



Pentecost

May 19, 2024

10:00 AM

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome Statement

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as a child of God. As Paul said in his letter to the Galatians, “for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.” (Galatians 3:26) We strive to be a place where everyone is welcomed and affirmed.

No matter your age, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, faith background, political leanings, or mental or physical ability – you are welcome as you are. As children of God, we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God’s love and grace to be our help and guide.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE.

There are gluten free wafers available, just let the pastor know when you are at the altar rail. As you receive communion, in the center of each tray, there are a few glasses filled with white grape juice for those who prefer juice rather than wine.

If you would prefer only a blessing, please have your hands folded and the pastor will give you a blessing.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God’s mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ’s love with the world.

PRELUDE

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Faith Bells

16 "Yes, God so loved the world as to give the Only Begotten One, that whoever believes may not die, but have eternal life. 17 God sent the Only Begotten One into the world not to condemn the world, that through the Only Begotten the world might be saved.

John 3:16-17 The Inclusive Bible

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG – Alleluia Sing to Jesus (ELW 392)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*to Rev. Paul & Rhoda Pfothenhauer in
honor of 43 years of public ministry*

Bless His Holy Name

Psalm 103

Johann Gramann, 1487–1541


Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–78, alt.

Mark Shepperd

Refrain: All



Praise the Lord, O my soul; _____ bless his ho - ly name.



Praise the Lord, O my soul; bless his ho - ly name.

Verse Forget him not whose meekness still bears with all your sin,
who heals your every weakness, renews your life within.

Refrain All

Verse He offers all his treasure of truth and righteousness,
his love beyond our measure, he pities our distress.

Refrain All

Sung in canon; women begin, men enter one measure later.

Verse For as a tender father pities his children here,
God in his arms will gather all those who him like children fear.

Refrain All

Verse In heaven is fixed his dwelling, his rule is over all;
you hosts with might excelling, with praise before him fall.

Refrain All

Sung in canon; men begin, women enter one measure later.

Verse Praise him forever reigning, all here who hear his word,
our life and all sustaining. My soul, oh, praise the Lord!

Refrain All

Bless His Holy Name, by Mark Shepperd, ISBN 0-8006-7403-0
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

- ◆ Chris Paige is Graduating from Okemos High School.
- ◆ Maude Lewis is Graduating from Okemos High School.
- ◆ Nick Towl graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology.
- ◆ Nick Hirschenberger graduated from the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine with a Medical Doctorate degree.

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷‘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. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY: 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!**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:22-27

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.

A reading from Romans.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;

²³and 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.

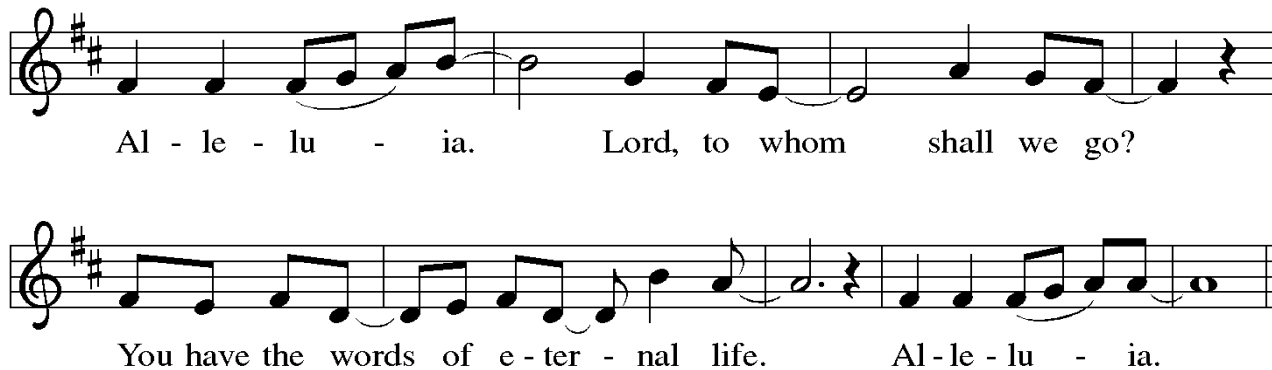
²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise 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.

²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: 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.

