

Pentecost
Confirmation Sunday
May 24, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by the Faith Singers—“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” ELW 401

GATHERING

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

- 1 **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4 **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**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.

**Prayer of the Day*

P: God in Spirit, we give you thanks that you sent your Advocate to call and empower us to live by your grace in the waters of Holy Baptism. Stir in us this day, calling, empowering, and sending us out in boldness to live in the Spirit's power and share your good news.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Hymn of Praise: "Forever"

(piano)

1. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King; his love endures forever.
For he is good, he is above all things; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; his love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise!

*Refrain: Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
forever God is with us, forever.*

3. From the rising to the setting sun his love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise! *Refrain*

Ending: And ever, forever.

WORD

Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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 people 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, “Fellow Jews 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.’

P: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Reader: Angela Spray

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Sermon: “The Work of the Holy Spirit”

Song of the Day – “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” ELW 400 (organ)

- 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!**
- 3 **God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord,
make us one in Christ our Lord!**
- 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!**

WELCOME

Today we celebrate the power of God, the Holy Spirit, at work in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Baptism as a sacrament is received once in the life of a Christian, but can be affirmed often. In our worship service today, we will do both as Sydney is baptized and Eli and Rigby are confirmed.

Sponsor: I present Sydney Alexia Day to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Pastor: Sydney, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Sydney: I do.

Pastor: Amanda, do you promise to nurture Sydney in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Amanda: **I do.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for Sydney and your Holy Spirit's work in her. By your grace, you have given her faith to trust in you and a desire to walk in that faith with you in a life of discipleship. Fill her with your Holy Spirit. Surround her with Christian community to walk with her. Lead her each and every day, joined to you through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

By baptism, we are made one in the Body of Christ, the church universal. As one, we turn away from sin, turn towards God, share in the public confession of our Triune God in the words of the Apostles Creed.

Pastor: Sydney, Eli, Rigby, and all people of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

All: **I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

All: **I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: **I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT AND SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

We now gather at the font for Sydney Day's Baptism.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word. Those who are washed in the waters of baptism are given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Sydney, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to live in the covenant God is making 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?

Sydney: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: Sydney Alexia Day, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Sydney with 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.

Sydney, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Sydney, we give you this candle as a reminder that Jesus has called you to be the light of the world. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Let us welcome the newly Baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

P: Sydney and Amanda, you may return to your seats, and I invite Eli, Rigby, and their sponsors to come forward.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Eli Rajaguru and Rigby Dichsen have completed their confirmation instruction. They desire to affirm their baptism, claiming as their own the promises their parents made on their behalf at the font as they live lives of discipleship joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Eli's Sponsors: **We present Eli Frederick Rajaguru for Affirmation of Baptism.**

Rigby's Sponsors: **We present Rigby Lake Donald Dichsen for Affirmation of Baptism.**

P: Eli and Rigby, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to make public affirmation of your baptism?

Eli and Rigby: **We do.**

P: Jenissa and Jenelle, Jason and Kelly, you stood by Eli and Rigby at the font years ago. Do you promise to continue to nurture them in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: **We do.**

P: Let us pray... Merciful God, we thank you for Eli and Rigby and for your Holy Spirit's work in them. By your grace, you have given them faith to trust in you and a desire to walk in that faith with you in a life of discipleship. Today they confirm the promises made on their behalf in Holy Baptism and claim your call in their lives. Fill them with your Holy Spirit. Surround them with Christian community to walk with them. Lead them each and every day, joined to you through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Amen.

P: Eli and Rigby, 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?

Eli: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Rigby: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

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

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

P: I invite the families of Eli and Rigby to come forward as we lay hands on them in prayer.

P: 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.

Stir up in Eli 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.

Jeremiah 29:11

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”

Stir up in Rigby 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.

Ephesians 2:10

"You are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared in advance for you to do."

P: Eli and Rigby, when you were baptized, you were given these candles. We light them again today as you have affirmed your baptism. Remember that Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

P: Let us celebrate the Spirit at work in these brothers in Christ.

C: We give thanks to God for the unity we share in Holy Baptism and celebrate with you as you confirm the faith God has given you. We join you in the mission we share, giving thanks and praise to God and bearing Christ's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

"Wade in the Water," by African American Spiritual
sung by the Faith Singers

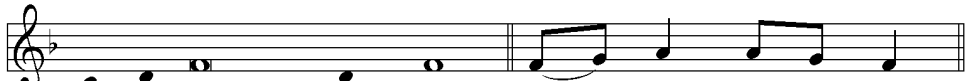
—We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are communing, share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God through the use of our time, talents, and finances—

**Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



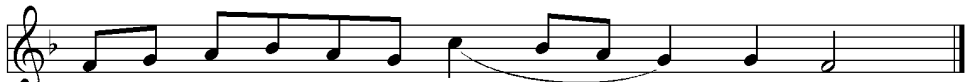
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



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



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their unending hymn:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.



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.

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.

**Lord's Prayer*

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.

