

Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* Diane Bish (setting)
(born 1941)

Greeting and Announcements **Opening Sentences**

***Doxology** - all to sing No. 592
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Praise**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Spirit of the Living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

People: Come Holy Spirit.

Leader: Like a rushing wind that sweeps away barriers.

People: Come Holy Spirit

Leader: Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

People: Come Holy Spirit.

Leader: With Love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation.

People: Come Holy Spirit.

Leader: With power from above to make our weakness strong.

People: Come Holy Spirit.

***Opening Hymn** [“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”](#)

***Call to Confession**

Leader: God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.

***Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Gracious God, Jesus prayed that his disciples would be protected from deceit. Sometimes it's not easy to be bold in sharing how your love impacts our lives. We ask for forgiveness for the times we have not been strong enough in sharing our truth for fear of how others would respond.

Help us to find strength in your promises to us. Help us to share our joy with abundance.

A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise**-all to sing “Gloria Patri” No. 579
*Glorify be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

***We Share God's Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)

Special Music *Wedding Day at Troldhaugen* Edvard Grieg
Opus 65, No. 6 (1843-1907)

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading [Joel 2:28-29](#) (NRSV)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading [Acts 2:1-13](#) (NRSV)

Sermon *“Holiday Blues”* The Rev. Dr. Ron Naylor

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors')

