



# First Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 24, 2026, 8:30am | Day of Pentecost

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.



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

#### BAPTISMAL HYMN | *Baptized in Water* | ELW #456

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.
2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Merciful God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out our offenses. Release us from the guilt and shame we carry, and renew a right spirit within us. Teach us your ways, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### HOLY BAPTISM

Name of Baptized: Ava Ann Heinz | Parents: Ashley and Joe Heinz  
Sponsors: Austin Hoene, Nicholas Heinz, and Megan Ganley

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus...

**ALL: We renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**ALL: 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.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**ALL: 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, **C: 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.**

## KYRIE | *Create in Me a Clean Heart* | ELW #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

## HYMN OF PRAISE | *Glory be to God* | ELW pg 204, vs 1

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth.  
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you, here on earth our songs we raise.

## FIRST READING | *Numbers 11:24-30*

<sup>24</sup> So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all 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 when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. <sup>26</sup> 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, 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 son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, 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 and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" <sup>30</sup> And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

## RESPONSIVE PSALM | *Psalms 104:24-31*

R: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

**C: There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.**

R: There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

**C: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;**

R: When you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**C: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.**

R: When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

**C: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—**

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | ELW pg. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL | *John 7:37-39*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 7th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup> and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" <sup>39</sup> Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON | Pastor Joe Skogmo

## **HYMN OF THE DAY** | *Spirit of Gentleness* | *ELW #396, vs 1-3*

### **Refrain**

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

1. You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*
2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*
3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

### **SHARING OF PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

## **OFFERING / NOISY OFFERING** | *May: Lutheran World Relief*

### **OFFERTORY SONG** | *Holy, Holy, Holy* | *ELW #473*

1. Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God. **(Sing 2x)**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Loving God, **C: receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

### **SENDING HYMN** | *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* | *ELW #400, vs 1-2, 4*

1. God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
2. God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth!
4. God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness!  
Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress.  
Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work, claim us for your kingdom's work!

### **SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

The Helping Hands Ministry is looking to restart in 2026! This ministry "...exists to assist the frail, elderly, and disabled of the Detroit Lakes area with routine minor repairs and home maintenance, through recruitment, training, and the sending of First Lutheran members and friends in the spirit of Matthew 25:35 . . . for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me . . . If you would like to become a Helping Hands volunteer and are interested in further information, please contact Paul Weber, 218-849-4354.

## ITEMS COLLECTED ALL YEAR

Bring your donations to the church office. Thanks!

- We Care Receipts *from Central Market*
- Children's Christmas Store Items (*new, gently used gift items*)
- Blessing Closet (*clothing, blankets, toiletries, reusable bags, etc.*)

## ADULT VBS

Save the Date!  
August 3 & 10.

Watch for more information!

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

May, 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

## SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

May 24—August 30  
8:30 & 10:30am

Summer is almost here and our worship service times will be changing on May 24 to 8:30 am indoors and 10:30am outdoors on the lawn. If you are joining us outside, please bring a lawn chair or blanket.

## IN THE STEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER

April 12-22, 2027

Join Pr Wade & Holly Dutton next spring, as they travel to Germany to experience firsthand the life & times of Martin Luther. If interested, trip packets are in the church office.

## FLOWER TEAM

We are looking for a couple more volunteers to help with the outdoor flowers. It is a week long commitment. This could be for a single person, a couple, or a family project. For more info, call Shan at 218-234-0312 or Belinda at 218-841-2962.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

We are currently seeing persons willing to musical talents with us this summer. If you are provide special music during one of our worship services this summer, contact the church office or Karen Bimberg.



## Youth & Family

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22-25  
Open to kids completing K-5th grade. Cost: FREE!  
Registration now open.



### HIGH SCHOOL FREE LUNCH

May 28@ 1:30am  
At Pizza Ranch

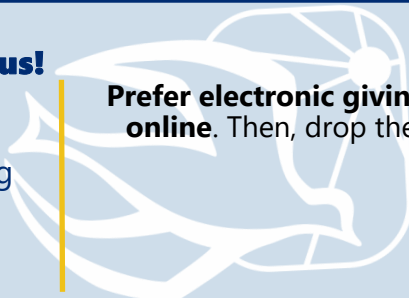
## Prayers for God's People

Ongoing prayers for:  
*Bill Wegschied, Larry Kjono, Tyler Wilson, Dave & Pam Nustad, Cami Eckhoff, Kathy Larson, Haley & Mel Johnson, Pr. Matthew Rossler, Betty Johnston*  
Prayers of comfort for those who mourn the loss of a loved one including the families of Sharon Hill, and Judy Wood

## Thanks for worshipping with us!

Lead Pastor: Joe Skogmo  
Music Director: Karen Bimberg

"Opening Doors to life in Christ."



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## GIVE ONLINE

