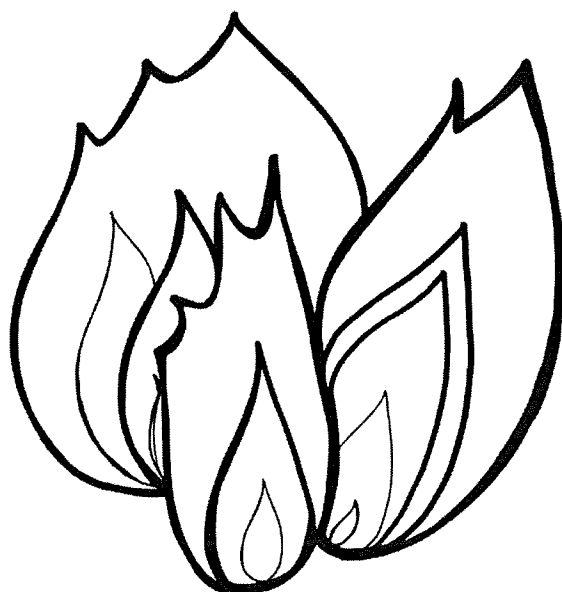


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***OUR MISSION STATEMENT  
“TO KNOW AND SHARE GOD’S LOVE”  
INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH!!***

***Day of Pentecost***

***May 24, 2026***

***Worship Time 10:00 am***

† Indicates - Please stand if comfortable

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Special Music Prelude:** Little Mountain Church

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate One,

**C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Special Music Tell Me the Story of Jesus** (*see page 13*)

## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘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.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

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

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** (*congregation reads the verses in bold*)

<sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O LORD!

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

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

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

<sup>27</sup> **All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> **When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

**Special Music Anthem Sweet Low Sweet Chariot** (*see page 14*)

**Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

<sup>3b</sup> No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.  
<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of

tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. <sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

† **Gospel: John 7:37-39**

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple,] 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: The Gospel of our Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

**YOUTH MESSAGE**

**SERMON “Here Comes the Spirit”**

**Special Music People Get Ready** (*see page 15*)

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We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

† **THE PRAYERS**

P: Merciful God.

C: **receive our prayer.**

† **SHARING THE PEACE**

**Offertory**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C: **Amen.**

P: 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. 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:

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

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

P: 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.

P: Let us join together in praying our 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**

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

**C: Amen**

**† Post Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray:  
Holy One,

**C: through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Special Music Amazing Grace (see page 16)*

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **Special Music Postlude: I'll Fly Away**

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**WELCOME** to the worship of the people of God who are Faith Lutheran Church. May you feel the presence of the Lord in our midst and hear His Word spoken to your heart. For more information contact us at [faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com) or check out our website at [FLCMTV.org](http://FLCMTV.org). Our mission at Faith Church is **To Know And Share God's Love**.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is being celebrated today. The invitation to commune is extended to all Christians who are seeking to follow Jesus in their lives. We have glasses of white grape juice available for those who request it. Just ask the communion assistant as they come to you. Come join us as our brothers and sisters as we gather as God's family at His table. Infants and children may be brought to the altar for a blessing by the Pastor. Communion recipients are asked to give the communion cards to an usher when coming forward. This is the only record we have of those communing. Visitors are asked to give their home church on the reverse side of the card so we can forward notification of your communion with us

**FLOWERS** on the altar are given *by Joe & Jen Curran* to the glory of God and on this Memorial Day in honor and remembrance of all who served and sacrificed for our freedom. May we always remember their sacrifices with gratitude and prayer.

### ST. VINCENT FIELD DAY—MAY 26

On Tuesday, May 26, 2026, we will host students from St. Vincent de Paul School for their annual field day. **From 7:00 AM- 3:00 PM, all church grounds will be closed to anyone not approved to volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul School.** We are also seeking donations of full size water bottles and mini ice cream sandwiches. We are needing 200 of each to have enough for all students and staff. Please see Kaitlyn Blust if you are able to help!

