

Saint Luke Lutheran Church

Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 24, 2026

The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor



SAINT LUKE WELCOMES ALL TO WORSHIP!

We are grateful for your presence in today's worship! Your participation truly makes a difference. We hope you feel encouraged, blessed, and welcomed!

In preparation for worship, please silence all electronic devices when entering the sanctuary in reverence to God and respect for others.

~ Members and visitors ~
kindly remember to sign in using the friendship binders in your pew.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God on this day of Pentecost

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Medley, "More Love to Thee" with "I Love Thee", arr. Tom Fettke. Bud Esper, piano.
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ" (Adoro Te Devote, Plainsong). Text, Frank Von Christierson. St Luke Voice Choir.

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Congregation stands

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most Merciful God,

C **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake. God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind", #400

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE S-147 (front of hymnal)

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Worthy" S-149 (front of hymnal)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WA Let us pray.

C 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 sits

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

L ²⁴How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

C ²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

L ²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

C ²⁷All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

L ²⁸You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

C ²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

L ³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

C ³¹May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

L ³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

C ³³I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

L ³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.

C ^{35b}Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" S-151a



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation sits

+ **SERMON** +

+ **THE REVEREND DR. CHRISTIAN EICHORN, PASTOR** +

Silence for reflection

Congregation stands

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Loving Spirit", #397

NICENE CREED

WA Let us confess the faith of the church.

C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge**

the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

WA ...Merciful God,

C **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.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P **The peace of Christ be with you always.**

C And also with you.

Congregation sits

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Sanctuary of the Soul", Joseph Martin. St. Luke Voice Choir. (c) 2014 Hal Leonard.

Congregation stands

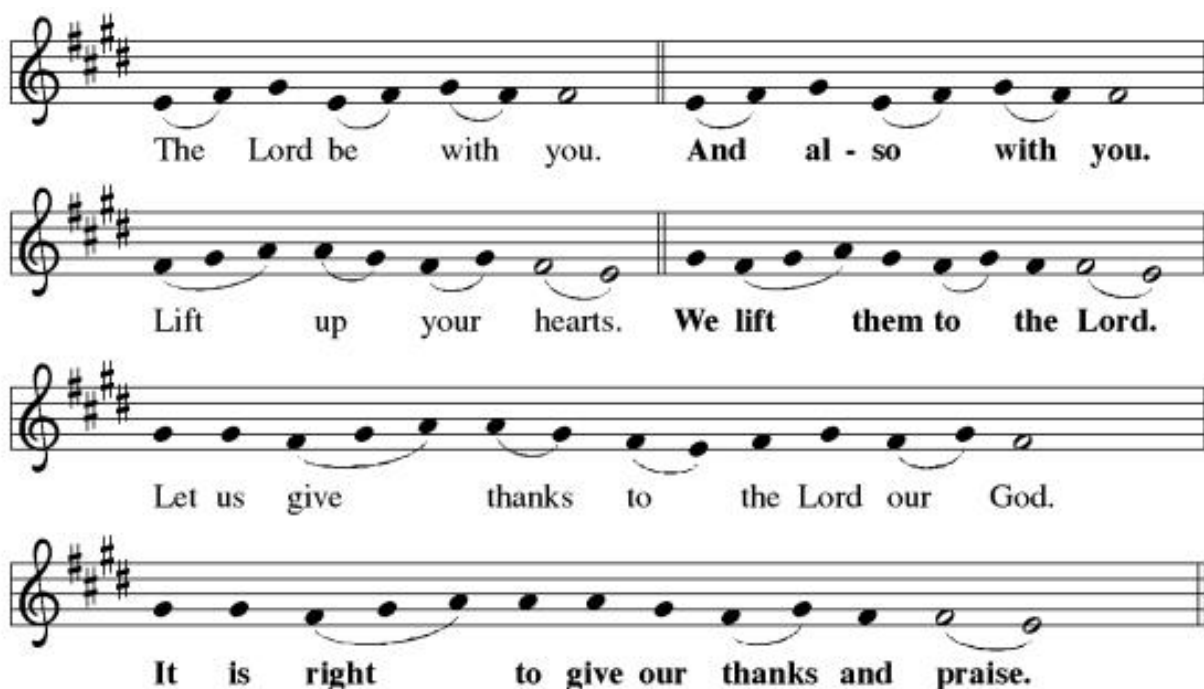
OFFERING HYMN "Create In Me a Clean Heart", #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **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 S-152 (music on next page)



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn: S-153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P ...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P ...Grace our table with your presence.
C **Come, Holy Spirit.**
P ...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
C **Come, Holy Spirit.**
P ...O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
C **Amen.**
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
C **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the Risen Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation sits

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Altar, is open to all baptized Christians who receive Communion in their home church. All others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei) S-154 (front of hymnal)

COMMUNION HYMNS

“O Spirit of Life”, #405

“O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”, #399

Congregation stands

TABLE BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raised”, #204

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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,

C Amen.

