



We pray for the homeless, unemployed, those with mental struggles, our shut-ins, our college students, all military families & those serving in the military.

We pray for our friends, families & our loved ones:

Aaron, Alyson & Jarrett, Barry & Shelby, Beth, Beverly, Bill, Bill Schultz, Bob, Boyd, Brad, Brayton, Brenda, Brett, Brian, Cazmyre, Cindy, Connie, Courtney, Dani, Dawn, Debi, Denise, Dick, Don, Doug, Dustin, Eloise, Family of Don Oliver, Florence, Gabe, Gail, Gary, Gavin, George, Heidi, Helen, Inez, Jaleena, Janie, Jean, Jeff, Jess, Jessica, Jim, Julie, June, Kathy, Kathy Mears, Kayla, Katy, Keegan, Kelli, Kelly, Kenny, Kim, Kris, Larry, Lauren, Linda, Lyla, Marion, Mary, Matt, Melissa, Mike, Nancy, Patti, Tom, Tom & Gale Miller, Pat, Patricia Sarabia, Payton, Rich, Roger, Sharon, Shelly, Steve, Sue, Tammy, Ted, Teresa, Terri, Terry Davis, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tracy, Trisha, Vicki, Violet, Vivian, Zach, Zoey.



Altar flowers are donated by Sue and George Brunson, in honor of their 23rd Anniversary



Welcome to our new members at today's service. As of this printing, they are Ruth Anderson and Jean Warn. If there are others, please ask about the papers to fill out.



**IT'S ALMOST BRAT STAND TIME!!**  
**2018 Opening Weekend**  
**Friday & Sat., June 1 & 2**  
**10:30 - 2:30**  
**PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP!**



**Annual Community Ice Cream Social**  
**Saturday, July 14 from 12-3pm**  
**Volunteers needed; Gift Baskets needed**

Ice Cream Social



# Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday - 9:30 am

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS



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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(A brief silence.)* Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

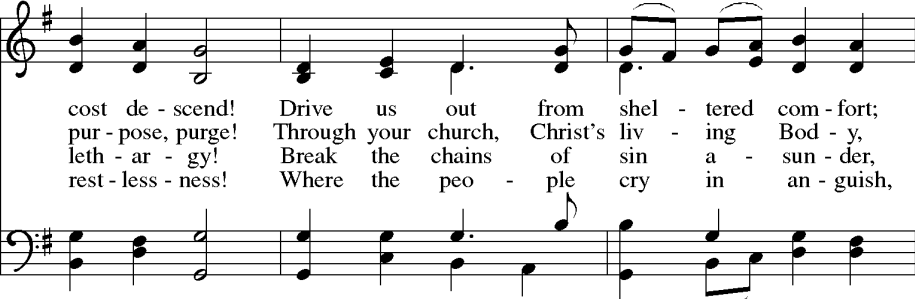
C: Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

### God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



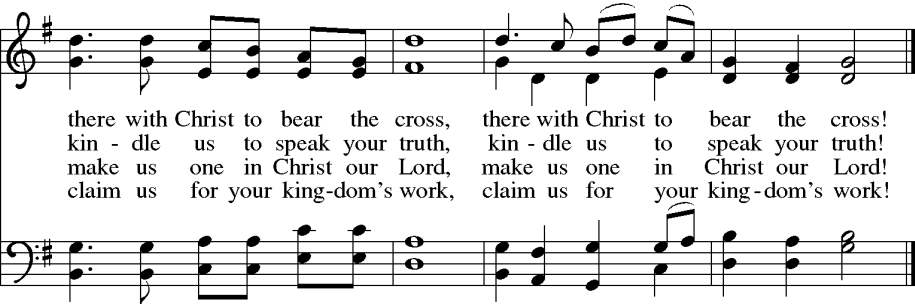
1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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.

## Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church

We are happy to have you worship with us today! Join us for beverages, snacks and conversation after worship.

**Communion** is by intinction. Come forward to receive the bread with an open hand then dip in the wine (dark) or juice (light). Gluten-free wafers are available - indicate to Pastor when it's your turn. If you eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member of Faith or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the meal ~ all baptized believers are welcome.