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless 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. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

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

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - When in Our Music God Is Glorified (ELW 851)



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
moved us to a more pro - found
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing, for whom he won the fight:
give us faith to sing al - ways:

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these brothers*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism. I present the following individuals, who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism:

Raymond Michael Herek
Calvin Ashland Kadrofske
Jasper Steinke Wawrzynski

Mentors
Harold Sollenberger
Michael Eschelbach
Linda Hirt

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support *these brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those making affirmation may kneel.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Laying on of hands by the Pastor, Presenter, Family and Mentor

Stir up in [name] the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

“True Light”

Keith Hampton

Chancel Choir; *Chris Lewis, soloist*

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

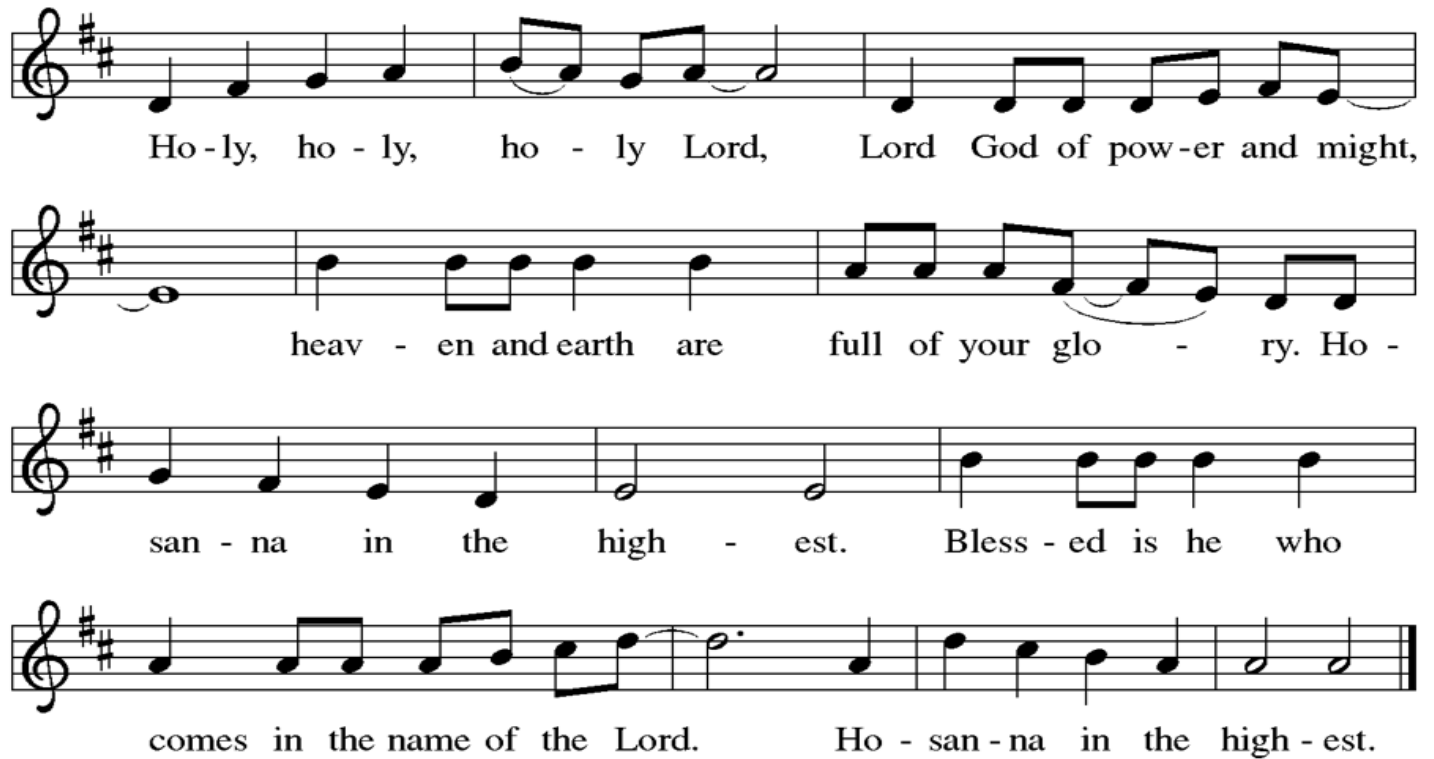
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Day of Pentecost, on Christ, the bread of heaven.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

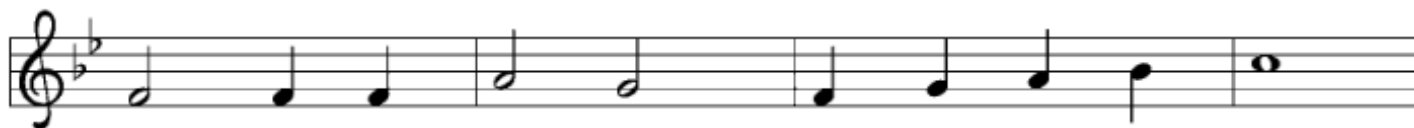
COMMUNION HYMN – Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart (ELW 800)



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit.
Let love guide your actions. Listen for the Spirit of Truth.
Spread the peace of Christ and remind everyone you meet that each one is a beloved child of God.

Amen.

SENDING SONG – Every Time I Feel the Spirit (ACS 942)

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

Refrain

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933

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DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

arr. Robert Hobby

FLC SCHEDULE

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 27th, FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY.

