup>14</sup>All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: *Love your neighbor as yourself.* <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don't get eaten up by each other!

<sup>16</sup>I say be guided by the Spirit and you won't carry out your selfish desires. <sup>17</sup>A person's selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one's selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn't do whatever you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are being led by the Spirit, you aren't under the Law. <sup>19</sup>The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality, moral corruption, doing whatever feels good, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing

your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry,  
<sup>21</sup>jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won't inherit God's kingdom.

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires.

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let's not become arrogant, make each other angry, or be jealous of each other.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC: Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

*Words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend. Arranged by Lloyd Larson.*

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*Sung by Anne Crotty and Pastor Kirsten. Accompanied by Theo Stavenger (Cello) and Brian Swearingen (Piano).*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The creeds are a response to and a proclamation of the word. In our liturgy, sometimes we will use the creeds within church doctrine, and sometimes we use affirmations of faith, like this one, that use modern language to articulate our beliefs. Sometimes new words open up new pathways for naming and claiming what we believe. This affirmation is from a website collection of affirmations, <https://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=543>.*

Let us affirm our faith in God together.

**We trust in God, the Creator Spirit  
who moved upon the face of the deep at the beginning of creation,  
who created all that is, and who spoke through the prophets of old.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ  
into whom God's spirit was poured in fullness and in power,  
that the whole creation might be restored and unified;  
and who promised that the Spirit would come and  
fill the faithful with power to witness to the mighty love of God.**

**We await on that Spirit today with longing hearts,  
seeking to be empowered to the witness to God's love,  
with fresh words and courageous actions of love and hope.**

**Glory be to God – Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit – now and always. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*As a community we offer prayer for the church, the well-being of creation, for peace among nations, the poor and all in need, local needs and special concerns, and in thanks for the faithful departed. At Lord of Life these petitions are voiced by the congregation. You are invited to bring voice to one of these petitions as they call upon your heart.*

(Asst. Min.) As beloved children of God, and in humble gratitude for God's gifts of redemption and salvation through Jesus Christ, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of God's creation.

(Reader) We pray for the whole church throughout the world. Strengthen us in our mission and inspire our witness to others, that all may know the power of forgiveness and the hope of Christ's resurrection. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate God, have mercy on those who are experiencing fear, anger, or anxiety due to forces or circumstances outside of their control. Strengthen them and give them a calm spirit, secure in the knowledge that you are always near, especially in times of difficulty and distress. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal One, help us remember that we are all your beloved children and that we are to love one another, as you first loved us. By your holy and life-giving spirit, unite us in love, that we might restore damaged relationships and honor one another's humanity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our creator, we thank you for the bounty and beauty of our natural world, which enable us to both nourish our bodies and to recreate and refresh ourselves. Keep us mindful of our responsibility to care for your creation so that future generations may enjoy the same blessings. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of all strength and blessing, we pray for your guidance and inspiration by and through your Holy Spirit. Use and direct us for your holy purposes, that we may honor you and promote the welfare of your people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of life, we remember with reverence and affection our departed friends and family members. Draw near to all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Grant them solace, hope, and the assurance of eternal life with you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

(Asst. Min.) Gracious God, we know you hear us when we pray. We bring to you now our own prayers, either spoken aloud or from the silent depths of our hearts.....

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

(Asst. Min.) Merciful God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

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

*As we share the peace with each other, remember that we all have different comfort levels of touch. You might use hand signals, a wave, a bow, a smile, a fist bump, or a handshake. We proclaim the peace of the risen Christ, not simply a greeting.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION: Joel Appel and Meredith Stavenger

Song of Blessing: *May You Run and Not Be Weary*

*The cantor will sing through the song once; you are invited to join in on the second time.*



Text: Handt Hanson  
Music: JOURNEY BLESSING, Handt Hanson

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Meal

## OFFERING

*A collection of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. We offer to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Your financial gifts for LoL can be placed in the offering box at the baptismal font, made electronically through our website ([www.thelordoflife.org](http://www.thelordoflife.org)), sent in the mail, using direct deposit with your bank, or RMD / QCD / or stock gift (in consultation with your financial advisor). Please contact the Financial Secretary with questions.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of All, **take our hearts and set them on fire. Take our lives and transform them. Take our church and resurrect it with your life-giving Spirit. Take our gifts and use them for the fulfillment of your vision of peace and unity. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Thanks be to you, O God, for the power of your loving Spirit.

