



**The Spirit
of truth,
who proceeds
from the Father,
he will
bear witness
about me.**

John 15:26

**May 23, 2021
Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship**

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PRELUDE AND BELLS

AS WE GATHER

(The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reaches to all who belong to Christ, granting a renewed and eternal life. In his Letter to Titus, Paul writes of the salvation of God our Savior and the renewal of the Holy Spirit that is for all God's people. Assuring us that we are God's children, the Spirit enables us to address God as our Father with all boldness and confidence—as Martin Luther affirms in his explanation of the Lord's Prayer. When we are directed by the Spirit, our daily lives are ordered in such a way that we continually walk in a heavenly direction. The Spirit shapes our lives of prayer and of worship, interceding for us—and with us—as we worship in spirit and truth.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:3, 5b; 66:4*

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C: and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

P: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

C: let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

P: Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,

C: my salvation and my God.

P: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;

C: they sing praises to Your name.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: for the LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

P: I say to the LORD, You are my God;

C: give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

Women: O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

Men: *These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.*

Women: *When You give it to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.*

Men: *When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

HYMN.....“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

PRAISE, ADORATION

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Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's

realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing,

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, with the first line containing three numbered verses. The second system of music continues the lyrics with two more lines of text.

O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er
 Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er
 Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er

rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing, life - im -
 form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we praise with
 bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com - mu - nion

part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 end - less wor - ship For your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

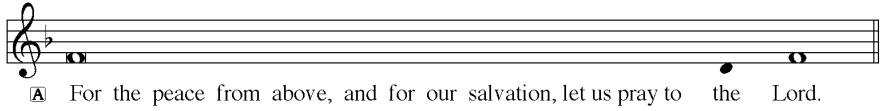
KYRIE

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.**



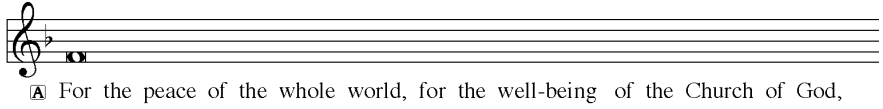
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



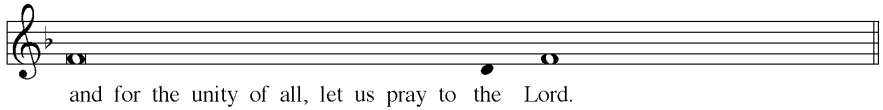
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



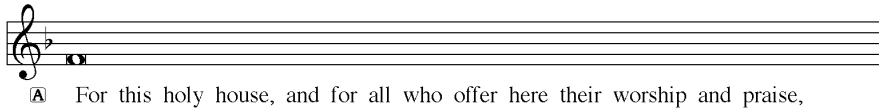
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



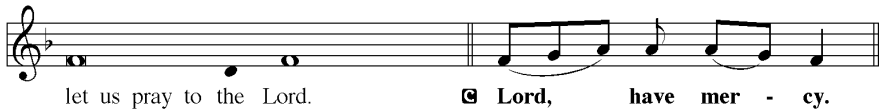
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

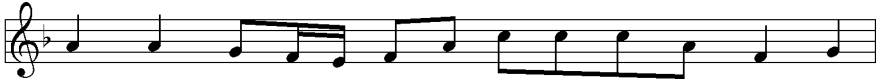


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

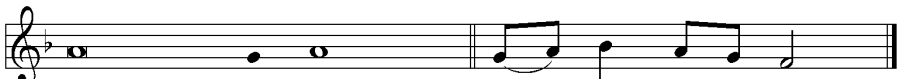


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men

SALUTATION



♩ The Lord be with you.

♩ And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Read in Unison)

God of life, on this day you poured forth upon your Church your Spirit through whom we are one body, the body of Christ. Unite us at your table that we may be poured forth into the world, bearing witness to your grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING..... Ezekiel 37:1-14

(The Spirit of God uses the word of God to bring life. He uses his Church to do so. Even as Ezekiel was commanded to speak to dead, dry bones (a rather foolish-looking mission) so that they might live, we are called to go into all parts of the world with the word of God. It may seem like a foolish task to go into some places, to share the gospel with particularly lost, spiritually dead folks, but this is precisely our call. One does not have to imagine the dismay of Ananias when told to go to Saul of Tarsus. We are told how foolish he thought the enterprise (Acts 9:13-14). Yet, the Lord said, "Go," and go Ananias did, just as Ezekiel obeyed. The result was that a man who had been so dead in his spirit that he murdered countless souls because they called upon the name of Christ was filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit has filled us, too, and we must go and proclaim Christ to dead, dry bones everywhere.)

