

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
**The Day of Pentecost**  
**Monday, May 20, 2024**

Acts 2:1 – ***“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.”*** Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival: a time of thanksgiving, bounty and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that in the New Testament, Pentecost takes on the meaning of a new harvest, directing us to the ripe fields of the nations and the task of bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord’s praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.



## **WELCOME VISITORS:**

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today. We pray that your worship with

us is rewarding. Please be sure to sign your name and address in our guest register, located in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home we would like to invite you to be a part of our Bible Based Church family.



**Please TURN OFF ALL CELLPHONES before service begins. Phones that are on may interfere with transmission of the service to social media and shutting down your phone can help solve network connectivity problems**

## **RECEIVING THE HOLY SACRAMENT**

In deep Christian love and commitment to the Word of God we continue to hold to the Biblical and Ancient practice of close communion. **We believe that this is no Ordinary Meal.** We believe that those who commune together must confess the same faith, and recognize the great



power and real presence of the body and blood Christ in, with and under the bread and the wine. (*1 Corinthians 10:16-18; 11:23-29; Romans 16:17*). Likewise, since one's membership helps promote that church's major teachings we ask that only those commune who are confirmed and communicant members of the LCMS, and who are not under church discipline. Thank you for respecting our beliefs and practices. Please pray with us for honest unity around the Word of God. If you have any question please contact Pastor Love. *NOTE: Gluten free wafers are now available at the Lord's Table. Please let Pastor know before worship service that you would like the gluten free wafers*

Opening Hymn  
“Come, Thou Almighty King”

LSB #950

Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their  
Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

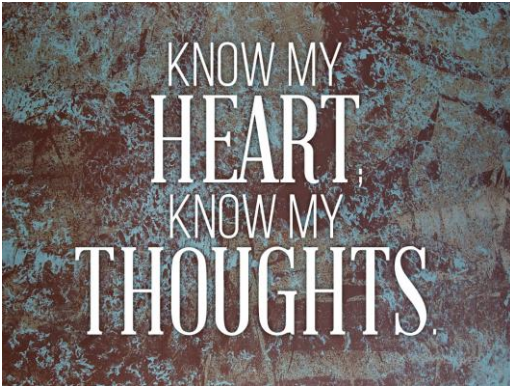
*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Psalm 139:1–12



**P** <sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

**C** <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

**P** <sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

**C** <sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

**P** <sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**C** <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

**P** <sup>7</sup>Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

**C** <sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

**P** <sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

- C** <sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.
- P** <sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"
- C** <sup>12</sup>even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.

## Kyrie

LSB 152

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

- P** Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

### The Close of the Commandments

- P** *What does God say about all these commandments?*
- C** He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments."  
(Exodus 20:5–6)
- P** *What does this mean?*
- C** God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His

**wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Ezekiel 37:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.”

<sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came



*Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV*

into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.'

<sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.

<sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

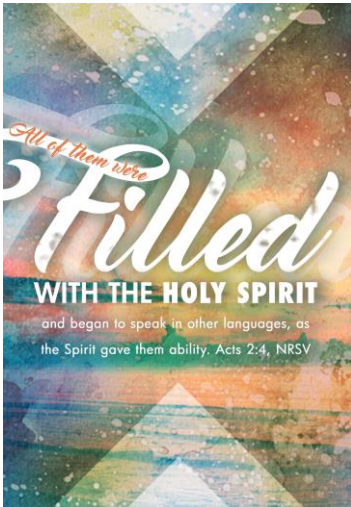
## Gradual

*Acts 2:17b; Romans 10:10*

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.  
With the heart one believes and is justified,  
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

## Second Reading

*Acts 2:1–21*



<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they 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 Jerusa-

lem 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 men 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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

## Holy Gospel

*John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness

and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment,



because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

*“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”*

LSB #650

Sermon

Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and

**the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the Church

### Offering

### Offertory Response

***“We Give Thee But Thine Own”***      **LSB #781 vs. 1–2**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH & ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH RECEIVING THE HOLY SACRAMENT

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**Preface**      *LSB 160*

**Sanctus**      *LSB 161*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**      *LSB 161*

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.**

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 163*

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 163*

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymns

*“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”*

LSB #496

*“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”*

LSB #913

*“Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living”*

LSB #479

## Thank the Lord

LSB 164

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

LSB 166

## Closing Hymn

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

LSB #850



Pentecost

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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### PENTECOST

**Sunday:** Numbers 21:10-35;  
Luke 21:20-38

**Monday:** Numbers 22:1-20;  
Luke 22:1-23

**Tuesday:** Numbers 22:21 – 23:3;  
Luke 22:24-46

**Wednesday:** Numbers 23:4-28; Luke 22:47-71

**Thursday:** Numbers 24:1-25; Luke 23:1-25

**Friday:** Numbers 27:12-23 Luke 23:26-56

**Saturday:** Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27; Luke 24:1-27



## FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the  
following in your  
prayers:

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Cheryl Dahlke

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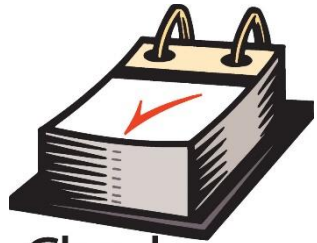
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**CHURCH CALENDAR**  
**ST. JOHN'S and FAITH**