Sunday, May 19:

- 10:00 am–Worship Service: Pentecost/Celebration Sunday

Monday, May 20:

- Girl Scouts Meeting @ 6:15 pm in Old Fellowship Hall
- Boy Scouts Meeting @ 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
- FLC Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm – LIBRARY

Tuesday, May 21:

- Bible Study @ 12:00 pm – Zoom Call

Wednesday, May 22:

- Quilters Meet @ 9:30 am

Sunday, May 26:

- 10:00 am–Worship Service: HOLY TRINITY

Monday, May 27:

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

FAITH VOLUNTEERS

May 19

Greeter(s): Doug & Linda Hirt
 Reader: Confirmands
 Lay Assistant: Confirmands
 Altar Care: Elaine Harrison
 Ushers: Doug & Linda Hirt
 Acolyte: Andrew Herek
 Coffee Hour: Faith Musicians

May 26

Greeter(s): Harold & Jan Sollenberger
 Reader: Bob Nelson
 Lay Assistant: Harold Sollenberger
 Altar Care: Elaine Harrison
 Ushers: Warren & Tammy Heilman
 Acolyte: Isaak Nyquist
 Coffee Hour: Matt Schnizlein
 Nick Hirschenberger

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

May 5, 2024

Loose Cash	\$ 35.00
General Fund	\$ 2,605.00
Green Team Bags	\$ 15.00
Caring Committee	\$ 50.00
Pantry Fund	\$ 155.00
Youth	\$ 300.00
Parish House	\$ 175.00
Subtotal	\$ 3,335.00

<u>Vanco</u>	
General Operating	\$ 5,522.46
Building	\$ 125.00
Caring Committee	\$ 105.66
Pantry Fund	\$ 105.66
Parish House	\$ 50.00
Subtotal	\$ 5,908.78

****TOTAL \$ 9,243.78**

May 12, 2024

Loose Cash	\$ 20.00
General Fund	\$ 1,025.00
Facility Use	\$ 250.00
Caring Committee	\$ 50.00
Pantry Fund	\$ 138.82
Parish House (MRH)	\$ 3,732.72
Subtotal	\$ 5,166.54

<u>Vanco</u>	
General Operating	\$ 321.00
Subtotal	\$ 321.00

TOTAL \$ 5,487.54

****Proceeds from the sale of the property totaling \$37,660.52 were also deposited but are not included above, as council has not yet met to determine appropriate fund distribution.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATES

Chris Paige will be graduating from Okemos High School in May. During High School, he was a member of the Okemos High School JV and Varsity Basketball Teams, 3 AAU basketball teams, and the National Honor Society. He is planning to attend Michigan State University this fall and will major in Packaging.

Maude Lewis will be graduating from Okemos High School and is a member of the National Honor Society. She played french horn in band and philharmonic orchestra all through high school. She was also a member of the varsity soccer team, was voted co-captain her senior year, and earned Academic All-Conference recognition. She will be attending the University of Michigan and majoring in Chemistry.

Nick Towl graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology.

Nick Hirschenberger graduated from the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine with a Medical Doctorate degree. He will be doing his residency in Family Medicine at the University of Michigan Health – Sparrow.

PRAYER PARTNERS

Please see the bulletin board entitled “Prayer Partners” in the Narthex. We have received several cards and letters from other churches who are praying for us. Moving forward, we will also participate in this activity, and we will be inviting you to sign the letters we send. Stay tuned for more.

SUICIDE AWARENESS TRAINING, TUESDAY MAY 21, 5:30 - 7PM IN THE PCO FELLOWSHIP HALL

Suicide is one of the most significant public health issues facing the world today. People's reasons for thinking about suicide are as complex and varied as those individuals themselves. Most importantly, with the right knowledge and skills, the vast majority of suicides can be prevented. Using LivingWorks Start (www.livingworks.net), participants will learn to recognize when someone is thinking about suicide and connect them to help and support. This program utilizes simulations, so technique can be practiced. The training is open to anyone 14 years of age and older. **Please let Pastor Bruce know if you would like to participate.**

A TASTE OF HONDURAS

During Coffee Hour on **June 2nd**, there will be a "Taste of Honduras" and a presentation by Jamie Royalty on her recent mission trip to Honduras.

MORTGAGE BURNING PARTY

There will be a mortgage burning ceremony on **June 9th** (after worship service) at the recently renovated outdoor fire pit (thanks again, Mark Kadrofske). Everyone is invited to attend!

END OF SCHOOL BBQ

Who: All Middle School and High School Students

When: Sunday, June 9th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Faith Lutheran Church backyard/firepit

What: Food, Games, and Fun! Pickleball, badminton, volleyball and more!

RSVP to Pam by June 5th (so we know how much food to have)

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