¹The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on

them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

PSALM (Read responsively) Psalm 139:1-16
(It is too much to fully conceive of, that someone knows us so well that they know us even better than we know ourselves. The Spirit of God knows us this intimately. Every thought and dream we have is known to the Spirit before we have that thought, that dream. He knows us when we take pains to be near to God, and he knows us when we try to avoid God. We cannot escape the Spirit. He is all around us and even fills us. We are wholly his and fully known.)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

**² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.**

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.**

- 7 Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- 8 **If I ascend to heaven, you are there!**
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 10 **even there your hand shall lead me,**
and your right hand shall hold me.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"
- 12 **even the darkness is not dark to you;**
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.
- 13 For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- 16 **Your eyes saw my unformed substance;**
in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.

SECOND READING..... Acts 2:1-21
(We read this as if actual flames danced over the heads of the disciples. That may be so, or perhaps this is simply the way Luke described a supernatural event. Focusing on signs is our inclination. But if the focus of our faith is just that — faith — then we will simply believe that the Spirit is still working in the lives of those who gather together for worship and fellowship. Jesus promised to pour out his Spirit upon all believers, and that means something glorious is about to happen. The focus should not be on what it looks like but on its content, that the word of God is proclaimed. This is how the Spirit glorifies the Son and lights up the Church.)

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

ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th & 16th chapters.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
(The Holy Spirit is seen here as being sent by the Son from the Father. As the Nicene Creed states, the Holy Spirit “proceeds from the Father and the Son.” Therefore, the Spirit is able to help us through the same difficulties Jesus faced (Heb 4:15). He also supports Christ's Church in accomplishing their mission (Matt 28:19-20) by convicting the world about sin and righteousness and judgment. Moreover, the Spirit guides the once and future disciples in all truth, helping them comprehend his word. All of this has the primary aim of glorifying Jesus Christ.)

²⁶{Jesus said,} “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.
^{4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness,

because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;
¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.
¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

SERMON Pastor Chuck Mann

SPECIAL MUSIC..... Choir
“Wind Beneath My Wings”

PRESENTATION OF QUILTS
PRAYERS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Place your hand over your heart and turn to your neighbor sharing the peace in this manner. No hand shaking.)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Choir
"Benediction"

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Said in unison)

Generous God, you have given us treasures too numerable to count. Grant us faith to be generous with all that you have first given us: our time, our resources, and our possessions. May we boldly trust that your providence, presence, and care are a never-ending reality in our lives. Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen

**HYMN.....On next page
"Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak"**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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403 Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak In liv - ing
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead The wan - d'ring
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach The pre - cious
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, Un - til our

ech - oes of your tone; As you have sought, so
 and the wa - v'ring feet; Oh, feed us, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part; And wing our words, that
 ver - y hearts o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and

let us seek Your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed Your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, Your love to tell, your praise to show.

Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR Pastor Chuck Mann
READER Randy Hall
ORGANIST Theresa Petersen
USHER/GREETER Don & Sue Winter Family
ALTAR GUILD..... Melanie Beckman & Janell Ziemann
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Our Mission

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

Welcome to all who have come to worship.

The Holy Spirit called the church into being and continues to call us together. Welcome to worship as we celebrate the Day of Pentecost.

Visitors

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

Nursery

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

Thank you for your giving

Thursday, May 13th, Ascension Day

Attendance – 27

Facebook Online Viewing - 49

Sunday, May 16th, Attendance – 100

Facebook Online Viewing - 91

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$3,530.00

Flowers

Flowers today are from the funeral of Mary Schulz which was this past week.

