



***May 23rd, 2021***

***Pentecost***

***Senior and Scholarship Sunday***

**We welcome you with open  
arms and open hearts!**

Faith Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered,  
Bible-reading, welcoming spiritual home for seekers, believers, and  
everybody between. We are a family of God “because God first loved  
us.” (1 John 4:19)

Because you are here, you are part of the family—Welcome!  
If you are new to Faith, we would like to be in touch with you.  
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406-363-2964, or [faithlutheran59840@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheran59840@gmail.com).

**Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshipping with us!**

## **God Gathers The Body Of Christ**

**Prelude**

**Call To Worship**

**“Dance With Me”**

**Welcome**

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

**All:** And also with you.

*Faith is a family of God built on love: worshipping, welcoming, serving and growing in Christ's name*

*AM: Any prayer requests? Please notify the church of ice to submit names of those you wish to be included in the prayers. No formal offering will be taken today. Please leave offering the offering plate on the table in the narthex.*

## **Prayer of the Day**

AM: Please Pray with me,

**All: Mighty God, 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.**

## **Gathering Song**

**“Days of Elijah”**

*(AM: Please stand as you are able for our gathering song)*

**1. These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days of your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored  
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword,  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying “Prepare ye the way of the Lord”**

*(Chorus)*

**Beyond He comes riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call,  
So lift your voice its the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion’s hill salvation comes**

**2. And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days of your servant David, rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are white in the world.  
And we are Your laborers in your, vineyard, Declaring the Word of the Lord!**

*(Return to Chorus)*

**There is no God like Jehovah 4x**

*(Return to Chorus)*

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

AM: Let us reflect on our lives in Christ. *(silent reflection)*

I ask that you please pray with me,

**All: 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. Amen.**

AM: I am glad to announce that through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

**Song of Praise**                      “Lamb of God” ELW #195

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us. 2x**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## **God Speaks To Us In The Word**

*(AM: please be seated for the readings)*

**The First Reading**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

**Lector:** A reading from the 37th chapter of Ezekiel;

*The Hebrew word rendered as ruach means “spirit,” “wind,” or “breath.” This reading plays on the different meanings of the word. Just as the dry bones in Ezekiel’s vision are given new life, flesh, and breath (or spirit), so God will give the exiles God’s own spirit and will bring them home to the land of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews 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.”

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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.”

<sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>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.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, 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. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>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.”

**Lector:** Word of God, Word of life.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## Psalm

Psalm 104:24-34

**Lector:** Today's Psalm is Psalm 104

*(Lector: Give response directions to congregation)*

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

## **The Second Reading**

Romans 8:22-27

**Lector:** A reading from the 8th chapter of Romans:

*By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.*

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord,

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Kids' Talk**

Maizie Mendenall

**Gospel Acclamation**

**“Awesome God/Humble Thyself”**

*(AM: Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)*

**Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord (echo) 2x**

**And He (and He) Shall lift (Shall lift)**

**You up, Higher and higher**

**And He (and He) Shall lift (Shall lift) You up**

**Our God is and Awesome God, He reigns from Heaven above**

**With wisdom, power, and love, Our God is and awesome God 2x**

## **The Gospel**

( Kids: Spark Bible p. 524)    John 15:26-27;

### **16:4b-15**

*While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“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. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>4</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

**PM:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**The Message**

Pastor Paul

(AM: Please stand as you are able for the Song of the Day)

## The Song of the Day

## “Spirit of Gentleness” ELW #396

*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.

WORDS and MUSIC: James K. Manley (1940- )

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Em7 D Bm E A

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;

D G A G Bm D/F# D

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.

Bm D/G Em7 A7 D A *to 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.

# **We Respond To God's Word**

## **Statement of Faith**

**All: We believe in God our Parent who has helped us grow into the people we are today and whose grace and love is endless.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God and the teacher of apostles whose lessons we must always remember.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who will be our guide and coach as we continue on in our journey in life, learning, and faith.**

**And we believe in the power and the support of the Three in One and the entire church who will be with us always in our future endeavors. Amen**

-Written by Josie VanDenburg

## **Prayers of Intercession** *(AM: Please be seated for the prayers)*

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. *(A brief silence)*

God, our loving parent, who gives us comfort and hope, we pray to you as we prepare to begin new chapters in our lives. Watch over us and protect us in whatever we do. We trust that in your love you will hear our prayers. Hear us O Lord,

**All: Your Mercy is Great.**

God of Wisdom, We pray for the teachers, principles, administrators, coaches, leaders, and pastors who have taken part in the growth of our youth during these past years. We pray especially for all those who had to be creative in the classrooms during the pandemic. We ask that you bless them with happiness in their future endeavors. Hear us O Lord,

**All: Your Mercy is Great.**

God of Love, We pray for our parents, that they continue to guide and nurture us as we grow and may they know how much we love and appreciate them. Hear us O'Lord,

**All: Your Mercy is Great.**

God of Hope, We pray that we, the graduating class of 2021, may have the courage to share our gifts with those who need them. May we be free to shape a future of peace and justice for all. Hear us O Lord,

**All: Your Mercy is Great.**

Gentle God, We pray for our friends who have shared with us, over these many years, all the laughter, tears, heartaches and happiness: and that they may know how much we love and cherish them. Hear us O Lord,

**All: Your Mercy is Great.**

Healing God, We pray for the sick of our congregations and for all our friends and relatives who are ill. Help them and all those we name aloud and in our hearts to feel your healing presence. *(insert prayer requests)*

Hear us O Lord,

**All: Your Mercy is Great.**

God of Compassion, We pray for those in our families, schools, community, and world who have died and who have provided support and encouragement in our lives and are now in God's presence forever. Teach us to be comforters of one another.

