

A photograph of a dirt path in a forest. Sunlight streams through the trees, creating a warm, golden glow. The path leads into the distance, flanked by tall trees and dense foliage. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

Teach me  
your paths.

PSALM 25:4

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Washburn, North Dakota

Sunday, May 31, 2020

**9:30 AM Worship**

**Pentecost Sunday**

(Facebook Live because of Coronavirus Pandemic)

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**GATHERING HYMN..... LBW #257**

**“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Read in Unison)

**O God, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING ..... Numbers 11:24-30

<sup>24</sup>Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. <sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop

them.” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

PSALM.....Psalm 25:1-15

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup> Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

<sup>6</sup> Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

<sup>11</sup> For your name's sake, O Lord,

pardon my guilt, for it is great.

<sup>12</sup> Who is the man who fears the Lord?

Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

<sup>13</sup> His soul shall abide in well-being,

and his offspring shall inherit the land.

<sup>14</sup> The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him,

and he makes known to them his covenant.

<sup>15</sup> My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

SECOND READING ..... Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, {the disciples} were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; <sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; <sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. <sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

GOSPEL READING ..... John 20:19-23

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

**HYMN ..... WOV #684**

**"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"**

SERMON ..... Pastor Curt Hanson

**HYMN ..... WOV #801**

**"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"**

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BENEDICTION

**HYMN ..... LBW #522**

**"Come, Thou Almighty King"**

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR..... Pastor Curt Hanson

READER..... Kathy Keller

PIANIST..... LeAnn Richard

MUSIC..... Randy & Gwen Hall

ALTAR CARE .....Melanie Beckman & Janell Ziemann

VIDEOGRAPHER..... Matt Gardner

## **Our Mission**

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

## **Words of Welcome**

Welcome on this day of Pentecost! May we be open to the Holy Spirit’s movement among us.

## **Prayer Requests**

Chris Steinbaugh – Nephew to Dennis & Gayle Johnson, Randy Hall, Diane Inmon – Cousin to Sharon Nelson, Mona Jorgenson – Mother to Carla Bickert, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Mike Thyberg, Lonnie Wollmuth – Brother to Steve Wollmuth, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, David Riden, Laren Holzmagel, Sydney Haas – Cousin to Sharon Nelson, Harlow Tatum – Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, Taylor Gardner, Melisa Chrest, Ruth Lund – Mother to Doddie Kuntz, Derek Laning, Jacklyne Carlson, Amber Selken – Sister to Wendy Miller, Billy Gardner – Father to Matt Gardner, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth – Brother to Jeneen Loe, Shirley Nelson, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

## **Church Council**

Church council will meet this Wednesday, June 3, at 7:00 pm.

## **Spring Activity**

Families! Join us in spreading Christ’s gospel one rock at a time. Please paint 2 rocks. Place the first rock by the large pine tree behind our church sign. Hide the second rock somewhere in our community. You can write your favorite “faith” word, quote or simply a picture of God’s love or your love for Him. Whatever comes to your mind to spread God’s love or how He is your Rock.

## **Flower Beds**

It’s that time of year again to beautify our church flowerbeds. It takes a village of people to help keep them watered and looking nice! We are looking for volunteers to help water the flowers on a weekly basis. Let’s see if we can get enough volunteers so you only have to take one week this summer. If you are willing to help out the months of June, July and August, please contact Donna Gunderson at 315-0275.

## **Our Daily Bread**

The June/July/August issue of *Our Daily Bread* is in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy to use with your daily devotions.

## **Choir Music Folders**

There are a number of choir music folders out. Please return them to the church.

## **Piano**

The console piano in the church basement is open to bids from First Lutheran members. Bids will be accepted until June 14, 2020 by submitting a bid to Jeannette at the First Lutheran Church email address, [flc@westriv.com](mailto:flc@westriv.com). The piano will need to be removed by June 30, 2020.

## **Camp of the Cross Updates**

- 2020 Summer Camp registration is still open online and planned for the months of July & August! If you are registered and then the schedule would be changed, you will be notified. Unfortunately, they have had to cancel all of the off-site programs which includes Day Camps and VBS.
- Summer Sundays on the lake at Camp of the Cross Ministries is Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Worship at 10 a.m. with community picnic to follow – “rain or shine”.
- PRAIRIE LAKE FESTIVAL is being moved to the end of the summer. They will keep us posted. There hope is to have a public and virtual festival. So, June 20, 2020 is postponed! Please contact the CCM office if you have any questions.

## **First Lutheran Church Updates**

- As of the May 14 council meeting First Lutheran will continue with virtual church service until further notice. Worship services will be done by Facebook Live. Watch the church website, Facebook and notices on the church doors for further updates.
- The front door only will be open daily from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm to help keep traffic down during this pandemic.
- We ask that you remember your tithing for the church. Either send your payment to the church or drop it off at Farmers Security Bank in Washburn notating it is a donation for First Lutheran Church.

# *Listening for the Promise*

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Day of Pentecost – May 31, 2020

*“Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said,  
‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”*

*–John 7:38–*

## **Fire, Water, and the Healing of the Nations**

When Jesus spoke these words, “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water,’” he was promising his followers that when he was raised from the dead and after he ascended into heaven, they would be given the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was absolutely vital to the formation of the new church and it filled the hearts and minds of the apostles on whom its flames touched. The very power of God would empower, sustain, and lead the apostles as they set out into unknown territory.

The fire of Pentecost was not something new and different in all ways. In this moment it had a specific and powerful purpose, but God had previously revealed his holy presence in fire, always with rich meaning. In the Old Testament, God led his people by a pillar of cloud and fire. At Sinai, this pillar fell upon the mountain in the form of a fiery cloud. It later fell upon Solomon’s temple to mark it as God’s dwelling place. Finally, the fire recalled the prophetic ministry of Elijah. At Pentecost the same fire fell upon the people, showing that God was leading his people forth, writing his law upon their hearts, and dwelling within them as his new temple.

If we focus upon the temple, we see the connection to Jesus’ words above. In Ezekiel’s vision, he saw life giving waters flowing out from the temple. And in Revelation 22, the waters of life flow out from the New Jerusalem for the healing of the nations. This is the purpose of Pentecost and the promise of the Spirit fulfilled.

By grace God’s Spirit dwells within us as his temple and writes his law upon our hearts. By grace he is leading us forth as his prophets, priests, and kings. By grace the Spirit is making rivers of living water flow out from our hearts to the world. It is ultimately for the healing of the nations and the restoration of creation in God’s good time.

**Prayer:** By the power of your Spirit, Lord, make us instruments of your healing power in the world. Amen.