



First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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(With Readings for the Day of Pentecost)

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register, pass it down the pew for others to register and then place it in the offering plate. After worship, you're encouraged to introduce yourself to anyone you haven't met.

LBW – green hymnal WOV – blue hymnal *Please stand

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for creating all living things and causing them to grow;

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we have been born anew, help us to grow up in every way into You, who are our Lord;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you have called us all and gathered us together as the Body of Christ, the Church. Help your church to grow – in numbers, in faith, and in love.

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

WOV 684

WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

C Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace. (*Romans 8:5-6,26*)

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit. There is therefore now no condemnation

for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you!

(Romans 8:1,9,11,26)

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

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

PSALM 25: 1-14 (read responsively by whole verse)

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SECOND READING:

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, {the disciples} 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; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL:

John 7:37-39

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH"

SONG: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

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STATEMENT OF FAITH – Apostles' Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Grant to your Church, O Lord, your Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which comes down from heaven, that your Word may not be bound, but be preached and heard with joy. Touch our hearts with the fire of your Spirit, that we may serve you in steadfast faith and, in the confession of your name, abide to the end.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, fill us with a deep, abiding faith and remove all doubt from our hearts. Open our minds to understand the Scriptures and the work of Christ among us. Empower us to move beyond these walls to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead, so that others might come to have life in his name.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Lord of Creation, you have placed us in a wondrous world that reflects your creative glory and power. We pray that you would look with kindness on all that you have made, and that the hearts of all living things may sing their thanks for generations to come.

Lord, in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. By bestowing upon us both material and spiritual blessings, you bring forth bread from the earth to nourish and feed your people. Help us to acknowledge that you alone are the Bread of Life. We pray that you would deliver all who suffer, are hungry or grieving [especially ...]. We pray that you would nourish those in need with the life-giving power of your Word.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

(The prophecy of Joel, recorded in Acts 2:17-21)

P In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

C And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy!

P And your young men shall see visions!

C And your old men shall dream dreams!

P Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

C Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Your Kingdom Come!"

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P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Last Sunday, 5/21: 84

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Jeff Anderberg 5/28

Sophie Koehnke 5/28/2006

Kendra Steinhorst 5/28

Lorene Roser 5/29

Ali Wittwer 5/30

Mary Loomis 6/1

Vernon Johnson 6/2

Doug Springborn 6/2

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Rick & Joyce Schmidt

5/28/83

Mike & Marti Valasek

5/29/76

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Anniversary Committee is planning an Ice Cream Social and the opening of the church's Cornerstone on Saturday, June 3rd, from 1 -4pm. Everyone is welcome.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

June 4, 2023 – After Worship Service

1. Election of new council members
2. Approval for up to \$15,000 for painting of church sanctuary

The Council slate and Agenda are on the Narthex bulletin Board.



It's time for Vacation Bible School

June 5-8, 2023

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Pre- K3 – 5th grade

There is still time to register your child for VBS and volunteers are needed. Registration can be done on-line from our website, or call Val or the church office, (815) 522-3886.

Decorating helpers are needed on June 3 at 9:00am.

Please call/text Val Norris (815) 761-6458.

Church Fun Facts

In 1968 when we took out pews to make more room, John Monkman took a couple home to use as furniture—they fit his need for allergy free furniture.

Next Week's Readings:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday 5/28: Join us after the service in the fellowship hall for coffee and fellowship. Adult Forum, 10:30am. (Last class until fall.)

Monday 5/29: Memorial Day! Please say a prayer for those who died for all of us and our freedom.

Tuesday 5/30: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist. 12-2pm.

Wednesday 5/31: On-line Bible Study, 7pm (last class until fall.)

Thursday 6/1: Food Truck Delivery, 8:am.

Saturday 6/3: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 6/4: Communion Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

- Don Peterson, Louise Hoffman's brother has passed away. May the promise of God's resurrection bring peace to Don's family and friends. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 31st from 3-8 at Slater Butala Funeral Home in Genoa. The funeral will be Thursday, June 1st at 11:00 at Faith United Methodist Church in Genoa.

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Susan & Jim Colgan, friends of Mary Loomis', both are dealing with cancer. Susan has breast cancer and Jim has brain cancer.
- Elaine Mitchell had shoulder surgery and is at Van Matre, in Rockford. Family is hoping that she will be there a short time.
- Ben Blobaum, pray for God's leading to his 1st church.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Alexis Haag.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.