**Offering** ~ As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your **offering** next week. Or mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope to be included in that week's offering, seen only by the designated counters. Thanks for being so faithful in giving generously to God's work at Faith Lutheran.

### Financials Sunday, May 13 - Week #19

Attendance - 108

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Actual Offering          | \$2,133.00  |
| Weekly Offering Budget   | \$2,176.00  |
| 2018 YTD Actual Offering | \$44,863.39 |
| 2018 YTD Offering Needed | \$41,344.00 |

### Today's Worship Leaders

**Altar Guild** - Carol & Roger Frey  
**Computer Technician** - Mike Banker  
**Offering Video** - Helen Meier  
**Reader** - Ellen Olson  
**Counters** - Carol & Roger Frey  
**Fellowship** - The Gruenberg Family  
**Greeters** - Eloise Manley and Gail Krause  
**Musician** - Betty Comins  
**Ushers** - Doug Congdon & Ray Wendell  
**Pastor** - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



### Church T-Shirt Orders DUE TODAY!

- \* All info is on the order form.
- \* Forms are on the narthex table & in the office.
- \* Size charts are on the board.

## BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

### The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

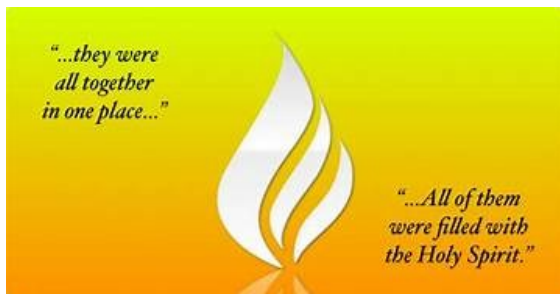


to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

## DISMISSAL

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness.

C: Thanks be to God.



## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

C: Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* Mighty God,

C: You breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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, "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.'"

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **A Responsive Reading From Psalm 104**

R: How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**C: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

R: There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

**C: All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

R: You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**C: When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

R: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

**C: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

R: You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

**C: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

R: May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

**C: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

#### **~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~ "Touch Your People Once Again" by Steve Green**

*We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be,  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
May we though bounties thus, as stewards true receive,  
And gladly as though blessed us, to thee our first fruits give.*

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

#### **DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

#### **~ WORDS OF INSTITUTION ~**

#### **THE 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.**



#### **~ COMMUNION ~**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves. *(A brief silence.)* Lord of life, you baptize your people with the fire of the Spirit. Grace your church everywhere with your visions and dreams, so that as we testify, all will hear the gospel and call upon your saving name. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Your creating Spirit renews the face of the earth. Bring to birth new life in the earth's land forms and waters. Awaken us from the slumber of neglect to show tender care for our home. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Your Spirit swept over the waters and you created the human family. Now we are divided, scattered like dry bones. Connect the nations with the strength of the Holy Spirit, so that all will live in hope. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Your Spirit sighs with every need. Guide us in honoring the dignity of everyone and opening our lives to others. Pour your healing mercies into the lives of all who need your care *(especially)*. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Your Spirit has called and gathered this congregation into life in Christ. Help us in our weakness, teach us to pray, search our hearts, and intercede for us, your beloved saints, according to your will. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: By your Holy Spirit you have called and gathered people from every nation under heaven. Gather us with all the saints *(especially)* at the heavenly banquet that has no end. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

***The congregation receives our new members with applause.***

## SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

A reading from Romans, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.  
R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA

***Alleluia! Lord and Savior open now your saving word!***

***Let it burn like fire within us;***

***Speak until our hearts are stirred.***

***Alleluia! Lord we sing for the good news that you bring.***

## GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.



When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.  
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

### Sermon

## “The Advocate Among Us and the World”

### Hymn of the Day Spirit of Gentleness

*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness




call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,  
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,  
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,  
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.




then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

*Refrain*



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Those being received into membership may come forward.

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

#### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.

P: You have made a public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**New Members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**



Please remain standing in your places for the prayers.