

Wednesday, May 19 & Sunday, May 23 2021
Pentecost
Speaking of Saints...



Faith Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

*“We are building a welcoming, nurturing faith community
that is guided by Jesus and shares the Gospel.”*

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CENTERING MOMENT

We prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit is here among us
within us, around us, between us.

The Spirit is here to strengthen us
bringing courage, bringing conviction.

The Spirit is here to move us,
making us sing and praise.

The Spirit is here.

May we feel the Spirit as we gather.

May we be fed by her fiery strength.

May we be emboldened by her powerful wind.

We gather in the Spirit's arms to be nurtured as we worship.

**And may our worship fill us with the Spirit
as we go back out into our daily lives.**

Let us worship God!

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ,

for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,

like rains to our thirsting earth,

like streams that revive our souls,

like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.

Cleanse our hearts.

Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God,

now and forever.

Amen.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Those joining us online are invited to share in the meal using bread and wine or juice.

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, forever and ever.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews

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on 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.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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

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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: ‘Men of Judea 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 sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, 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.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS

OFFERING MOMENT

BLESSING

As you enter a new week,
may you experience God's presence.
May you feel God pouring out the Holy Spirit
over your heads and your thoughts and the words of your lips,
over your hearts and your feelings and emotions
and your compassion for all others,
and over your hands and your feet
as you put into action all that God commands you.

During this week,
may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with each of you; **Amen.**

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

1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!

- 2 God of blazing, God of burning,
all that blocks your purpose, purge!
Through your church, Christ's living Body,
let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice,
kindle us to speak your truth,
kindle us to speak your truth!
- 3 God of earthquake, God of thunder,
shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder,
for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us;
make us one in Christ our Lord,
make us one in Christ our Lord!
- 4 God of passion, God unsleeping,
stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish,
may we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil;
claim us for your kingdom's work,
claim us for your kingdom's work!

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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Message: Pastor Derek
Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia
Musicians: Vicki Martel
Ushers: (Sunday) 8:30 - James & Sharon Eslinger,
Gretchen Campbell, John Gilbertson
11:00 - Greg & Anita Hoffman, Kevin & Connor Dykema

Stewardship Snippet

May 23, 2021 ~ Day of Pentecost John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. Does the Holy Spirit have you? Does he have all of you or parts of you? In what way is the Spirit working in your life?



Thank you for your gifts of \$9,447.50 in general fund offerings for last week.

Altar flowers by Sue & Dave Anderson in memory of Sue's niece.

Summer East Missouri Cluster meeting will be held at Camp Grassick in Dawson, ND on Saturday, June 19th. For a ride to this meeting call the church office at 701.223.2236 by Monday, June 14th. *All women are invited.*

Just a reminder that we still are collecting Dan's receipts. The receipt bucket is in the entryway, so please drop them off at the Church the next time you stop by! *Thank you.*

You can **continue to give** to FLC's mission and ministry via mail: (1402 E Ave C, Bismarck, ND 58501), directly through your bank's bill pay feature, electronically through our website, or by using the Give+ app. If you do not already give, please consider committing to a sustaining gift of \$5 or \$10 a month as we continue to share in ministry together.



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Looking for ways to serve God and neighbor during this time? Check out our new "Serve" page on our website faithbismarck.com/serve to learn how you can respond to needs from our partner ministries and the wider community. *Thank you for the many ways you are serving as the church in the world in these days!*



MEN OF FAITH

POTATO/CHILI FEED

Wednesday, June 9 - 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

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Free will offering with all proceeds benefiting Camp of the Cross ministries.

Please add this event to your calendar and keep watch for future information pertaining to logistics and the ever-popular sign-up sheets.

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AT A GLANCE...

Wednesday, May 19

10:00 Bible Study
In-person &/or Zoom
6:00 (A) Last Church School
6:00 Last 7th Grade Confirmation
7:00 Worship*

Thursday, May 20

Friday, May 21

8:00 NA

Saturday, May 22

9:30 Altar Guild

Sunday, May 23

8:30 Worship*
Following Worship:
Fun Size Congregational
Meeting
11:00 Worship*

Monday, May 24

6:00 Executive Committee
6:30 Cub Scouts
7:00 AA

Tuesday, May 25

7:00 Scouts

Wednesday, May 26

10:00 Bible Study
In-person &/or Zoom
7:00 Worship*

Thursday, May 27

Friday, May 28

8:00 NA

Saturday, May 29

Sunday, May 30

9:30 Worship*

**Masks are required for all in-person worship services.*