We worship you for your Spirit, **who forms life out of chaos and dust.**

We bless you for your Spirit, **who ignites the words of the prophets.**

We praise you for your Spirit, **who carries your people together in unity.**

On the night he would be betrayed and denied by his friends...

On this bread and wine,

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Manifest here the body and blood of Christ.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

On this assembly,

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

On this earth, its waters and lands and skies,

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

On plants and animals, and even on the stars,

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

We plead for your Spirit, to cry aloud in us, with us, and for us.

Breathe your life into our bones. Anoint us for service with your oil of gladness.

Translate our speech into tongues of wisdom.

Shower on us your gifts: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Sanctify the whole earth with your truth.

Bring us at the end with all your needy children into your homeland of mercy.

We praise and worship and bless you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

God of supreme mercy and might, God of the cross and the empty tomb,

God of the power of justice and peace, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Please use the version or language of your choice!*

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

### English

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

## German

Vater unser im Himmel, geheiligt werde dein Name.

Dein Reich komme. Dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel so auf Erden.

Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute. Und vergib uns unsere Schuld, wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern. Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung, sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.

Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.

## Greek (the language of the New Testament)

Πάτερ ημών ο εν τοις ουρανοίς,  
αγιασθήτω το όνομά Σου, ελθέτω η Βασιλεία Σου,  
γεννηθήτω το θέλημά Σου ως εν ουρανώ και επί της γης.  
Τον άρτον ημών τον επιούσιον δος ημίν σήμερον,  
και άφες ημίν τα οφειλήματα ημών,  
ως και ημείς αφίεμεν τοις οφειλέταις ημών.  
Και μη εισενέγκης ημάς εις πειρασμόν,  
αλλά ρύσαι ημάς από του πονηρού.  
Ότι σου εστί η βασιλεία και η δύναμις και η δόξα

## Latin

Pater noster, qui es in caelis; sanctificetur nomen tuum;  
adveniat regnum tuum; fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo et in terra.  
Panem nostrum cotidianum da nobis hodie;  
et dimitte nobis debita nostra,  
sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris;  
et ne nos inducas in tentationem; sed libera nos a malo.  
Quia tuum est regnum, et potestas, et gloria in saecula.

## Kiswahili

Baba yetu uliye mbinguni, Jina lako litukuzwe,  
Ufalme wako uje, Mapenzi yako yatimizwe,  
hapa duniani kama huko mbinguni.  
Utupe leo riziki yetu. Utusamehe deni zetu,  
kama sisi nasi tuwasamehevyo wadeni wetu.  
Na usitutie majaribuni, lakini utuokoe na yule mwovu.  
Kwa kuwa ufalme ni wako, na nguvu, na utukufu, hata milele.

**Amen.**

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's table, as we receive the presence of Christ for us in bread and wine. This meal is for all regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, criminal record, or list of offenses.*

*Make your way to the front using the side aisle. There will be bread, wine, and grape juice. A basket to collect used cups is in the center. After receiving the elements, return to your seat by the center aisle. If you have questions when you get up front, it is okay to ask. The bread is gluten-free, nut-free, dairy-free, and full of grace!*

*The Meal may be brought to your seat if it would be helpful; please let the ushers know and they will notify the leaders.*

## Spanish

Padre nuestro que estás en el Cielo,  
santificado sea tu nombre,  
venga a nosotros tu Reino,  
hágase tu voluntad en la Tierra  
como en el Cielo,  
danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día,  
y perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden,  
no nos dejes caer en la tentación,  
y líbranos del mal,  
Tuyo es el Reino el Poder y la Gloria  
por Siempre Señor

## Hebrew (the language of the Old Testament)

אבינו שבשמים  
יתקדש שמך  
תבוא מלכותך, יעשה רצונך  
כבשמים כן בארץ.  
את לחם חקנו תן לנו הים,  
וסלח לנו על חטאינו  
כפי שסולחים גם אנחנו לחוטאים לנו.  
ואל תביאנו לידי נסיון, כי אם חלצנו מן הרע.



## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

### ELW #523 *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet (Vamos Todos al Banquete)*

Guillermo Cuéllar (b. 1955) wrote this text and tune, inspired from his mass (liturgy) *Misa popular salvadoreña*. He is from El Salvador. The mass welcomes all “the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good.” He composed it in the late 1970s when he was working closely with Archbishop Oscar Romero, who commissioned it but was assassinated before it was finished. Because Cuéllar wrote it, he received death threats that forced him to live in Nicaragua for ten years. The authorities were especially unhappy with him for the part about sharing everything—which is stronger in Spanish. Though he based what he wrote on Acts 4:32-35, he was accused of being a Communist. This hymn is known from memory by many in El Salvador and throughout Latin America. It was included in the movie Romero.

### *Spirit of the Living God*

Daniel Iverson (b. Brunswick, GA, 1890; d. Asheville, NC, 1977) wrote the first stanza and tune of this hymn after hearing a sermon on the Holy Spirit during an evangelism crusade by the George Stephens Evangelistic Team in Orlando, Florida, 1926. The hymn was sung at the crusade and then printed in leaflets for use at other services. Published anonymously in Robert H. Coleman's *Revival Songs* (1929) with alterations in the tune, this short hymn gained much popularity by the middle of the century. Since the 1960s it has again been properly credited to Iverson. Iverson studied at the University of Georgia, Moody Bible Institute, Columbia Theological Seminary, and the University of South Carolina. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church in 1914, he served congregations in Georgia and in North and South Carolina. In 1927 he founded the Shenandoah Presbyterian Church in Miami, Florida, and served there until his retirement in 1951. An evangelist as well as a preacher, Iverson planted seven new congregations during his ministry in Miami.

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

Text and music by Daniel Iverson. CCLI Song #23488

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### SONG AFTER COMMUNION: ELW #846 *Amen, We Praise Your Name*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 this risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

# Sending

## **BLESSING**

Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit.  
Let love guide your actions.  
Listen for the Spirit of Truth.  
Spread the peace of Christ,  
and remind everyone you meet that each one is a beloved child of God.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN: ELW #538 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (Enviado Soy De Dios)**

*We sing through the hymn twice, observing the repeats (first section twice, second section twice, repeat). You are invited to sing each section in English the first time, and Spanish the second.*

*This hymn is no longer "anonymous" as your hymnal suggests. It was discovered in 1982, where it was said it was 'anonymous from Nicaragua or thereabouts.' It was not written down at the time. Pablo Sosa transcribed it around that time, and eventually met Noel Fernandez Callot, a blind Baptist pastor from Cuba who told him that it had been written by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor named Jose Aguiar. This has been confirmed, and Jose Aguiar (as of 2009) is pastor of the Sovereign Grace Church in Cuba and serves as coordinator of the Cuban Council of Churches in La Habana province.*

*The hymn was translated by Gerhard Cartford in 1998. In Spanish it is in the first person singular; Cartford cast it into the first person plural. It may be that first person plural in our time does for the North American context what the first person singular does or did for the Latin American one—no heroes, just the seemingly impossible task that "falls to you and me," with God's help, to "make all of the earth a better place to live" against all oppressive tyranny, whether hidden or not.*

## **DISMISSAL**

Empowered by the fire and wind of the Holy Spirit,  
let us go into the world to spread God's love in all we say and do.  
**We will! Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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*Join us every Sunday in-person or online at 10 a.m.*

## **This summer in worship:**

### 11-week series on Creation and Creation Care

June 15—Lessons & Carols of Creation (Genesis 1:1—2:4a)  
June 22—Blessing for Mission Possible  
June 29—Sharing from Mission Possible  
July 6—Guest Pastor Jaime Cardona  
July 20—Sending for Camp Lutherhaven  
July 27—Sharing from FOLKS (tentative)  
August 24—Backpack Blessing