

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**A Congregation of the ELCA**

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***Worship Plan for Sunday, June 8, 2025 \* Day of Pentecost***

**WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**, where grace and love abound. While we wait and prepare for a new pastor, we invite you to participate fully in the vibrant life of the congregation, and to join us in prayer as we continue to serve God and God's people during this time of transition.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** Enriching lives through faith and God's grace.

**MEMBERS & GUESTS:** Please fill out a worship attendance card found in the pew racks. Prayer requests may be included on the reverse side for one Sunday or bulletin publication.

**INVITATION TO BAPTISM:** We would like to extend to you the blessing of Baptism and encourage you to contact the church office to be baptized.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:** We invite all who are baptized and believe in Jesus to participate in Communion. The Sacrament will be brought to those unable to come forward to the altar (notify an usher). Available upon request: gluten-, wheat-, corn-, dairy-, and soy-free wafers.

**CHILDREN'S COMMUNION:** Families are encouraged to come to the rail together during the distribution. Children may receive Communion or a special blessing from the Pastor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School for children of all ages is immediately following the Children's Chat. We are currently on summer break.

**CELL PHONES:** Please silence your cell phones before Worship.

***Following worship, ALL are invited to join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.***

## **Introduction to the day**

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE: Let's Dance!**

What on earth actually happened on this day of Pentecost? What was the miracle that revealed the presence of God? What was the Holy Spirit up to?

In the Acts of the Apostles we hear that the disciples spoke in various languages (2:4). Are we hearing about a miracle of the tongue, an ability to speak so that others might understand? The scripture also says each person in the crowd heard the disciples "speaking in the native language of each" (v. 6). Did we just hear that it was in fact a miracle of the ear? Is this story about people being able to comprehend the power of God's presence?

In a broken world, in a world of "me, me, me first," our impulse is often to choose one interpretation or the other—and to make sure we end up on the "correct," winning side of the discussion. But when we return to the death of Jesus on the cross, observed some fifty days ago, we see that he offers us a third and holy option. Rather than taking sides in our walk with Jesus, we align with his heart, capable of embracing all.

To consider that the Pentecost story is a miracle of *both* the tongue and the ear is to accept a beautiful invitation—an invitation, at the birth of the church, to enter into a sacred dance of both speaking and listening. To consider it a dance would be to acknowledge a natural flow of the Spirit drawing us to not one or the other but to both in loving turn.

In John's gospel reading for the day, Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (14:15). The commandment Jesus speaks of is "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (13:34).

Speak, listen, and love: this is how we dance together.

## **PLEASE STAND FOR THE PROCESSIONAL**

### **PROCESSIONAL: *Lift High the Cross* (ELW 660, v. 1)**

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## **AM: WELCOME**

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church where grace and love abound! A special welcome to those of you here for the first time, to those joining us online, and to our guest pastor, Pr. Shane Freiberg. During this season of Pentecost, we celebrate all the ways in which the Holy Spirit moves us and empowers us to strengthen our relationships with our generous God and with our neighbors locally and globally. As our search for a permanent pastor moves forward, so does our ministry together. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in all that goes on here at Faith.

## **AM: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar flowers were provided by Kelly Sierra remembering Dee Seel's birthday.

### *Grace, Not Judgement - Healing on the Sabbath*

In this week's Thursday evening, 7:00 P.M. Zoom lesson, when religious leaders questioned Jesus about healing on the Sabbath, He reminded them of the true purpose of God's laws: to show love and bring healing. Contact Pastor Ken at [hopegiver@aol.com](mailto:hopegiver@aol.com) for log in information.

For the month of June, we are collecting hearty soups (i.e. Progresso, Chunk Campbell's) for the Cupboard.

Tickets for the WELCA Luncheon Fundraiser on June 21 are on sale in the Narthex.

Christmas in July is here! Our patriotic giving tree is up in the Narthex through July 4th. Choose which kind of gift card from the tree you'd like to donate.

Do you have any recycling to get rid of? The Stewardship Team is collecting recyclable bottles and cans for the Fellowship Hall Sound System. See Kathy Kent.

For more information and a complete monthly calendar, contact the church office.

## **P: SILENCE**

Let us take a moment of silence to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

## **P: GATHERING**

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

## **P: GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made,  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## **AM: PLEASE TURN TO HYMN 376**

Please stand as you are willing and able.

