



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Welcome to Worship and Live Streaming @9:30am

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May 24, 2026

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude--Veni Creator (Come Holy Spirit)--Cesar Franck, arr. M. Magatagan

Call to Worship--

God of change and glory, God of time and space,

When we fear the future, give to us your grace.

In the midst of changing ways

Give us still the grace to praise.

Opening Hymn**110--A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Invocation (please be seated)--

O God, you sent the Holy Spirit to kindle the zeal of Christ's followers waiting in Jerusalem for his promised gift. Pour the same inspiration on your people here assembled, and on the church of Christ throughout the world. Revive the power of the gospel in our hearts, that it may be to us a sacred trust for the blessing of all creation. Enable your church to spread the good news of salvation, so that all nations may hear it in their own tongue, and welcome it into their own lives. Bless all who share the gospel and guide their words and works, so that Jesus, being lifted up, may draw all people unto him, and the kingdoms of the world may become the kingdom of our Lord and of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Reading--Acts 2:1-4, 42-47

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem--If You Search With All Your Heart--Craig Courtney

Summer Choir

God's Word for Young Disciples-- (congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward)

Scripture Reading**--1 Corinthians 12:4-12

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Sermon--*“The Best Gifts Are Given Away”*

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People respond to the Word

Hymn of Response **539--*O Spirit of the Living God*

New Members & Discipleship Moment

Karyn & Simon Anderson, Melanie & Stu Chaney, Ruthie Wheeler

Offertory--*O Praise the Lord of Heaven--Berthold Tours*

Doxology**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayers of the People/The Lord’s Prayer

**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. Amen.**

Communion (Hymnal p. 13)

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn **465--*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

Benediction **666--*Shalom to You*

***Shalom to You now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.***

Postlude--*Spirit of the Living God*--arr. Olive Huisman

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given
in loving memory of Donald Bowles, by Joan, Mark, Nancy, Isabelle, Emma, and Sarah Bowles
in loving memory of James & Dorothy Ward, by Carol Spidle, and Jim & Zetta Ward

Music--One License A-731491

***indicates please stand as you are able*

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OPENING HYMN

#110 A Mighty Fortress

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.
4. That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

HYMN LYRICS

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#539 O Spirit of the Living God

1. O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.
2. Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow
until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal.
3. Teach us to utter living words
of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand
when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime
shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family
by whom thy will is done.
4. So shall we know the power of Christ
who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness,
which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach
creation's glorious goal!

CLOSING HYMN

#465 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

1. Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

2. Holy Spirit, Love divine,
glow within this heart of mine;
kindle every high desire;
perish self in thy pure fire.

3. Holy Spirit, Power divine,
fill and nerve this will of mine;
grant that I may strongly live,
bravely bear, and nobly strive.

4. Holy Spirit, Right divine,
King within my conscience reign;
be my Lord, and I shall be
firmly bound, forever free.

BENEDICTION

#666 Shalom to You

Shalom to You now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

CHURCH NOTES 5-24-26

Memorial Day Parade: Come walk with *Church Square* in the Memorial Day parade. We'll line up beginning @8:00am, spot #48, at Portage Crossing (behind LA Fitness). The parade steps off promptly @9:00am. If you'd like to carpool to Portage Crossing, sign-up at the Welcome Center. Wear comfortable shoes, sunscreen, and bring water. It's always a fun time!

VBS & Chess Camp: VBS Planning is in full swing! Registration for the June 22-26 session is live! Use the QR codes to sign-up.

Chess Camp will be held July 6–10. Registration is open! The camp is for both new and experienced players aged K and up. Brochures can be found at the Welcome Center.

VBS Volunteers & Mandatory Training: We need a few more volunteers. We are looking specifically for folks to lead recreation/games, elementary crafts, and snacks. Our mandatory trainings will take place on June 3 @12:30pm or 6:30pm. The make-up date is June 7, after worship. See Donna to sign-up, or for more information.

Bring a Friend Sunday: NEXT SUNDAY we're encouraging you to bring a friend and try out summer choir, with one rehearsal @9:00am. Or, just bring a friend to worship with you @9:30am. You can both enjoy a strawberry shortcake after worship!

Summer Bible Study: Join us for Summer Sunday Bible Study beginning June 14th, after the 9:30am service. Jerry Killian will lead the study, focusing on "The Commandments of Jesus—The Essence of Discipleship." John 15:10a -"If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love." Everyone is welcome. Attend one, attend them all. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office, 330-923-5241.

Coming Up...

May 25—Memorial Day (offices closed), Parade line-up @8am

May 31—Bring a friend to worship day

June 7—First Friday Picnic @Waterworks Park (beginning @5:00pm)

June 21—Church Fest 2026, worship @10:30am, catered luncheon & activities following in the Downtown CF Amphitheater & Pavillion

FODDER

Many Gifts, One Body

Before the day was over, Pentecost led to a potluck?

1 Cor 12:4 – Why has God drawn these diverse persons together?

The Best Gifts Are Given Away

vs. 7 – we are each gifted uniquely by the Spirit **for the benefit of all**

we are gathered as the church so that together we can bless the world

Questions for Reflection: Pablo Picasso said, “The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.” What gifts have you found meaning in and how do you give them away? How else can you find the joy and purpose of giving yourself away to others?

Questions for Discussion: Paul writes that there are “varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.” What gifts, experiences, or passions do you believe God has given you for the good of the church and community?

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:7 – *“Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people!”*

Readings for this Week: Genesis 6 and 7

JUNE 22-26, 2026

Registration Opens April 6!

VBS

Register VBS




Save the Date!

CHESS CAMP

July 6-10, 2026

Registration opens April 20, 2026.
See the Welcome Center for a brochure with more information.





FIRST FRIDAY PICNIC

JUNE 5 @ 5:00PM
WATERWORKS PARK



MAY 31

Bring a Friend Sunday

Bring a friend to check out summer choir & summer worship!
Summer choir is a great way to explore choir with just one rehearsal Sunday mornings at 9am.

JOIN US FOR SOME STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE AFTER WORSHIP!



PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR:

In our community:
We lift up bus drivers.

In our greater world:
We pray for peace.

Our sympathy & Prayers:
We lift up Ann Thudium & family on the death of her husband, Dick Thudium on 5/5.

From our Congregation:

Bob Ahonen	Tom Jackson
Joanne Ames	Judy Jesson
Debbie Amundsen	Jenny Laconi
Rick Amundsen	Kathy McFarland
Dorothy Bates	Vince Meeker
Janet Blank	Raquel Mehalik
Suzanne Callahan	Robbie Robinson
Eric Charnofsky	Kathi Sawyer
Marge Crabtree	Michael Taucher
Gabe & Rima Elissa	Kathy Walker
John Gullion	Jim Ward Jr.
Kim Haftl	Peg Yeager
Kathleen Hess	Tim Zuschin