

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21** 1 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.’ ”

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13** 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.

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-23** 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.”



Sunday May 24, 2026

Welcome Everyone!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

*You are invited to come forward via the centre aisle and form a single line across from the steps leading to the altar area. Once you have communed and the pastor has spoken the communion blessing, you may place your used wine glass into the bowl on the stand near the side aisle. Then you may return to your seat via the side aisle.*

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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## Weekly Calendar:

**Monday:** Pastor's day off

**Tuesday:** Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
Pastor in Port Colborne

**Wednesday:** Pickleball 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm  
Rose City Quilters 9:30 am to 3:30 pm  
Pastor in Welland

**Thursday:** Pastor in Welland

**Friday:** Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
Pastor in Port Colborne

**Saturday:** Pickleball 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

We live and serve on land that for thousands of years, Indigenous peoples have walked. We live on the traditional territory of several Indigenous peoples, including the Neutrals, the Mississauga, the Anishnaabe and the Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their continuing stewardship of this land and we also honour the heritage and gifts of the Métis people.

### Worship leaders, ushers and counters for this week's service:

Scripture Reader Linda Borland  
Prayers Marilyn Schultz  
Usher/Greeter Bob Hansen  
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

### Worship leaders, ushers and counters for next week's service:

Scripture Reader Bobby Goldenberg  
Prayers Marilyn Schultz  
Usher/Greeter Norm & Carole McLeod  
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

### Upcoming Events & Dates to Remember

June's Church Council meeting will take place on Thursday June 11 @ 10:00 am.

Last week's attendance 12, last year's attendance 13.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA  
CELEBRATES 40 YEARS. The Church invites congregations to

tangible acts of love and service to celebrate. We are offering a "loonie, toonie or fiver" pottery and craft sale with ALL proceeds directed to Hospice Niagara Walker House. The pottery is displayed on a table outside the Church office door. Please use the envelopes provided, or one of your own, just be sure to label it Hospice Niagara Walker House – Thank you.

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,

and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Evangelical Lutheran Worship

### GATHERING

Thanksgiving for Baptism ..... (in guide)

Gathering Hymn..... **ELW # 398**  
"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Apostolic Greeting

Kyrie .....**HS Page 3**

Hymn of Praise "Now the Feast".....  
.....**HS Page 4**

Prayer of the Day

### WORD

First Reading..... Acts 2:1-21

Psalm.....104:24-34, 35b

Second Reading...1Corinthians 12:3b-13

Gospel verse.....**HS Page 8**

**Response: "Glory to you, O Lord"**

Gospel.....John 20:19-23

**Response "Praise to you, O Christ"**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day.....**ELW # 401**

"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

Nicene Creed.....**HS page 10**

Prayers of Intercession  
"Receive Our Prayer"

Sharing the Peace

Offering Prayer

### MEAL

Great Thanksgiving (sung)...**HS page 14**

Sanctus "Holy, Holy".....**HS page 15**

Eucharistic Prayers and Acclamations  
.....**HS page 16**

The Lord's Prayer.....**HS page 18**

O Lamb of God .....**HS page 18**

Communion Hymns....**ELW # 403 & 627**

Prayer after Communion

Song after Communion

"Thanks be to You" ..... **HS page 20**

### SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn.....**ELW # 399**

"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

Dismissal: Go in peace. Live in hope.  
"Thanks be to God"