

We ask that all members join the Women of ELCA and pray this prayer as you rise in the morning, and as you prepare to retire each evening.

Lord, Jesus Christ, I bring to you:

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That your spirit will dwell with them according to your will. That they will grow in the knowledge of you and know that they are dearly loved by you. I pray that you will protect them from deception by the evil one and all his darts that would lead them astray. May they do well in school, learning and discerning what direction you have in mind for them. I also pray for children throughout the world, that you would keep them in your care.

In Jesus name I pray. Amen.  
Amen



**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton WI**

**Day of Pentecost  
May 24, 2026**

**Inviting People to Journey with Christ's  
Family In Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*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.*

*\*Indicates people should stand as they are able.  
Welcome and Announcements*

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

**GATHERING**

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

**Hymn**

**"You Are Holy"**

**ELW#525**

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ☐ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.  
Compassionate God,  
**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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

In Our Prayers

Linda, Jeremy Munson, Gordy O’Rourke, Kristy Gwin Solovey, Marilyn O’Rourke, Larry Arndt, Nick Evans, Collin Niedfeldt, Mark Drews, Carol Lydon Fronk, Brian, Ben Bender, Jeff Bruce, Darlene Diekrager, Jack Arndt, Diane Hornburger, Mike Escutia, Daniel Paulson, Marie Jacobson, Rick Brandau, Lenora Martin, Jenny Simpson Erickson, Wayne Connors

CALENDAR

|               |                        |                |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Sun., May 31  | Worship                | 9:00 am        |
| Sat., June 6  | Blood Drive            | 7:00—11:30 am  |
|               | Wilton American Legion |                |
| Sun., June 7  | Worship                | 9:00 am        |
| Tues., June 9 | Pictorial Directory    | 2:00--8:30 pm  |
| Wed., June 10 | Pictorial Directory    | 2:00---8:30 pm |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pictorial Directory

If you haven’t done so, please make an appointment to be a part of the pictorial directory.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ’s table.

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

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

Blessing

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 an forever.  
Amen.

Hymn “God of Our Fathers” Insert

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise he Lord. Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Those Serving Today

Ministers: All God’s People; Synod Authorized Minister: Karen Sparling; Organist:  
Nalani Bever; Reader: Barb Ornes; Altar: Lori Brueggen and Amber Sebranek;  
Communion Server; Justin Arndt

PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN

Dear Lord Jesus;

We lift to you our children and grandchildren. We ask that your spirit will dwell with them according to your will, that they will grow in the knowledge of you and know they are dearly loved by you. We pray for your protection from deception by the evil one and his darts that would lead them astray. May they do well in school, learning and discerning your direction for them. We also pray for all children throughout the world that you will keep them in your loving care. In Jesus name we pray.  
Amen.

WORD  
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

*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.*

A reading from Acts 2:1-21

<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.

glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn,

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heav’n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

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

Merciful God, (receive our prayer.)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn

“Give Thanks”

Back of Hymnal

Prayer after Offering

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the

<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.’ ”  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

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

**SECOND READING**

*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.*

**A reading from 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

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

\*Gospel Acclamation ELW p.151

**GOSPEL**

*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 John 20:19-23**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>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.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>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 Karen Sparling  
Synod Authorized Minister

Hymn **“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”** **Insert**

**\*APOSTLE’S CREED**

**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.**