### ELCA GOOD GIFTS

The Faith women are still collecting for the ELCA Good Gifts projects: The amount of \$200 for the community garden has been achieved, \$600 is still needed for the computer. If you would like to donate for this project, a donation container will be located on the little table across from the stacked table cart. Your good gift will be a good gift for people who need them.

### SUMMER MUSIC

Please consider offering your musical talents this summer. Vocalist and instrumentalists are invited. You may play for one or both services each Sunday from May 31 to August 30. Please contact Becky Keck - [Rlkeck@columbus.rr.com](mailto:Rlkeck@columbus.rr.com) or at Sunday worship. I would love to get you on the calendar! Please contact me with any questions. Thank you....Becky Keck

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

There will be New Testament Stone Garden tours open to the public at 2:00 pm EVERY Saturday in June, weather permitting. Stay tuned for more!

### TREBLE VOICES NEEDED

All treble voices are welcome to sing the anthem on June 14, 2026. We will rehearse Thursday evenings May 28, June 4 and June 11 at 7pm. It's a two-part piece. You do not need to read music. You do not need to join choir. You do need to be willing to enjoy! Questions? Email Shelley at [sgrubb2013@gmail.com](mailto:sgrubb2013@gmail.com)

### OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, for the Memorial Day holiday.

## SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE

On **June 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will begin our summer schedule of worship at 8:00am & **10:00am**.

## FIRST FRIDAYS

The First Friday season will begin on June 5th. Faith Lutheran will once again be part of the First Friday events with a booth on Main Street. We are looking for volunteers to help out with the events doing things like setting up, talking to people or running games, and cleaning up our booth after the event. There is a sign-up sheet by the church kitchen volunteers are asked to sign up on. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Cody or Kaitlyn for more information.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please look over the names on the prayer list and let the office know if anyone is better and can be taken off the list, or if someone is missing that you would like to have prayers for. Many times we are asked to list folks and never hear what their condition is later on. Help us make these lists meaningful and prayerful. Thanks.

## SPECIAL THANKS

We want to give a special thanks to Kevin Mishey, Rick Keaton, Sally Berger, and Jim Harder for sharing their talents with us today with their wonderful special music!!

## SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS - JUNE 17

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a one-day VBS experience for kids ages 2 - 7 from 10:00 am - 2:30 pm on June 17th! Be on the lookout for more information next week about registration and volunteer needs.

## BETTY MCDONALD UPDATE

Betty's daughter sent me an update: she said her mother still knows all of them and looks forward to visits. She spends time looking at her cards and has them displayed in her room. Betty has been moved to the Long Term Living Care area at the Eastern Star and she is in the Jasmine building room 714.

**FAITH EVENTS**

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**CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 24 - 30, 2026**

Today:	10:00 am	Worship/Holy Communion
Mon		<b>Office Closed for Holiday</b>
	7:30 pm	AA
Tues	7am to 3 pm	St. Vincent Field Day ( <b>grounds closed during this time.</b> )
Thurs	9:00 am	SPOT (formerly TOPS)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: MEMBERS: Bob & Kathy Atwell, Jordan & Nico Barnard, Phyllis Bigler, Vicki Blubaugh, Joe Curran, Larry Everhard, Ken Fischer, Jan Frye, Eileen Hartman, Jon, Carolyn Jacquet, Ann Jurkowitz, Kathy Lamb, Betty McDonald, Judy Mustaine, Dan Myers, Kathy Noblit, Stan Park, Fran Smyser, **Bob Van Horn** (hip replacement surgery), **Mariana Wolk**.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Linda, Marie, Rose Allen, Linda Beach, Devin Boyer, Nora Burke & family, Purell Butts, Mike C., Jenifer Edwards, Aaron Everhard, Kayla Gadd, Linda Galyon, Chester Gingerich, Grant, Lon Hamby, Susan Jeffery, John Jones, Eddie and Miranda Jones, Beth Kost, Danny Jurkowitz, Barb, Marv & Rob Keck, Dean & Marilyn Kempton, Debra Kempton, Jerry Kies, **Kody (Ann Dice's great niece)**, Dr. William McFarren, Jim Major (friend of Pastor Mark Wildermuth) Greg & Grace Maxwell, Elizabeth Melick, Scott Mickley, Tina Miller, Donald Morehour, Sue Moreland, Anderson O'Briskie, Clarence, Quinton (friend of Alex Jones), Shirley Ramsay, Julie & Brian Ramsey, Bruce Renne, Jan Rice, Sam Robert, Mona Russell and Heather & Danielle, Karen Scott, Wayne Snyder, Gabe & Micah Stauffer, Willow Steiner, an 8 month old with "Spitz" cancer, Martha Stuller, Becky Thomas, Josie Watts, Adam Wilford, Pam Wolfe, Karen Zedeker, Ziva, and all others on our hearts and minds.