Prayer Requests

Helen Samuelson, Family of Mary Schulz, LeAnn Richard, Pat Anderson, Kristi Olson, Mardella Aanderud – Mother to Melanie Beckman, Mary Ann Monsebroten – Sister to Jackie Olson, Weldon Wagner – Brother to Arden Wagner, Kathy Solomonson, Josiah Johnson – Brother to Steph Mann, Shauntaye Kopecky – Kurler family member, Ross Lorentzen, Keith Hammerbeck – Family friend of the Kugler's, Deborah Davenport – Mother of Laura Gardner's friend, Virgie Emineth, Cindy Delmonico – Mother to Melissa Kugler, Ruby from Pine Ridge, Claire Boucher – Friends of Aaron & Lexie Solomonson newborn, Jamie Baumann, Taylor Gardner, Harold Holtz, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, Laren Holznagel, Harlow Tatum – Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, Ruth Lund – Mother to Doddie Kuntz, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth – Brother to Jeneen Loe, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

Pastoral Care

Please call Pastor Chuck if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name. We want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

Keep Moving

As they proudly processed across stage to receive their diplomas, each graduate heard two messages from the principal: "Congratulations!" (in a loud voice) and "Keep moving" (in a whisper). Although the administrator was merely trying to facilitate the flow, she was actually offering sound advice to the young adults: Don't stop or stagnate! Proceed from here and continue learning. This is the beginning, not the end, of a journey. Keep moving!

High School Senior Recognition & Tea

Today we honor our high school graduates during the worship service. ***Graduation Tea by invitation only*** follows the service. Following are the seniors along with their prayer warriors. Thank you, prayer warriors for being a part of their Christian life.

Tristan Allery – Chris Samuelson
Brooklyn Barnick – Brianna Lazier
Preston Beckman – Dan Chrest
Dawson Erber – Tyge Sheldon
Karter Hansen – Rodney Jaeger
Armani Martinez – Matt Gardner
Garrett Pfeiger – Brenda Suckow
Caitlin Scheresky – Maybell Job
Ellie Schmidt – Sue Winter

Handmade Suncatchers

FLY will be selling handmade suncatchers after worship today. Proceeds will go towards their mission trip in June to Colorado Springs, CO. Prices range from \$3 - \$15. Thank you for supporting our youth.

Super Sunday Supper

Today, May 23rd, is Super Sunday Supper from 4 – 6 pm. Menu is cabbage rolls, rice, salad, homemade buns and dessert for a free will offering. This month will be by delivery or pickup only. No eating at the church. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex along with a collection basket for food or money. Questions – call Judy at 701-220-4410 or Mike at 701-460-6997.

Quilting

All women are invited to come help quilt and join in fellowship this Thursday, May 20th, beginning at 9:00 am.

Graduation Open House

Everyone is invited to the graduation open house for Caitlin Scheresky next Sunday, May 30th, following the Washburn High School graduation ceremony at approximately 3:30 pm.

Volunteers Needed

Donna Gunderson is looking for volunteers to help on a weekly basis to water the flowers. If you are willing to help from June thru September, please give her a call at 315-0275.

Security Alarm and Video System

First Lutheran now has a security and video system installed. Smile when you enter the church, you will be on camera! 😊 If you have an outside door key, please contact Jeannette in the church office and let her know.

VBS

- ⇒ VBS is around the corner! June 1st – June 4th. Kids preschool thru entering kindergarten will be from 9:00-10:30 am. Grades 1-6 will be from 6:00-8:30 pm. Registration forms are in the narthex, as well as online. To access the online form, see the link on Facebook or you may have already received it through the Remind app.
- ⇒ We still need volunteers for each group. Please reach out to Stacy or Melissa (call the church office for their number).

Altar Flower Signup

There is a signup sheet in the narthex for altar flowers from now thru September 26th. Signup for the date you would like to supply flowers before your date is taken. Remember, you furnish the flowers and make sure they get to the church for that Sunday.

Connections Magazine

The May/June issue of *Connections* is in the magazine racks. Pick up a copy today to get updates on LCMC and NALC along with other interesting articles.

New Members

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Lutheran in the near future, please talk to Pastor Chuck. A new member class will be scheduled sometime this summer or next fall.

Hearing Assist

First Lutheran is in the process of getting a hearing assist system to be used during the worship services. If you feel you could benefit from this, please let Jeannette know in the church office so we have an idea of how many units to order.

