



Rivers of  
living water  
will flow  
from his  
inmost  
being.

John 7:38

*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First  
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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 as able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## Order of Service

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| *Prayer of the Day                            | P. 82                 |

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.

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

<sup>24</sup>Moses 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. <sup>25</sup>Then 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. <sup>26</sup>Now 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. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and

Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” <sup>29</sup>But 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!” <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Psalm 25:1-14 (*responsively by whole verse*)

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Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, {the disciples} were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and 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, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” <sup>14</sup>But 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. <sup>15</sup>For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>‘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; <sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will

pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; <sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. <sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

\*Alleluia

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\*Gospel

John 7:37-39

<sup>37</sup>On 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. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup>Now 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.

## Sermon: “HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH”

\*Hymn of the Day: “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

**LBW 257**

\*Apostles' Creed

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\*Sharing of Peace  
Offering

\*Create in Me A Clean Heart

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\*Prayers of the Church

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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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\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

\*Closing Hymn: "Your Kingdom Come!"

**LBW 376**

\*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

**\*Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

\*Postlude

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### **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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.