

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday



Faith Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

"Building a welcoming, nurturing faith community that is guided by Jesus and shares the Gospel."

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 397 "Loving Spirit" *

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

GREETING

KYRIE & HYMN OF PRAISE (ELW Setting 4, pg. 147-148, 149-150)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word: God speaks to us through scripture reading, preaching and song.

READINGS: see next page

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW Setting 4, pg. 151)

GOSPEL READING: see next page

CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 396 "Spirit of Gentleness" *

APOSTLES' CREED

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING MOMENT

Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW Setting 4, pg. 152-153) *

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD (ELW Setting 4, pg. 154) *

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW 479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast" *

ELW 483 "Here Is Bread" *

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Sending: God blesses us and sends us into the world to love and serve our neighbors.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: ELW 400 "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" *

DISMISSAL

**ELW = Red Hymnal; ACS = Purple Hymnal*

READING(S)

First Reading: *Acts 2:1-21*

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your children shall prophesy,
and your youth shall see visions,
and your elders shall dream dreams.

Even upon all of my slaves,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: *Romans 8:14-17*

Gospel Reading: *John 14:8-17, 25-27*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you O Christ!**

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Monday - Prayer of the Day

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Tuesday - Connections with the Liturgy

In Thanksgiving at the Table X (Evangelical Lutheran Worship p. 69), we praise God with these words: "O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope." Each eucharistic prayer asks for the Spirit to come into the bread and wine, into the believing community, and into the wider world.

Wednesday - Let the Children Come

Teach the children in your life the Hebrew word *ruah*, and have them breathe the word out. Explain that *ruah* is the wind that God blows through the trees and around the buildings; the breath of God, from which comes our in-and-out breath; and Spirit, the way that God comes into each baptized baby and the power that lives in our hearts as Christians.

Thursday - Life on the Earth

In *Fire Weather: On the Front Lines of a Burning World* (Knopf, 2023), the author John Vaillant reports on a massive wildfire in Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada. Wildfires are increasing in intensity and size for a variety of reasons, including climate change and the fire suppression practices of the past. Like water, fire can be life-giving or destructive, and many communities have experienced its destructive power in recent years. How can an understanding of real-world fire give us humility and perspective when reflecting on the fire of Pentecost?

Friday - Reflection on the Gospel Reading

The gospel of John is appointed for most of the primary festivals of the liturgical year because of John's high Christology and its centrality in the development of Christian doctrine. John says theologically the narrative of Pentecost: God sends the Spirit into the gathered community so that it can know the truth of Christ's

resurrection. Christian theology subsumed John's description of the Advocate into its understanding of the Holy Spirit, and passages such as this led to the development of the doctrine of the Trinity. The Spirit is now the link between the believing community and God.

Saturday - A Hymn for the Day

A hymn appropriate for Pentecost C is "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" (ELW 395). Luther added stanzas 2 and 3 to a fifteenth-century German hymn. Filled with the Pentecost imagery of fire and referring to God as "loving Father," the hymn calls us into a life of witness to Jesus Christ, which the readings from Romans and John intend.



CHURCH
Announcements

Thank you for your offering of **\$7,457.19** for the week of **June 1!**

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Altar Guild.
Thank you!

All students who are active members at Faith Lutheran Church may apply for a **college tuition scholarship for the 2025-2026 school year**. Whether a graduating high school student or already at college, head out to our Faith website www.faithbismarck.com/forms and email the completed form and a current transcript to the office faith.bisfaith@gmail.com by July 15.

Please join us on **Thursday, June 19th for a Scripture Circle led by U.S. Jones, III!** This powerful method of studying scripture focuses on details and connections across Scripture. The event, **hosted at Faith Lutheran, will start with a light dinner at 5pm, and then study from 5:45pm-8pm**. A free-will offering will be taken if you feel moved to help supplement the speaker fee. Look out for **other Scripture Circle opportunities** on July 17th (at McCabe) and August 14th (at MSLCC North Campus)!

Handmade cards for Graduation, Father's Day and Weddings are available for purchase on the small display table in the Gathering Area.

THANK YOU to Jim and Connie Isaak who delivered 8 boxes to Midwest Motors this past week. The boxes consisted of **21 Baby Kits and 26 quilts**. We also have **176 pillowcase dresses** that will be delivered in the near future. Our next and final shipment for the year will be in October. We have also been supporting local organizations and members with quilts. We have donated a total of **132 quilts** to other causes this year! A breakdown of how many quilts each non-profit received will be in the June Newsletter. Thank you also to our quilters who make the quilts and put the kits together. This would not be possible without you! **Full lists for our Lutheran World Relief Kits** are available now on the back counter. Any donations can be brought to the office. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you to all our NC Mission Trip Sponsors! As of last week, we have **reached our goal of \$8,000!** You can still **make a donation to Faith Lutheran with "NC trip sponsor" in the memo line or on a note, or use our Give page on our website.** Any money not used for the trip will go towards recovery efforts in Western North Carolina.

Message & Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins

Music: Janine Johannes

Worship Assistants:

Team 2: John Wittenberg, Nikki Wittenberg, Shelby VonWahlde, Joe VonWahlde, Hope Schreiner, Shannon Schreiner, Billie Ann Caya, Sara Caya Giltner, Joyce Hellman

CALENDAR

Monday, June 9

6:00 VBS

7:00 AA

Tuesday, June 10

Newsletter Deadline

9:00 Quilting

6:00 VBS

Wednesday, June 11

10:00 Bible Study

6:00 VBS

7:00 Worship with VBS
Performance

Thursday, June 12

2:00 Knit & Crochet Group

Friday, June 13

8:00 NA

Saturday, June 14

Sunday, June 15

9:30 Worship

MISSION Focus

JUNE: COMMUNITY ACTION FOOD PANTRY



The Community Action Food Pantry provide food baskets, usually filled with enough food to last approximately 4-7 days, to income qualified clients and families in need. They are currently in need of canned soups, pasta and pasta sauce, canned chicken and tuna, pancake mixes, rice, and other non-perishable food items. Thank you for your generosity!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." - Matthew 25:35