



Sunday, May 23, 2021

Day of Pentecost

Serving us in worship today: Pastor, Rusty Bailey;

Lay Reader: Roxanne Heckmann; Music: Annette Stout, Andrew Cave, Roxanne Heckmann and LeAnne White; Children's Church: Lisa Owen;

Ushers: Jud Alexander, Mark Herbold, Cecil Schulze and Chase White;

AV: Andrew Kuehne, Roxanne Heckmann, Diane Gwyther

Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church, a people who love and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord! We are blessed and honored that you chose to be with us today!

As we worship today, we encourage you to fellowship with other believers in a manner in which you are comfortable. Please be respectful to one another concerning face coverings and social distancing. Feel welcome to join in fellowship on the patio for refreshments following worship.

Children will come forward for a special blessing before meeting for Children's Church. (Ages Pre-K through 3rd grade)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

Visitor / Prayer Cards

We invite guests to fill out a visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you. The back of the visitor card also has a place for prayer requests for anyone needing special prayer. Please place cards in the box located on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. First time visitors, be sure to pick up a red welcome bag in the narthex.

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: "O Day Full of Grace" LBW 161

- 1) O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be replete in his joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.

- 3) For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging;
And then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging,
Might join with angelic host to raise our voices in endless singing.

4) God came to us then at Pentecost, his Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from him be lost, all darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all his healing.

5) When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place, with angels his name adoring.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires 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 our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: *⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1: 8-9, NIV)*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **C:** Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *"Jesus Loves Me"* ELW 595

1) Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak, but He is strong

Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me; The Bible tells me so

2) Jesus loves me, He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let His little child come in *(Chorus)*

You may be seated.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14 *(ESV)*

The 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, "Prophesy 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 spirit 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 spirit 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 spirit in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the spirit; prophesy, son of man, and say to the spirit, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O spirit, 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 prophesy, 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."

SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-39*(ESV)*

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they 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;

¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your

midst, as you yourselves know—²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.”

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

Please stand in respect for the Word of Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53 (ESV)

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the

Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

A: The gospel of our Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WITH BLESSING "Searching for the Holy Spirit"

MESSAGE: "Wind, Fire and Spirit- Oh My!"

Pastor Bailey

CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

HYMN OF THE DAY: "*Spirit, Spirit Of Gentleness*" WOV 684

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1) You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*
- 2) You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*
- 3) You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

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4) You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

OFFERING

P: Blessed be the Lord our God of all faithfulness. By your grace we receive all that we need, and in this abundance may we faithfully share with all in good stewardship, this that you have first given us. Receive this offering to the glory of your Holiness and the work of Jesus Christ in the world. Amen.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY: *"Hear the Pennies Dropping"*

Hear the pennies dropping! Listen while they fall;
Ev'ry one for Jesus, He will get them all,
Dropping, dropping, dropping, dropping;
Hear the pennies fall! Ev'ry one for Jesus,
He will get them all.

P: Let us pray. Most merciful God,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE FOR SHARON STOLLEWERK –

Stan Wieding

Faith Lutheran Preschool Director and Teacher 1982-2021

INSTALLATION OF NEW PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADER – Lisa Owen and Kim Kautzsch

P: Today we install Lisa Owen as Director of The Faith Lutheran Preschool and Kim Kautzsch as Director of Children's Ministry.

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Cor. 12:4-7

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Lisa and Kim, you have been accepted to these positions of leadership and trust by the Church Council on behalf of the Faith Lutheran Congregation. I ask you now before the congregation, are you ready and willing to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the position to which you have been accepted? - If so answer "Yes, by the help of God."

P: Lisa, we here now declare you duly installed to the position of *Director of The Faith Lutheran Preschool*.

Kim, we here now declare you duly installed to the position of *Director of Children's Ministry* for Faith Lutheran.

CONGREGATION:

With great joy we accept Lisa Owen as Director of the Faith Lutheran Preschool and Kim Kautzsch as Director of Children's Ministry and pledge you our prayers of encouragement and our support of the Preschool and Children's ministry program. We pray most sincerely that God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord will bless you with the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of him having the eyes of your heart enlightened that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please stand for the closing hymn found on next page)

CLOSING HYMN: *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

- 1) Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
While the hope of endless glory
Fill my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee;
May I still thy goodness prove.