PRAYER SHAWL RECIPIENTS (in the last three months): Dave Holtzapple, Dylan, Beth Stahr, Katie, Danielle, Kyle Steele, Stephen DeFoe, Hannah, the family of Julia Shepherd, Laura, Coleen Hamon, Karen McCorkhill, Barb Gottschling, Ann Owens.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Gavin Thomas, Master Sargent Christopher Dominick.

**Bold** indicates new.

**SERVING OUR LORD TODAY**

**10:00 am**

Ushers Tom Noblit  
Mike Eesley  
Readers Ann Dice  
Comm. Assist. Dave Keck  
Acolyte Stephen Volz  
Altar Guild - Kathy Noblit  
Communion Committee - Cheryl Johnson  
Tellers - Karen Greever & Will Melick

**SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY**

**8:00 am**

**10:30 am**

Ushers	Rick & Patty Keaton	Cheryl Johnson Jenny Grinstead
Reader s	Peg Snow	Karen Greever
Acolyte	Will Melick	Karen Greever
Altar Guild - Kathy Noblit		
Tellers - Karen Greever & Will Melick		

Tell Me The Story Of Jesus

- V. 1            Tell me the story of Jesus; write on my heart every word.  
                  Tell me the story most precious; sweetest that ever was heard.  
                  Tell how the angels in chorus; sang as they welcomed His birth;  
                  Glory to God in the highest, peace and good tidings to earth.
- Chorus:        Tell me the story of Jesus; write on my heart every word.  
                  Tell me the story most precious; sweetest that ever was heard.
- V. 2            Fasting along in the desert; tell of the days that are past.  
                  How for our sins He was tempted; yest was triumphant at last.  
                  Tell of the years of His labor; tell of the sorrow He bore.  
                  He was despised and afflicted; homeless rejected and poor.
- V. 3            Tell of the cross where they nailed him; writhing in anguish and pain.  
                  Tell of the grave where they laid Him; tell how He liveth again.  
                  Love in that story so tender; clearer than ever I see.  
                  Stay, let me weep while you whisper; Love paid the ransom for me.

**Swing Low, Sweet Chariot**

Swing low, sweet chariot, Comin' for to carry me home.  
Swing low, sweet chariot, Comin' for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan and what did I see, Comin' for to carry me home.  
A band of angels comin' after me, Comin' for to carry me home.

I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, Comin' for to carry me home.  
But still I know I'm heaven bound. Comin' for to carry me home.

If you get there before I do, Comin' for to carry me home.  
"Tell all my friends I'm comin' there too. Comin' for to carry me home.

If I get there before you do, Comin' for to carry me home.  
I'll cut a hole and pull you through. Comin' for to carry me home.

## People Get Ready

People get ready, there's a train a comin'  
You don't need no baggage, you just get on board  
All you need is faith, to hear the diesels hummin'  
Don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord

So people get ready for the train to Jordan  
Picking up passengers, coast to coast  
Faith is the key, open the doors and board 'em  
There's hope for all, among those loved the most

There ain't no room for the hopeless sinner  
Who would harm all mankind, just to save his own  
Have pity on those whose chances grow thinner  
Cause there's no hiding place against the Kingdom's throne

So people get ready, there's a train a comin'  
You don't need no baggage, you just get on board  
All you need is faith, to hear the diesels hummin'  
Don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord.

## Amazing Grace

- V. 1    Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
        I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see.
- V. 2    Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
        How precious did that grace appear, the hours I first believed.
- V. 3.    Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
        'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- V. 4.    The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
        He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
- V.5.    When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
        We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

Repeat verse 1