

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 28, 2023

“Peace”
BE WITH YOU!

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UNITED by Christ, God call us to LOVE one another
As we RECEIVE, DISCOVER and PROCLAIM God's Word.

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.**

**In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.**

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Refrain

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

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1 Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke. *Refrain*

2 All around me looked so fine,
asked my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*

3 Jordan river, chilly and cold,
chills the body but not the soul. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

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.

KYRIE

ELW page 204
(Vs. 2)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Beautiful Savior
Virginia Miller

WORD

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

PSALM—Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

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

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

²⁷**All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**
³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**
³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**
³⁴May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.
^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
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And a light unto my path

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The Holy Gospel according to the twentieth chapter of John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL—John 20:19-23

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Rev. Bob Broeder

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" ELW #400
(Vs. 1 & 4)

THE 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**

THE PRAYERS

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort especially Lee Peterson and Bill Gormely.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

Gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

**Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

The God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“O Day Full of Grace” ELW #627
(Vs. 1 & 4)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
Thanks be to God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship
or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you
on your journey as your presence has been a blessing to us.*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Worship & Music Team are looking for volunteers to set up and take down the communion service. You can work individually or as a team of 2. Most volunteers serve for a month which equals two Sunday services. Training will be offered. Contact Marie Walker, Jan Rhode or Pr. Sam.

Registration is now open for Le Sueur VBS.

VBS will be held June 19-23 at First Lutheran Church. Registration information is available in the Gathering Space.

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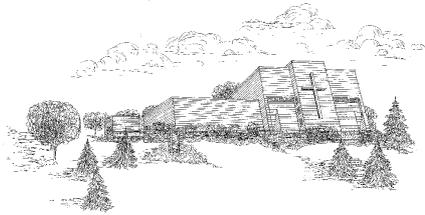
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Financial Update		
Week of	Amount Received	Amount Needed
5-21-2023	\$4,502	\$4,431
YTD	\$91,514	\$93,041

YTD Financial Actual			
Through month of April			
Date	Income	Expenses	Net Gain (Loss)
4-30-2023	\$70,953	\$74,179	(\$3,226)



Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 28	9:00a	Worship
Friday, June 2		Wedding Rehearsal for Jazz Hortenbach & Holly Berg
Saturday, June 3		Wedding of Jazz Hortenbach & Holly Berg
Sunday, June 4	9:00a	Worship w/Holy Communion

Worship Assistants

May 28, 2023

Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Nathan Tews
Reader:	Bob Reasoner
Usher:	Chuck Frauendienst
Greeters:	Edrie Barton Rachel Wagner
Council Member:	Kari Braun
Fellowship:	Miller's & Genelin's
Projection:	Tech Team
Audio:	Tech Team
Videographer:	Becky Pollack
Offering Counters:	John Miller Dave Johnson
Altar Guild:	Marie Walker

June 4, 2023

Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Thea Braun
Reader:	Bonnie Keech
Usher:	LeRoy May
Greeters:	John Miller
Communion Asst:	Tiffany Vanden Einde Cooper Vanden Einde
Council Member:	Joan May
Fellowship:	Council
Projection:	Tech Team
Audio:	Tech Team
Videographer:	Becky Pollack
Offering Counters:	Joan May Randy Baum
Altar Guild:	Marie Walker