Thank You

THANKS to the FLC Church Council, FLCW, Evangelism Committee, Men's Bible Study group, and an anonymous party, all registration fees will be covered for FLC campers to Camp of the Cross Ministries this summer. Please let Peggy Moran know by May 24, 2021, if you have campers registered so the funds can be sent to the camp before the camp season begins.

LBW & WOV Hymnals

We will be ordering more LBW (green) and WOV (blue) hymnals this week or next week at the latest. As of the printing of this bulletin we are looking at approximately 32 more LBW at a cost of \$32 per book and approximately 30 WOV at a cost of \$15.75 per book or a total of \$1,483.50. If you would like to help purchase any of these hymnals, please talk to Jeannette in the church office. We may have a chance to purchase some from another church but how many and price is yet to be determined. ***LBW books on the cart in the narthex are free for the taking.***

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	9:30 AM	Worship High School Senior Recognition
	10:30 AM	Graduation Tea (Invitation Only!)
	4-6 PM	Super Sunday Supper
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting AI-Anon Meeting
TUES.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
WED.	9:30 AM	Friendship Bible Study
	7:15 PM	FLY
THURS.	9:00 AM	Quilting
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Fellowship/Coffee Hour
	3:30 PM	Caitlin Scheresky Graduation Open House
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
	7:00 PM	AI-Anon Meeting

A Shared Experience

What comes to mind when you hear the word *Pentecost*? Many people think of a mighty wind, tongues of fire and multiple languages. But Acts 2 begins with another detail that's just as key: Jesus' disciples "were all together in one place." Because they were together physically and spiritually, the early believers didn't miss the life-changing, world-changing birth of the Church.

The pandemic, while changing our definition of gathering, also highlighted our need for interaction. If Jesus' first followers hadn't been assembled on Pentecost, they would've missed the outpouring of God's power and the indescribable joy God had for them. Think about what believers today might miss if we neglect to worship with other friends of Christ. Who would want to miss God's blessings, promises and joy?

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Pentecost Sunday — May 23, 2021

“What does this mean?” (Acts 2:12)

It’s the day of Pentecost. A loud sound fills the room and tongues of fire hover over the heads of the people. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they all begin to speak in languages that were not their own. It’s a surreal experience, almost psychedelic.

The crowd agreed it was surreal for they were slack-jawed, gawking as people spoke with each other in different languages. The people were Galileans and should be speaking the same language, yet somehow everyone is speaking a different language. And even though they know it’s a different language, they hear it as their own. Surreal, indeed!

It might be worthwhile to think about the question that Martin Luther in his Small Catechism made famous, “What does this mean?” Perhaps an “easy” answer may be, and not the only one of course, is that the Holy Spirit has done something powerful and wonderful. We could debate about what all of this means or how this odd event actually happened. Some people argue that each one suddenly learned a new language, as if you suddenly had the ability to speak Albanian. Others would argue the people were speaking in tongues, like today’s Pentecostals. Some in the crowd do what we always do when we encounter the work of the living God: rationalize it as bad behavior. You know, like the crowd says, “They’re just drunk.”

But Peter takes a stand. He refuses to rationalize the work of God. Unfazed, Peter points to the Old Testament prophet Joel and starts preaching to all who witnessed this “incident.” Peter speaks dangerous words about last days and prophecy, of blood, fire, and smoke, the sun turning dark, and the moon to blood. His sermon is not exactly a crowd-pleaser. He ends his fiery sermon, “everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

You could spend a lot of time rationalizing this irrational passage. We could debate whether or not the people were suddenly speaking in tongues, or were drunk, or simply acting out with shockingly bad behavior. But Peter wants us to focus on scripture. What’s Peter’s message? God is up to something here, and you probably want to be a part of it. Peter’s message still holds for us in today’s fiery and turbulent world: God is up to something wonderful and powerful, come and be a part of it.

Save the Date



VBS 2021

First Lutheran Church

For kids age 3 - entering Kindergarten

June 1st - 4th

9:00 - 10:30 am



PLEASE JOIN ME FOR
BOLT: TOTALLY 80'S VBS.

DATE: June 1-4
ELEMENTARY: 6-8:30 pm
PLACE: First Lutheran Church

During BOLT, we're going to play games, sing songs, eat snacks, and take a tubular trip through the early church.

It's going to be so RAD!