Pentecost Confirmation Sunday June 8, 2025

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Susan Roegge - "Sweet, Sweet Spirit," arr. Sharon Wilson

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: Thanks be to God! Amen.

- Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise; Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord; our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success, and let thy righteousness on us descend.
- 3 Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour! Thou who almighty art, rule now in ev'ry heart, never from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.
- 4 To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

*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: Gracious God, you have sent your Spirit to us all, setting us free from sin, death, and the devil, and claiming us as your children. Help us to walk by the Spirit as we seek you, follow you, and praise you with our lives.

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 - "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading," vv. 1 & 2 ELW 401 (piano)

1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew. It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.

Refrain: Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

2 Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ. Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced. *Refrain*

WORD

Reading: Acts 2:1-4 Reader: John Williams

2When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

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

Reading: Galatians 4:1-7; 5:16-26

4:1 What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. ²The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. ³So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. ⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "*Abba*, Father." ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

5:16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

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

Song – "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading," vv. 3 & 5 ELW 401 (piano)

3 Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name. Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.

Refrain: Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness; unswayed by earth's allure. Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. *Refrain*

Sermon: "Walking with the Spirit"

Song of the Day – "Ablaze"

(piano)

 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!

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Benen Dichsen, Mason Krohe, and Beckham Oldenettel "Words for your Affirmation of Baptism"

Benen, Mason, and Beckham, years ago, you began a journey. In the waters of Holy Baptism, words were spoken – Spoken by your parents, godparents, congregation, and God, Saying, "Oh, dear child, how you are loved."

And that love stayed with you, It was with you when you were strong, It was with you when you were weak, It was with you when you laughed, And it was with you when you cried.

That love has been with you, every day, No matter what you did or didn't do, because, It's a love with no strings attached. That love is God's "yes" to you.

And strengthened by the "yes" of God's love, Standing firm on the foundation of God's love, You have grown. My how you have grown! You are not the same person brought to the font so many years ago.

You have grown and you have learned. You have experimented and you have explored. You took chances and you made mistakes. You have loved and you have been loved. You are not the same, and yet, you are: You are a beloved Child of God!

And today is your chance to say "yes," To say "yes" to the love of God that has so drenched your life. To say "yes" to the Christian faith that makes us one. To say "yes" to continuing to live in God's love... and, with God's help, To claim the promises of baptism as your own. Benen, Mason, and Beckham, as you affirm your baptism this day, Know that we remain by your side. Parents, godparents, Faith Family and friends, And most of all, God, the one who has been with you all along, The one who always says to you, "Yes, my dear child, oh how you are loved!"

P: Dear friends in Christ, we give thanks for the gift of baptism, and we come before God with Benen, Mason, and Beckham as they make affirmation of their baptism into Christ.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all 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.

- C: Amen.
- P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

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

C: I renounce them.

- P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- C: I renounce them.
- P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C: I renounce them.
- P: Do you believe in God the Father?
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

- P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God the Son?
- C: 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 God the Holy Spirit?
- C: 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.
- P: You have made 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?

Benen, Mason, and Beckham: Yes, I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

- P: People of God, do you promise to support Benen, Mason, and Beckham and pray for them in their lives in Christ?
- C: Yes, we do, and we ask God to help and guide us.
- P: Stir up in Benen, Mason, and Beckham 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.
- C: Amen.

- P: Let us rejoice with Benen, Mason, and Beckham, our brothers in Christ.
- C: Benen, Mason, and Beckham, we rejoice with you in the life of Baptism and celebrate the "yes" of God's love in your life. Together, let us give thanks and praise to God as we proclaim God's good news to all the world.

*Prayers of Intercession

Stewardship Time

"Who You Say I Am," by Reuben Morgan & Ben Fielding Faith Singers

-Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew-

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

*Words of Institution

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

"Spirit of Gentleness" ELW 396 (organ)

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*
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

"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*

*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 make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

*Sending Song – "Build Your Kingdom Here" (piano)
1. Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again. Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope like wildfire in our very souls. Holy Spirit, come invade us now. We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us.
2. We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst. Refuse to waste our lives for You're our joy and prize. To see the captive hearts released, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace. We lay down our lives for heaven's cause. We are Your church.

