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NURTURING FAITH FOR LIFE

Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

9:30 WORSHIP

WELCOME VISITORS.

IF YOU ARE SEEKING A NEW CHURCH HOME,

PLEASE CONSIDER FIRST LUTHERAN

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

GATHERING HYMN

O Living Breath of God



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

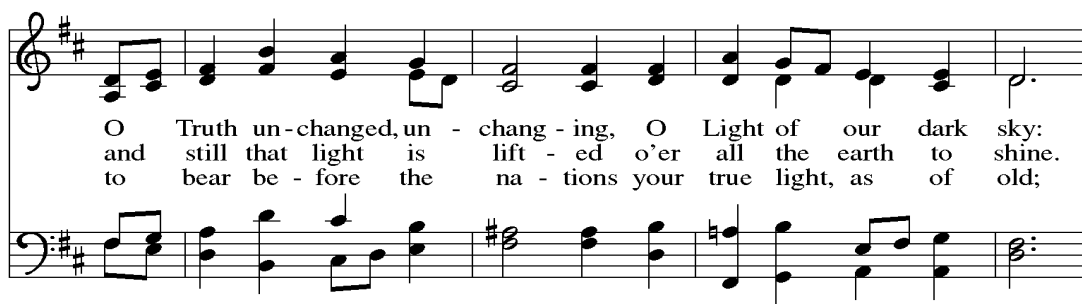
Congregation sings

HYMN OF PRAISE

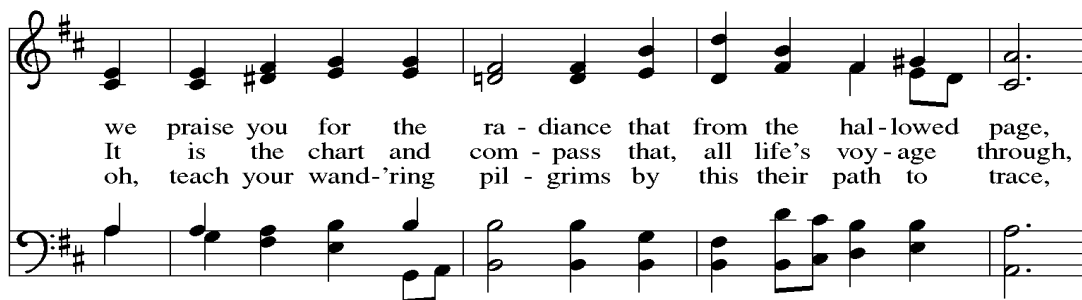
O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

FIRST READING:**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The Hebrew word rendered as ruach means “spirit,” “wind,” or “breath.” This reading plays on the different meanings of the word. Just as the dry bones in Ezekiel’s vision are given new life, flesh, and breath (or spirit), so God will give the exiles God’s own spirit and will bring them home to the land of Israel.

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on 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.”

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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 nation 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, "Men of Judea 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.'

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Please stand to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

P The holy gospel according to St. John
Glory to you, O Lord.

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world. [Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

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

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

PASTOR ZACH HARRIS

BLESSING FOR SENIORS

NICENE CREED

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way, especially those we name before you at this time. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for ushers and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share Christ's peace with those around you

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

As the Wind Song



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the
as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,
true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

(The offering is a part of our service when God's people respond to His goodness with gifts to support God's work in the world. Malachi 3:10 promises us that our 10% tithe of our wealth will not go unrewarded, and we are encouraged to give offerings above the tithe. An offering is not expected of our guests, but if you consider First Lutheran to be your church home, know that all your gifts support ministries both locally and globally.)

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

C Amen

BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Remember our Mission:
**To invite all people to join with us as we relate to God,
nurture faith and are sent to serve.**

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CROSS TALK

You are welcome to experience God's love here at First Lutheran, where our lives are changed by the promises God has made to us through Jesus Christ. We pray that the Holy Spirit will profoundly engage you as we worship our Lord, together!

Hearing transmitters are available at the Main Street entry. If you need assistance, ask one of the ushers or greeters. Please return the transmitter after worship.

If you are interested in electronic giving, please contact the church's bookkeeper, Charlotte Swensrud, at 572-6363 or cswensrud@flcwilliston.com.

Help us help you! If you or a family member is hospitalized or homebound and need a visit, please contact the church office. We have no way of knowing unless you speak up.