BLESSING

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.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”, #656

DISMISSAL

WA Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

--Thank you for worshiping with us today--

The following members assisted with today’s worship service with live streaming:
Altar Guild: Sharon Tulio, Sue Dompkowski | AV Team: Rodney & Leigh Ann Stinson
Cantor: Rod Peterson | Music: Bud Esper, Director of Church Music; Kim Hawkins,
Conductor, St. Luke Handbell Choir; St. Luke Voice Choir and St. Luke Handbell Choir |
Communion Assistants: Marie Keating, Sara Hart | Crucifer: Dan Mardis | Eucharistic
Minister: Sue Heitmuller | Greeters: Terry & Debra Hildebrand | Lector: Rod Meadows
Ushers: Jim Drake, Steve Kirby, Bob Regan, Karen Reynolds
Worship Assistant: Kristen Killoran

NEW MEMBERS

Are you looking for a new church family? We’d love to help you connect with others in the church and grow in our Faith Community together. If you are thinking about joining St. Luke, please contact Pastor Eichorn at 610.393.7622 or pastoreichorn@stlukeoib.org or the Church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please contact the church office to sponsor Sunday altar flowers.
Upcoming availability: May 31 | June 7,21,28 | July 5,12,19,26

PRAYER LIST MAY 24, 2026

Gary Reynolds, Steve Kirby, Tom Rose, the family of Joyce Rivenburgh

LUTHERAN LIFE

WELCOME VISITORS ~ We are delighted you visited St. Luke today. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship services for light refreshments.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- ❖ Saint Luke members, please sign in so we can accurately report attendance to our synod and to our guests/visitors, we can show our appreciation to you. We love you and thank you for being a part of today's service!
- ❖ Office is closed tomorrow, May 25th due to Memorial Day holiday.

SUPPORTING ST. LUKE MINISTRIES

- ❖ **Come & See Go & Tell – NC Synod Gathering:** May 28-30, 2026 Lenoir-Rhyne University. Hear from NC Synod Bishop Emily Hartner! Learn about the life-giving things God is up to in congregations and ministries across the synod! Make new friends and catch up with old friends at the block party! Learn from experts or experience spiritual renewal in workshops! Log into the North Carolina Synod website: nclutheran.org.
- ❖ **More than just a Meeting – Join the Lutheran Men's Ministry!** Looking for a place to hang out, grab a great meal, and enjoy yourself on a weekday? Our Men's Ministry isn't about formal agendas or sitting in pews – it's about fellowship, food, and plenty of laughs. Whether we're heading out to dinner, sharing a joke, or planning our next big adventure, this is a group where you can just be yourself. No pressure, no prep – just good company! Come see what we're about at our next gathering on Monday, June 1 at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'd love to have you at the table! (May's meeting falls on Memorial Day, so it has been changed to June 1.)
- ❖ **File of Life:** Social Ministry is offering free "file of Life" kits for your refrigerator and wallet. These help first responders access your medical info quickly in an emergency. To receive yours, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.
- ❖ **5th Sunday Offering** – Sunday, May 31! The offering will go towards the Lutheridge Capital Campaign. Lutheridge is one of the retreat centers of the NC Synod, which also includes Lutherrock and Camp Agape in Kure Beach. It is located near Arden, North Carolina. It incurred damage from Hurricane Helene. Lutheridge offers both youth and adult camp programs, adult programs: Geek Gathering, Handbell Retreats, Quilt Camp, Theology On Tap, and Wild Women Weekend.
- ❖ **Graduation Sunday, June 28!** Graduation season is upon us! We want to celebrate the hard work and bright futures of our students. If someone in your family is graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, please share the news with the church office.
- ❖ **Worship & Music Committee:** As many of you know, our church organ is showing its age after many faithful years of service. It has developed internal performance issues that will soon require extensive maintenance, including a disabled amplifier section and a main computer board that needs replacement. To ensure our music continues to thrive, we established the **Beth Grunewalder Memorial Organ Fund** late last year to fund a replacement. Bud has been actively consulting with several organ manufacturers, and we expect to present a formal recommendation to the church council within the next few months. Contributions to this fund are warmly welcomed as we work toward this goal. Thank you, Rusty Grunewalder.

St Luke Lutheran Church Financial Summary

Source of Information	St. Luke Financial Summary		
	April 2026		
		Month	Year to Date
Monthly and annual from the Budget Performance Report pg. 1	Revenues	\$ 28,062	\$ 123,107
Monthly and annual from the Budget Performance Report pg. 4	Expenditures	\$ 24,363	\$ 110,820
	Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 3,699	\$ 12,287
Total of the monthly/annual mortgage principal (included in Expenditures above)	Mortgage Principal	\$ 3,562	\$ 14,386
Total of the monthly/annual mortgage interest (included in Expenditures above)	Mortgage Interest	\$ 2,241	\$ 8,827
	Mortgage Balance	\$ 608,856	
	Average Sunday Service Participation		
Attendance taken by Ushers, averaged monthly and year to date	Attendance	120	124
From YouTube, average monthly and year to date. Note: these are devices connected to YouTube, total people would be more dependent on household.	YouTube Views	70	73
	Easter Service	244 (attend.)	97 (YouTube)
	NOTE: Income was slightly below the budgeted amount; Expenses were significantly below budget and includes Workmen's Comp. Insurance at \$568.		

This Week at Saint Luke ~ May, 2026

Sunday, May 24	9am	Adult Sunday School
Day of Pentecost	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship ~ All are welcome!
Monday, May 25	3pm	MexTrain
Tuesday, May 26	10:30am	Listening Group
	1pm	Bridge
Wednesday, May 27	10am	Morning Prayer
	6pm	Handbell Choir
		<i>Voice Choir ~ Summer Hiatus</i>
Thursday, May 28	10am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Sunday, May 31		<i>No Adult Sunday School</i>
The Holy Trinity	10am	Worship service with live streaming
The Reverend Dr. Beth Spitzner Neubauer	11am	Fellowship - All Are Welcome!
Guest Pastor		

Scripture Readings ~ May 31, 2026 ~ The Holy Trinity
Genesis 1:1-2:4a | Psalm 8 | 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 | Matthew 28:16-20