We pray revive this earth.

Chorus: Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear. Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land. Set Your church on fire. Be our heart's desire. Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

3. Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r reaching the near and far. No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts. You made us for much more than this, awake the kingdom seed in us. Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. We are Your church. We are the hope on earth. Build Your kingdom here, we pray! Chorus

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Ken Devlin Greeter: Barb Fishback Reader: John Williams Usher: John Williams Pastor: Adam Dichsen Music Director: Jean Welch Organist: Susan Roegge Pianist: Jean Welch Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen Drummers: John Demien & Louis Dichsen Financial Assistants: Mindy Carlson & Ken Devlin Chancel Committee: Kim Heise Coffee Host: Kay Schnitker

Pentecost

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, June 8, 9:30am: WorshipPentecost & ConfirmationSunday, June 15, 9:30am: WorshipBaptisms: Ella & Naomi Snodgrass

Wednesday, June 18, 10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Library 6:00pm: Women of Faith at Leo's Pizza

Thursday, June 19, 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting

The altar plants are given today by Theresa Savoie in memory of Mary Carolyn Savoie on her birthday (June 13)

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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*!

Faith's Little Flock

Faith's Little Flock will continue this summer during the 9:30 indoor services. Children will remain with their parents during the first Sunday of the month outdoor services. Class activity themes in June include Ruth and Naomi, Father's Day Bible Heroes, Juneteenth (God Sees, God Hears, God Delivers), First Day of Summer, and more!

Faith's Little Flock is for children ages 2-7. We also welcome Big Kid Helpers (ages 8 and up), and adults to help the little ones with the more difficult parts of the crafts, and to read the Bible story. The children return to their parents during communion.

Contact Melissa Street or Pam Devlin if you would like to help or take a turn running the class. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far!

Bible themed word-finds, crossword puzzles, and other activity sheets are available in the gathering area for the older children (and adults). We look forward to seeing the children this summer! Blessings, *Melissa*

Discipleship Group

Join us in the Faith Library at **10:00am on Wednesday, June 18** for Bible study and great conversation. Have questions or need more info? Contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or email <u>khartz@sompo-intl.com</u>. Can't wait to see you there!

Women of Faith

The Women of Faith will be gathering for dinner together at Leo's Pizza on Wednesday, June 18th at 6:00pm. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Additional items can be purchased individually. Please RSVP to Monica Proefrock at 217-737-0475 by June 15th so we can make a reservation.

Also, as Monica will be transitioning to using her gifts in a different way at Faith, this is currently the last planned gathering for Women of Faith. If you are interested in leading this group, please reach out to the Discipleship Core Team leader, Pam Devlin, or Pastor Adam.

Music at Faith

As always, we would love to have more people involved in the music ministry at Faith. Please contact Jean Welch if you are interested in sharing your musical gifts at our worship services – all are welcome! jrwelch53@msn.com or 217-652-7009 (phone/text)

Summer Vacation Bible School

It has been a few years since Faith has offered Vacation Bible School, and we have many children who are asking for it to return. Our Discipleship Core Team would like to offer a VBS program that extends through the summer, choosing a day or two each month when we can gather for songs, lessons, games, and food. At this point, we are looking for helpers. **If you would like to help in any of these areas, please contact Pam Devlin, Carol Freesen, Celeste Hill, or Pastor Adam**. We need to know your interest and availability so we can have our dates set as soon as possible. Stay tuned, and we look forward for some great times to come!

Outdoor Contemporary Service – July 6, 9:30 a.m.

Contemporary worship is often identified by a style of music, but "contemporary" simply means that it pertains to the current time. This contemporary service will incorporate some current music heard on Christian radio as well as some from our files. Marilyn Dichsen will help select and lead the music, utilizing her love for worship music and desire to lead. We won't have our Faith Singer choir, but invite anyone to help lead the singing. We will share a list of songs and rehearsal schedule as we get closer. The rest of the service can best be described as "Lutheran casual" with a familiar Lutheran structure, but less scripted. Bring a chair or a blanket (metal chairs will also be provided), and stick around for fellowship afterwards. This is a great opportunity to expand your worship horizons. Bring a friend and invite them to get to know our church.