**Check Your  
Calendar**

**Sunday, May 19**

**8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's**

9:30 a.m. Bible Class at St. John's

**10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith**

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

4:30 p.m. ISI at Pine Ridge Restaurant, Merrill

**Monday, May 20**

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

**6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith**

**Tuesday May 21**

6:00 p.m. Trustees' Meeting at Faith

**Wednesday, May 23**

10:00 a.m. AbleLight Volunteers

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

**Sunday, May 26**

**8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's**

9:30 a.m. Bible Class at St. John's

**10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith**

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

**Monday, May 27**

NO MONDAY WORSHIP AT FAITH

**Sunday, June 2 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

**8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's**

9:30 a.m. Bible Class at St. John's

**10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith**

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

**Monday, June 3**

**6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith**

**Tuesday, June 4**

6:30 p.m. Women of Faith

7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting at St. John's

**Thursday, June 6**

6:30 p.m. Mary Martha Guild



**Baptised Sunday at Faith**

*Madison Marie*

*Klug*

**Daughter of Alex and  
Emily Klug**

Sponsors are  
Rachel Travis and Travis Klug

**2024 Church Softball League**

Today, Sunday, May 19  
Game at 3:30 p.m. at Faith  
Any questions or for more information,  
contact Shawn Henrichs or Mark Porath



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Today

**Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI)**

**Sunday, May 19      4:30 p.m.  
Pine Ridge Restaurant, Merrill**

**AUGUST CALENDAR**

Note in your summer  
calendar

Tuesday, August 13  
6:30 p.m.

**DUAL PARISH MEETING**  
at St. John's







# “A Walk With Jesus”

Vacation Bible School  
June 10-12, 2024

Check out the sign up sheets on the  
Scrip table in the back of church.

*Looking for willing volunteers for prep and set up food, get posters out, artistic work for decorations and backgrounds, teaching and helping in all age levels, registration for both children and adults.*

## Needed for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Queen or king size flat, solid color bed sheets would be appreciated. Also, large wicker or cloth baskets and large artificial green plants needed. All items will be returned after VBS. Please put your name on it.

Items needed by June 2. Bring items

St. John's or Faith. For more information or questions, contact Vicki Bartelt or Bonnie Grueneberg at Faith OR Kathy Sturm or Joy Free at St. John's



to



**VBS Registration Forms** are available on the counter in the back of church. Online Registration for children and adults can be done at [www.myvbs.org/churchoffice](http://www.myvbs.org/churchoffice)



**Adult Class for VBS will focus on  
“A Walk through Colossians and God's  
Creation”**

**PASTOR'S  
VACATION  
DATES**



*Pastor Love and his  
family will be on vacation  
June 17 – July 1*

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**Please help us spread the Word. Visit us online at  
Pastor's (Don Love) Facebook Page, or Faith  
Lutheran Merrill Facebook Page**

**<https://faithmerrill.webs.com/>**

**RISEN JESUS,**  
*as spring blossoms*  
**around me,**  
**MAY YOUR LOVE**  
**BLOSSOM IN ME,**  
**that I might share its**  
*fragrance and brilliance*  
**WITH OTHERS.**



**Join Us for VBS  
“A Walk With Jesus”  
at Faith Lutheran Church  
15425 S. County Road K,  
Merrill**

The logo for 'Walking with Jesus' features the text 'Walking with Jesus' in a stylized, red, outlined font. The word 'with' is smaller and positioned between 'Walking' and 'Jesus'. To the right of the text is a pair of black sandals with straps, set against a textured, brown and yellow background with decorative swirls.

Call

(715) 536-5443

To Register

Online Registration Available - [www.myvbs.org/churchoffice](http://www.myvbs.org/churchoffice)

**June 10 - 12, 2024**  
**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
*(Meal provided starting at 5:00 p.m.)*

Provided by Faith Lutheran Church, Merrill and St. John's Lutheran Church, Hamburg

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JUNE 14TH-16TH, 2024



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JIM PEKOL & GB BAND

## FRIDAY

3:30PM - A DELICIOUS FISH FRY (UNTIL GONE)

4:00PM - 7:00PM - MUSIC BY CARL JACKSON - BARN DANCE BAND  
CONCESSION STAND • BOUNCY HOUSE

## SATURDAY

START 11:00AM - BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT  
(CONTACT DESIRAE AT 715-803-3514 FOR INFORMATION)

3:30PM - PIZZA KILN WOODFIRE OVEN MAKING PIZZAS ON SITE

4:00PM - 7:00PM - MUSIC BY KT COUNTRY

7:00PM - 11:00PM - MUSIC BY BOGFOOT  
CONCESSION STAND, RAFFLES, KIDS GAMES, BOUNCY HOUSE

## SUNDAY

10:00AM - 11:00AM - POLKA CHURCH SERVICE

11:00 AM - UNTIL GONE - BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

11:00AM - 1:00PM - MUSIC BY BRYCE THOMASCHEFSKY

1:00PM - 4:00PM - MUSIC BY JIM PEKOL & GB BAND  
CONCESSION STAND, KIDS GAMES, BOUNCY HOUSE  
RAFFLE CLOSSES AT 3:30PM. PRIZES DRAWN @ 4PM

CONCESSIONS & REFRESHMENTS • DANCE FLOOR • SILENT AUCTIONS • RAFFLES  
KIDS GAMES • BOUNCY HOUSE • FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS ACCEPTED ALL WEEKEND