Communion Songs

“Shine, Jesus, Shine” *(piano)*

**1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

*Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!*

**2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain**

“Christ, Be Our Light” ELW 715 *(organ)*

**1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. **Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow’r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain***
3. **Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain***
4. **Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Refrain***
5. **Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. *Refrain***

**Post-Communion Blessing*

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

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace. C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song – “Ablaze”*

(piano)

1. **Cold is the wind that blows in the night.
The darkness is deepest where there’s no light.
Who will You send to carry the flame? Who will proclaim your name?
People are lost and don’t even know it.
If we know the way, then why don’t we show it?
Ignite the flame, O Lord fan the spark that we may shine in the dark.**

*Chorus: Set us ablaze, O Lord. Set us ablaze to tell Your story.
Shout aloud the hope of glory so that the lost will find the way.
Set us ablaze, O Lord, and fill your church with holy fire,
To share your love our one desire All our days. Set us ablaze.*

2. **For You, Lord, alone are the one who can save.
Your cross alone, and Your empty grave.
Hearts to renew, and sins to forgive that all of the world might live.**

**Ignite the flame, O Lord, send your Spirit,
that we proclaim, and that they may hear it
Send us to show them the way that is true.
Send us to lead them to You. *Chorus twice***

**I've got a calling. I've got a mission.
Out of the boat and on with the fishing, Ablaze!
Hearts that are burning, minds that are learning,
filled with a yearning to see lives turning. Ablaze!**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The altar plants are donated today by Kris & Bishop Em. John Roth
in celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary on May 23

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Organist: Sandi Watts

Pianist: Jean Welch

Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen

Drummers: John Demien & Louis Dichsen

Financial Assistants: Patty Nelson & Monica Proefrock

Chancel Committee: Karen Sibert

Coffee Host: Barb Davenport



Singers:

Maddie Crossin	Kelly Hartz	Adam Krohe	Cole Street
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Malinda Carlson	Kevin Krohe	Monica Proefrock	Cory Street
Greg Kimler	Patty Nelson	Kay Schnitker	John Williams

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, May 24, 9:30am: Worship + Confirmation & Baptism
11:00am: Discussion Group in the Justice Room

Wednesday, May 27, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Sunday, May 31, 9:30am: Outdoor Worship **Friends from Faith**

Wednesday, June 3, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library
4:30pm: Worship Core Team Meeting

Saturday, June 6, 8:00am: Cooking for
9:00am: Men's Breakfast Group

News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Summer Worship Schedule

We are alternating between outdoor and indoor worship services through the summer with one blended service each Sunday. Magnets with the summer schedule are available to help keep us all on track. **We will be outdoors on May 31, June 14 & 28 and indoors again on June 7 and 21.** As always, outdoor services will move indoors in poor weather, and we have solid-surface seating available on the parking lot and air-conditioned seating indoors in the Justice Room.

Faith's Little Flock — (Ages 2–7)

gathers each Sunday after the Children's Sermon (when we are inside) and returns to the sanctuary in time for Communion. There are coloring pages available for outside services.

Celebrating our Graduates

Is someone in your family graduating this spring? If so, we'd like to celebrate with them! Please tell us their name, school, degree, any future plans, and send us a photo.

Spring Altar Flowers for Faith's Gardens

We are purchasing flowers and plants for the altar that will then be planted in our church gardens. If you would like to donate a plant, the cost is \$15, and you can sign up at the podium in the Gathering Area.

Vacation Bible School - "At the Table"

We are using a curriculum from ELCA World Hunger called "At the Table," hearing stories of children around the world and how God is providing our daily bread. VBS will meet on five Sundays after church (6/14 and 28, 7/12 and 26, and 8/9). We begin with a lunch at 10:45 for children and parents. At 11:30, we will meet in the sanctuary for an opening, then parents are invited to meet in the Justice Room for discussion and fellowship as the children go to their classes. We will conclude with a closing in the sanctuary at 1:30. At this time, we are looking for volunteers to lead story time, games, be group guides, and help provide lunch. Please sign up using the QR code on the postcard at the Coffee Sales counter, or use the Sign-Up sheet on that counter.

Women of Faith *Blessings Luncheon*

The Outreach Core Team would like to invite the Women of Faith congregation to a luncheon. Presentations will be by Marilyn Dichsen and Polly Pulley followed by a light lunch. Please RSVP **by June 14** to the church office at faithlutheran62650@frontier.com or 217-245-8919, or sign up at the Coffee Sales counter. Invitations will also be available there to hand out to your friends. We hope you can attend.

Post-Service Discussions – Digging Deeper

Join Naomi Hahn and friends in the Justice Room after worship to dig deeper into the readings and sermon of the day. It's a wonderful way to connect with others and grow in our faith seeking understanding. **During the summer schedule, we will only be meeting after the indoor services.**

Read the Bible in a Year

Join us in reading the Bible over the course of a year, **Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Faith Library**. We gather weekly to discuss our insights and reflections. We are utilizing The Bible Recap by Tara-Leigh Cobble, available on the YouVersion Bible app, to guide our journey. For more information, feel free to reach out to Pam Devlin.