

**Wednesday, June 4, 2025**  
**Week of Pentecost**



# **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**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG: ELW 779 “Amazing Grace” \***

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

**READING** (see below)

**SERMON**

**SONG: ACS 1097 “Ten Thousand Reasons” \***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERING**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG: ELW 525 “You Are Holy” \***

**DISMISSAL**

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

## **READING**

**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!**

# BRINGING IT HOME

This section provides guidance on how to discuss a passage from the Revised Common Lectionary for the week as a family! The devotions for this week are for Acts 2:1-13

## Reflection Questions

- Today is the day of Pentecost, and our story begins with a diverse group speaking different languages and unable to understand one another. When the Holy Spirit arrived with a wind and a flame, the people were united; they began to understand each language spoken. How do you imagine those present felt?
- The wind and flames showed something holy was happening. What might the people have wondered about in that moment?
- Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival bringing people from many different regions together in Jerusalem. When have you seen people come together even though they were different from one another?
- At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit helped something new begin—the church. What new thing might grow when we listen well and trust God together?
- The Holy Spirit helped people understand each other. What might happen when people choose to try to connect, even when they don't understand each other?

## Look it Up!

Did you know the Bible was originally written in three different languages (Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic), and it has now been translated into many more?

**Look up how many languages the Bible (or portions of it) has been translated into.**



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**PRACTICE**

**As you learn a word in a new-to-you language, consider the shape your mouth makes when you say it. How does it feel to say an unfamiliar word?**

**Say a prayer for people who have to speak languages they're unfamiliar with every day.**

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## **Activity**

Throughout history, people from vastly different backgrounds have found unity in simply recognizing one another's humanity, even with barriers of language, culture, age, or ability. Tell the children in your life how people from many places gathered in one space in the story of Pentecost. They spoke different languages and didn't understand one another—until the Spirit moved, bringing connection in a surprising way. Assign each person a place name from the Acts 2 list, each representing a different culture. Explain that they will not speak during this activity, just as the crowd at Pentecost couldn't initially understand one another. Using the list below, or using your own ideas, ask 3–4 questions for them to answer nonverbally.

- How are you feeling today?
- What's something you enjoy doing?
- How many people do you live with?
- What did you eat for breakfast?

Encourage them to use gestures, facial expressions, and body movement—no words—to communicate. After a few prompts, turn on an electric fan so they can feel the wind “rush in” while you read Acts 2:2. Invite them to reflect on how it felt to connect without speaking, and remind them how the Holy Spirit united people of different cultures. End the activity with a reflection together using these questions: What was surprising or challenging? What helped you feel connected without words? How might the Spirit help people understand each other today?

## **Prayer**

God of wind and fire, no matter where we come from or what language we speak, your love is for us all. May we welcome, not exclude; make room, not shut out—for we are all connected through you. Amen.



**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 Jack and Gail Skaley, in memory of Michelle. **Thank you!**

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

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](http://www.faithbismarck.com/forms) and email the completed form and a current transcript to the office [faith.bisfaith@gmail.com](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> (at McCabe) and August 14<sup>th</sup> (at MSLCC North Campus)!

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.

**Registration for Vacation Bible School** is now open! Children 4 years old to those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for games, snacks, music, crafts and learning about God together. Program will run from **Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm to 8pm** each night (opening at 5:30 on Sunday with a pizza party), ending in a performance at the Wednesday 7pm service. Cost is **\$20 per child, or \$30 per family**. Registration can be found on the forms page of our website.

**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!

**Message & Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins**  
**Music: Linda Lueneburg**

## CALENDAR

### Thursday, June 5

9:00 Esther Circle

### Friday, June 6

8:00 NA

### Saturday, June 7

### Sunday, June 8

9:30 Worship

5:30 VBS Opening

### 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

# 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*