### **GATHERING SONG: *Thine Is the Glory* (ELW 376)**

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## **P: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

#### **P: PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, 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 CHAT**

#### **P: WORD**

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

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

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> ‘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. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**AM: PSALMODY:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

<sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup> **All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> **When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

**Amen.**

**LECTOR: SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17**

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the gospel*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**P: GOSPEL: John 14:8-17, 25-27**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. <sup>15</sup>If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you

as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **AM: PLEASE TURN TO HYMN 824**

Please stand as you are willing and able.

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)**

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### **AM: APOSTLE'S CREED**

We continue as we confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

#### **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.**

***Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession***

### **PASTOR AND ASSISTING MINISTER: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and



grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially Monte Anderson; Arnette Calkins; Sandy Chandler; Vicki Crow; Eleanor Diaz; Richard Diaz; Doris Hays; Sarge Hunter; Patsy Loughboro; Donna McCain; Jean Miles; Sandra Miller; Thordis Moe; Carol Morris; Michael Myers; Esther Neumen; Bea Olsen; the Paxton Family; Marilyn Rieti; Amy Sinclair; Joyce Stromberg; Diana Ward; the homebound; the emergency responders; and those grieving and anticipating surgery or tests. At this time, we also pray for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts. Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

**P: PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**P: OFFERING**

Once again, we highlight another way our offerings, talents and time are used for ministry here at Faith Lutheran. The Fellowship Team plans “Fellowship” for our

church family and guests. This includes fun events such as BBQ picnics, Bingo, and game days. During the summer, weekly Ice Cream socials are held, and we enjoy a local Storm baseball game. The Team would like to resume hosting the occasional movie day. Additionally, these volunteers are the people who plan the Soup Suppers after Lenten and Advent worship services. This indeed busy group, headed by Judy Brosz, welcomes any ideas or suggestions, as well as volunteers to help plan and coordinate activities. Come join the fun – bring a friend!!

### **AM: OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

***Please feel free to either listen to our musical offering or sing along***

### **MUSICAL OFFERING: *Spirit of Gentleness* (ELW 396)**

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### **P: GREAT THANKSGIVING**

#### **DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **P: PREFACE (ELW p. 153)**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought

us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ALL SING) (ELW P. 153)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**P: THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LORD'S PRAYER IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES**

Greek: Roderick Sinclair

Spanish: Berenice Varsobia

Tagalog: Mikey Varsobia

Italian: Kathy Kent

French: Marlene Rosselli

German: Pr. Ken Puccio

Swedish: Margit Anderson

English: Candy Pellechio

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **P: INSTRUCTION FOR COMMUNION**

As you are comfortable, you are invited to come forward to receive communion. All of God's children are welcome to Christ's table.

Gather at the altar rail to receive the communion elements or if you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. You may commune yourself once you've received the communion elements. Please commune the bread first, turn over the vessel and then carefully open the grape juice. A gluten-free option is available upon request. Please deposit empty cups in the provided baskets on your way back to your seat.

If you would like communion brought to you at your seat, indicate by raising your hand for the Assisting Minister to see and they will bring communion to you.

### **P: INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### **DURING DISTRIBUTION:**

#### ***One Bread, One Body (ELW 496)***

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#### ***Here Is Bread (ELW 483)***

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#### ***Eat This Bread: Jesus Christ, Bread of Life (ELW 472)***

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### **P: COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

## **AM: PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

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

**Amen.**

## **P: BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **P: PLEASE TURN TO HYMN 400**

Please stand as you are willing and able.

**SENDING SONG: *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* (ELW 400, vs. 1-3)**

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## **AM: DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **AM: INVITATION**

We would like to invite guests and visitors to come and meet us in the narthex as you exit so that we can welcome you, and you can join us in the Fellowship Hall for cookies, coffee and conversation.

## **THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

Monday, the 9th: Strategic Planning meets at 1:00

Tuesday, the 10th: Hymn Planners meet at 10:00; WELCA Board meets at 12:30;  
Outreach meets at 2:30

Wednesday, the 11th: Mary Circle meets at 10:00

Thursday, the 12th: Cheer/Eucharistic team meets at 4:00; Pr. Ken's Zoom Bible Study begins at 7:00

Friday, the 13th: Al-Anon meets at 10:30

Sunday, the 15th: Father's Day! Worship begins at 9:30 with Pr. Shane

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