Hear us O'Lord,

**All: Your Mercy is Great.**

In the hope of a new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**The Offering**

Presentation of Quilts

**Congratulations to Our Graduating  
High School Seniors!**

Amanda Boelman, Anna Seifert, Bella Sidoruk, Brynnli Poulsen,  
Logan VanDenburg, Maizie Mendenhall, Tanner Hanson, Austin  
Drake, Grayden Beyer, Kaitlin Denton, and Kenny Reichart!



**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

AM: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

AM: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**All: 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.**

## **Jesus Comes To Us In His Supper The Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**                      Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

**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.**

## **The Distribution**

*Jesus Christ is the host of this meal, and he invites you to share a meal with him—an act of friendship, hospitality, and a glimpse of the feast that is to come. The Risen Christ is truly here in the bread and wine, so come, eat, and trust that his promise of forgiveness and everlasting life is for you! Communion will be served in individual portions.*

## **The Blessing**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

## **A Traveler's Prayer**

**AM:** Let us pray, O God

**All:** You have nourished us by this meal and have called us,  
your servants, to ventures of which we cannot see the  
ending, by paths yet untrodden, through perils  
unknown. Give us Faith to go out in good courage not  
knowing where we go, but only that your hand is  
leading us and your love is supporting us. Through  
Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

## **The Tree Blessing**

(Written by Josie VanDenburg)

## **God Sends Us Into The World**

## **Sending Song**

**“Isaiah 55:12”**

**For you shall go out in joy and be lead back in peace  
The mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song and rejoice  
And all the trees in the field shall clap their hands 2x  
For you**

## **Sending**

**PM:** As God sends us out into the world let us trust in him to guide us to  
do endeavors of good, love, and wisdom. Peace be with you all.

**All:** And also with you. Amen

## **Postlude**



***Pray for our Members and Friends...***

***Please***

***call or email us with your prayer requests.***

**Prayers for safety and healing:** Pastor Paul, Terry Smith, Ann Marie, Mary Jane, Richard Castor, Terilee, Darcie Darlington,

**Prayers for comfort:** friends and family of Dale Brady and Gail Lewis.

**Discovery:** Clara Felton

**Beehive:** Yvonne Olson, Morrie Mitteness

**Valley View:** Ruth Dillon

**Remington:** Chuck Olson, Kathleen Gazzara

**Military Serving:** Ashley White, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt, Army stationed in Cuba  
niece of Paul and Linda Gyles

**Thanks to our Worship Assistants!**

	<b>Today May 23rd</b>	<b>May 30th</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Susan Peterson	Collen Southwick
<b>Guitarist</b>	Tom Anderson	Tom Anderson
<b>Call To Worship</b>	Maizie Mandenall	
<b>Ushers</b>	Youth	Deb Cathey
<b>Lector</b>	Youth	Deb Cathey
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Josie VanDenburg	Rick Brown
<b>Projection</b>	Will Heitmann	Scott Southwick
<b>Video</b>	Rick Brown	Tommy Denney

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## **MAY 23, 2021 PENTECOST SUNDAY**

*The Spirit of God sustains all of life.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</b>	<b>Work of the Holy Spirit</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 2:1-21</b>	<b>The Holy Spirit is given</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Romans 8:22-27</b>	<b>The Spirit intercedes</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Ezekiel 37:1-14</b>	<b>The valley of dry bones</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Joel 2:21-27</b>	<b>The Lord will bless the land</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Ephesians 4:7-13</b>	<b>Equipping the saints</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b</b>	<b>All living things depend on God</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 3:1-17</b>	<b>Born of the Spirit</b>

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works. Psalm 104:30-31 (NRSV)*



## **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Come Holy Spirit, lead us to be the body of Christ in the world and guide us into the truth that Jesus brings for the salvation of the world. Amen.

### **Mealttime Prayer:**

Creator God, we thank you for this food as you give all living things their food in due season, you open your hand and fill us with good things. (Psalm 104:27-28)

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May you be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to live in faith, hope, and love.

## **HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*I'm Goin' A Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

## **WEEKLY MILESTONES CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something in creation that gives you joy?
- What is something that concerns you about the frailty of creation?
- In Psalm 104:31, God rejoices in the work of creation. How does that motivate you to care for what God has created?

## **DEVOTIONS**

*Read:* Psalm 104:24-34, 35b.

Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit that enlivens the church to continue what the disciples learned and received through Jesus. The Holy Spirit makes Jesus Christ alive and real today as Savior, not just as a historical figure to recall from the past. Jesus' forgiving and renewing work is extended to the church of all times through the Spirit. What is worth remembering is that the Spirit is celebrated in Psalm 104 as the source of life for all of creation. Without God's Spirit there is no breath and creatures "die and return to their dust" (v. 29). We live in an age when the earth is being harmed by pollution of many kinds that

endangers future generations, human and nonhuman alike. It is important to see the link between God's work of creating life through the Spirit and redeeming all life through Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God for life created, life redeemed, and life sustained through this one God in three persons. How does Pentecost lead you to care for and celebrate all that God has made?

**Pray: Dear God, you who love all that you create, give us that love through your Holy Spirit to care for the earth and tell others of the good news of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **SERVICE**

Pentecost reminds us that the world is full of many languages and different cultures. Jesus' promise to the disciples was fulfilled on this day. It enabled them to speak in other languages and spread the good news of Jesus Christ. How can you spread the good news to those who speak other languages and are from different cultures?

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships – often in our own homes. The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit is our helper in prayer (Romans 8:26-27). Prayer is one way to practice the Christian faith in our homes. The Spirit brings our needs and concerns before God, even when we do not know what or how to pray. Light a candle when you pray this week. Look upon the flame as a symbol of the Holy Spirit that lives in you.

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to:  
[www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)