

# WE are **Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (elca)**

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**WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY.**

ALL are invited to receive the bread and the wine. Please know that at CELC this common meal is for all who feel moved to receive. This sacrament is God's gift to all, and is not tied to membership, doctrine or creed.

## *Pentecost Sunday*

May 24, 2026

9:00

*Service of Word and Sacrament*

### *The Gathering*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit,

**The wind of God, the breath of Life.**

Come, Holy Spirit,

**Our Advocate, our Counselor.**

Come, Holy Spirit,

**Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.**

Come, Holy Spirit,  
**Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.**  
 Come, Holy Spirit.  
**May we feel God breathing through our worship.**  
 May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**  
 Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 807 *"COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"*

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are placed between the vocal and bass lines.

While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**P** In the name of ✠ the One  
 who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

In the waters of baptism,  
 we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
 and we are a new creation.  
 For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,  
 who was, who is, and who is to come.

Now breathe upon this water  
 and awaken your church once more.  
 Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
 Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

**To you, our Beginning and our End,**

**our Shepherd and Lamb,  
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,  
now and forever. Amen.**

#### PASTORAL GREETING

**P** The grace of our risen 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.

**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.**

*[Congregation is seated.]*

### *The Word*

#### 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.*

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.’ ”

**Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

*Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)*

<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 many 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.**

<sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

- 29 When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**
- 30 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**
- 32 You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- 33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**
- 34 May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 35<sup>b</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

### **READING: I 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.*

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.

**Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: SS5      *“ALLELUIA! GIVE THE GLORY”*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give the glory and the honor to the Lord! (2x)

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.*

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**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.”

The gospel of the Lord.      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: PASTOR STEVE

SONG OF THE DAY      *“SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”*

F B $\flat$ <sup>6</sup> D/A Gm F/C C<sup>7</sup> F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

5 B $\flat$ <sup>6</sup> D/A Gm F/C B $\flat$ /C C<sup>7</sup> F B $\flat$

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Melt me,

10 F G<sup>7</sup>/F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup>

mold me, fill me, use me.

13 F B $\flat$ <sup>6</sup> D/A Gm F/C B $\flat$ /C C<sup>7</sup> F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**A** God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

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,

**receive our prayer.**

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,

**receive our prayer.**

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,

**receive our prayer.**

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 (*especially*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

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,

**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. **Amen.**

*The Meal*

### OFFERTORY / OFFERTORY MUSIC

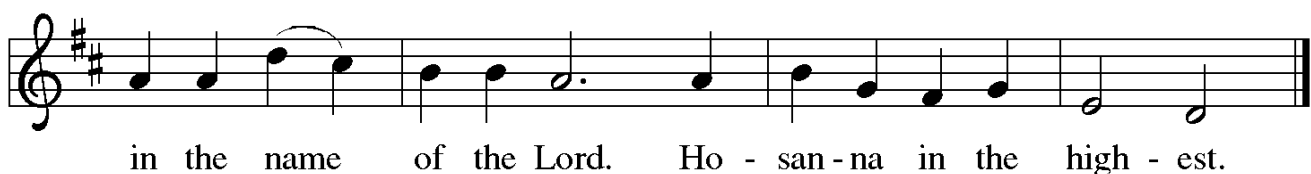
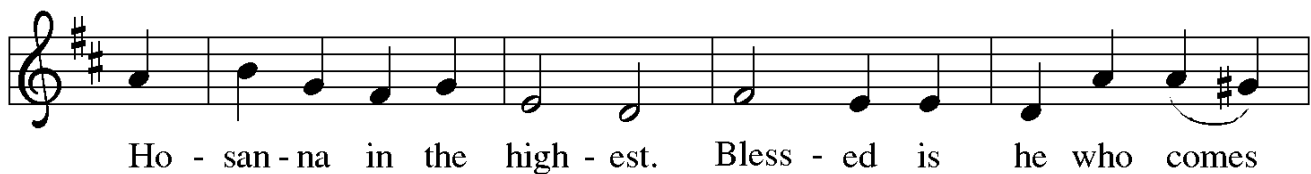
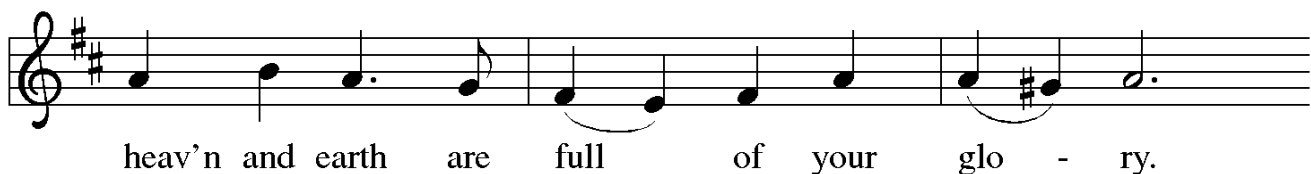
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.  
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

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,..  
We praise your name and join their unending hymn...



You are indeed holy, O God,  
the foundation of all holiness;  
you bring light from darkness,  
life from death,  
speech from silence.

We worship you for our lives  
And for the world you give us.

We thank you  
for the new world to come  
and for the love  
that will rule all in all.

In all this we bless you  
for your only-begotten Son,  
who fulfilled and will fulfill  
all your promises.

#### [THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE]

**P** on the night before he died...

Again, after supper ...

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the incarnation of your Son:  
his human birth and the covenant he made with us.

We cry out for the resurrection of our lives,  
when Christ will come again in beauty and power  
to share with us the great and promised feast. **Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray your Holy Spirit,  
that we and all who share in this bread and cup  
may be united in the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven,

and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Through him, with him, in him, in the unit of the Holy Spirit,  
All glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the Risen Lord

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

### COMMUNION SONG : ELW 483 "HERE IS BREAD"



1. Here is bread,	here is wine,	Christ is with us,	He is with us.
2. Here is grace,	here is peace,	Christ is with us,	He is with us.
3. Here we are,	joined in one,	Christ is with us,	He is with us.



Break the bread,	drink the wine,	Christ is with us
Know His grace,	find His peace,	feast on Je - sus
We'll pro-claim,	'til He comes,	Je - sus cru - - ci

here. In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup there's  
 fied.

life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,

Christ is with us here.

*“COME HOLY SPIRIT I NEED YOU”*

Come, Holy Spirit, I need you  
 Come, Holy Spirit, I pray  
 Come, with your strength and your power  
 Come, in your own special way  
 Come, like a stream in the desert  
 Come, to the weary of soul  
 Come, let your sweet healing power  
 Touch me and make me whole.

**PASTORAL BLESSING**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** Let us pray.  
 Holy One  
 through this meal you have made your home among us

and are making all things new.  
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.  
In the name of Jesus, Amen.

### The Sending

#### BENEDICTION:

**P** God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW 396 "SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS" VS. 1 - 3



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.

**DISMISSAL:**

**P**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

**Thanks be to God.**

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