Indoor Traditional Service – July 6, 11:00 a.m.

Good traditional worship is still "contemporary" as it speaks to us in our current time. Our Lutheran heritage is rich in theology and worship that connect with us today. This service will draw from the more traditional aspects of worship such as sung liturgy, familiar hymns, and all organ all the time. Our liturgy will come from the Lutheran Book of Worship (the green hymnal). For communion, we will gather around the altar by table with the option to kneel or stand. This is also a great opportunity to expand your worship horizons. Invite a friend to worship and rediscover our Lutheran heritage.

Musical Musings

Last year, during Pastor Adam's sermon series on "What is a Lutheran," volunteers presented introductions to hymns. They researched about the history and theology, helping us to appreciate the significance of each note and lyric. Sharon Zuiderveld and Naomi Hahn welcome you to join them in offering these musical musings again. Do you have a hymn or song your would recommend? Would you be willing to be a presenter? If so, let them know.

Jacksonville Area Community Food Center

With summer fast approaching and kids being out of school, there is need for easy lunches at home. Canned pasta and meat (Chef Boyardee) are needed in the food boxes. Kids can "cook" this easily. The other things in boxes that allow minimal "cooking" are canned chicken or tuna, cereal, soup, peanut butter and jelly, and mac and cheese.

Summer Youth Camps

Summer is full of camp opportunities for our youth. Here is some of what some of them are doing...

<u>Crossways Confirmation Camp</u> - On June 9-13, middle schoolers from churches across Illinois gather at Augustana College for a week of small groups, worship, service, and fun. This year's attendees include Pastor Adam, Mason Krohe, and Rigby Dichsen. Marilyn Dichsen will be a helper for part of the week.

<u>Leadership Lab</u> - On June 23-28, high schoolers and beyond from churches across the country gather at Augustana College for this camp that focuses on raising up leaders in the church. Each year they progress through different levels of instruction

and experience for leadership, as well as tons of fun! This year, Benen Dichsen and Marilyn Dichsen are attending.

<u>Performing Arts Camp (PAC)</u> - This two-day camp at Green Pastures is jam packed full of music, dance, drama, art, small groups, and fun. It is for youth entering grades 5-12 and is offered on three weekends in June (13-14, 20-21, and 27-28). A number of youth from Faith are attending as campers and leaders.

<u>Fire in Our Hearts (FIOH)</u> - This week-long camp at Green Pastures is for youth entering grades 5-12 and will take place on July 7-11 and 21-25.

Your financial support through youth fundraisers makes these camps free of charge for our youth. Thank you for your support, please pray for their experiences, and consider inviting a child or grandchild to join us!

Mia Ware Foundation – SURVIVOR CELEBRATION Wednesday, June 25, 6:00-8:00pm

Mia Ware Foundation invites all cancer survivors along with one guest to a complimentary dinner at Hamilton's Catering (110 N. East St., Jacksonville). **Registration is required by June 18**. To register: provide your name, if you will have a guest, email, phone number, and any diet restrictions to info@miawarefoundation.com or call/text information to Betsy at 217-370-3882 or Torri at 217-370-3106.

School Supply Collection -- The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches

is collecting school supplies for in-need students for the upcoming fall 2025 school year. Collected supplies will be donated to the Jacksonville School District Foundation, for distribution through the school system. Needed items include:

Hand sanitizer • Kleenex • Clorox wipes • Paper towels • Highlighters • Markers • Single-subject spiral bound notebooks • Scissors - both adult-size and child blunt-tip scissors • Socks - all sizes of lower cut (men/women/children)

Items will be collected **through July 27, 2025**. Supplies can be left in the blue collection box in the Mission and Ministry Center by the coffee sales.

Questions? Contact coordinator Pat Glyshaw at pat.glyshaw@gmail.com.