- 2) Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

- 3) Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

A: Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

"WORDS OF FAITH" BROADCAST SUNDAYS AT 8 AM ON KWED 1580 AM RADIO

Has been sponsored this morning to the glory of God by Bryan and Diane Terp in honor of Sharon Stollewerk and her many years of dedicated service and love to Faith Lutheran Preschool.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Bryan and Diane Terp in thankfulness of their many blessings and in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on May 16: 120; Month to Date (May): **\$27,321.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$168,669.55** (2021 budgeted offerings is **\$470,000**)

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett
Carolyn Sagebiel	Walt Fruehling	Kathy Ersch
Kelton Lange	Dot Day	Gladys Fruehling
Teresa Kiel	Pat Sagebiel	Dorothy Burris
Donald Jackson	Charlie Koehler	Steve Foerster
Sandy Wille	Ronnie Glenewinkel	Harold Bogisch
Jody Alexander	Lydia Whitwell	Willie Bloch

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FAITH?

If you are interested in joining Faith Lutheran Church, we welcome you! Please call the church office at 830-379-7036 for information. Our pastors will hold new member classes as needed.

CPR CLASS BEING OFFERED

An adult and infant CPR class will be held at Faith on **Saturday, June 5, at 9:00 AM**. The first 10 slots are free. Once those 10 slots are filled, it will be \$45 per person. We have FIVE of those first 10 slots available. A sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Table in the narthex.

†† THE CANVAS PANELS ††

Hanging on both sides of the sanctuary walls are gifts to the congregation from the 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 Confirmation classes. The first two panels were started by the 1996 class and illustrate portions of John Ylvisaker's hymn, "I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry." They include words from the beginning and end of the hymn. The panels that followed in the next years depict major themes from each of the stanzas. The artistic style of French painter Henri Matisse was a strong influence on the overall design.

Completed in Vacation Bible School art classes, the canvases were painted by Confirmation students, who were assisted by Patti Zimmerman, Cathy Cordes, Nancy Hartfiel and Karen Huff. The construction, framing and hanging were done with help from Ronnie Pargmann, Dillon Pargmann, Mike Heckmann and Rick Ehlers.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The May item is **peanut butter and jelly**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected for May as of 5/17 was 33.

HOLY COMMUNION VISITS

If you or your family have not been able to receive Holy Communion during this season of Covid, please let the church office know as soon as you can. A pastor would like to come visit and offer you communion.

VBS 2021

Registration for VBS has begun! (Paper-copy and on-line). **Rocky Railway** is scheduled for July 19-23, and hopefully, it will stay on track this year! As of now, we are hoping to have an in-person Covid -safe VBS. If any of you feel comfortable volunteering and are available that week, please let Andrew or Lisa Owen know. The number of volunteers we have will determine our format and the number of children we can invite. Registration available in church office or register online at **vbspro.events/p/9f58ad**

UPDATE – Registration will be available TODAY, before and after worship! We are limiting the number of registrants this year! Act now! Find Kim Kautzsch in the narthex for help! VBS workers/volunteers are still needed! PLEASE consider helping!

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THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, May 24	Prayer Group	10:15 AM (Sanc.)
Monday, May 24	Men's Prayer Group	7:00 PM (Sm Kit./Sanc.)
Monday, May 24	Via de Cristo	6:30 PM (AC)
Tuesday, May 25	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, May 25	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Wednesday, May 26	Quilting Team	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, May 26	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM (LEC)

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR STPCC

This STPCC Baby Bottle campaign is closing **TODAY**. If you haven't returned your baby bottle, or just haven't taken one yet, please turn in your contribution to the church office during this week. We would like to make sure we get all of the baby bottles returned. All of the contributions will be turned over to the center at the end of this week. (Of course, we will gladly forward any contribution given at any time.) Remember to make all checks out to STPCC. Thank you to all for your support of this worthy cause.

GAME NIGHT AT SEGUIN ASSISTED LIVING IS BACK!

The Social Concerns Ministry Team will again sponsor "Game Night" on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Seguin Assisted Living. We invite you to join us in playing dominoes, cards or board games with the residents as we share in fellowship and fun. Everyone attending will be required to have their temperature taken at the door and wear a face covering while attending. This month's date is Tuesday, May 25. We meet from 6:30—8:00 PM at Seguin Assisted Living, 226 Preston Drive.