Restroom locations - Downstairs at church entrance, in north & south hallways to Fellowship Hall. A handicapped facility is near the door to the big kitchen

Pastor	Zach Harris
Deacon	Lynea Geinert
Music & Worship Coordinator	Meriel Lora
Music Director	Erin Delaney
Trinity & Our Saviors	Cindy Gardner
Sound	Bill Glen
Sound Tech	Isaac Haugen
Greeters	Jeanne Olson, Diane Hagen
Reader	Beverly Conway
Ushers	Lowell & Carol Jean Sandvik
Communion Servers	Diane Hagen, Kathy Loomer, Pauline Everson

Membership Roster Review

At the June Congregational Council Meeting, the Council will ratify the membership roster that has been revised over the past 14 months. When this review began, the number of names on the Membership Roster tallied over 1,800. About 1,000 names have been culled as being no longer accurate as current members of First Lutheran Church. This has been a long and tedious process by a dedicated team for over a year in concert with the Council.

However, before certifying the list as the Current Membership Roster, the Council would like everyone to take the time to review the list to see either if there are still names on the list that might still need to be removed or names that need to be added to make the list complete for this moment in time.

The roster is on the information desk and has a place for comments beside names for comments. Any proposed edits will be reviewed by the Membership Team before the Council's meeting on June 11th. Any questions about this process can be addressed to Pastor Zach.



Sunday, May 19

9:30 am Worship Service – S
10:30 am Senior Recognition Brunch-FH
WELCA

Monday, May 20

12:00 pm Trust Meeting
1-3 pm Quilting
3:30-5:30 pm Kids Quilting class.

Tuesday, May 21

7:00 am Men Bible Study
 Gramma Sharon’s
8:30 am Pastor/Lay Worship Leaders
 Study

Wednesday, May 22

Thursday, May 23

1:30 pm Pray, Knit & Chat – P
3:30-5:30 pm Kids Quilting class.
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Friday, May 24

Saturday, May 25

Sunday, May 26

9:30 am Worship Service-S
10:30 am Coffee Hour-FH

Prayers for healing and comfort:

Willow Wahl, Paul Clark, Mae Thompson,
Sawyer Smith, Julie Thrash, Adam Engh,
Louis Small Jr. Tamy Monson, Irene
Hirsch, Jamie Schartmann, Eddie Fool,
Sara Fredrickson, Barb Klawitter, Junette
Schmidt, Christina Poa, Ryan Morrill

Sympathy and Prayers to:

(Please remember, individuals added to our prayer list will remain active for a period of 4 weeks unless a request is received to be removed earlier. Please continue to pray for those removed.)

Week of May 12th-May 18th

Weekly Offering: \$ 9,718.15
Last Week 90 DISCIPLES were sent out in God’s name to make a difference. We go out to do the same this week.

RELAY. FOR. LIFE
AMERICAN CANCER FUND-
RAISER
FRIDAY MAY 31. 4-10 PM
Raymond Family Community Cen-
ter—Indoors
THANK YOU...THANK YOU





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It's all about giving back
It's all about God.

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If you think Sip.Give.Go/Great Food Hunt 2023 was a great way to invite the community of Williston to join us in an effort to feed those that are struggling please consider being part of the planning team. All ideas to make it another fun event and great effort are needed.

If interested, please contact Lynea or the church office at 701-572-6363 or by email at lgeinert@flcwilliston.com.

Tithe.ly is our online donation processor when giving through our Facebook page and our Livestream. If you are set up with a username and password through **Vanco**, they will not work with **Tithe.ly**.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Keyon E. Bean given by Ardis and Levin Bean

Please be advised that the south hallway with no ceilings and temporary lights is not for casual traffic if you have a specific need to be there its ok. The restrooms are accessible.

Join us today as we celebrate the 2024 High School Graduating class!!! We will be honoring our Graduating Seniors at the 9:30 am Worship service. After the service there will be a Senior Recognition Brunch in the fellowship hall for the Seniors and their families.

Brooks Anderson
Anissa Barraza
Connor Ekblad
Abigal Elkers
Julian Gunlikson
Kaylynn Riely
Nikolas Rustad
Aaron Sikes
Ty Wiedrich
Christian Zaste



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**INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR VOLUNTEERS
MONDAY MAY 20TH 10 AM OR 6 PM**

Contact Lisa (701)570-4604 or Jean (701)570-2688 for more information

Medical Fund for Sawyer Smith. A fund has been set up at American State Bank to help defray costs of travel and medical needs for one-year-old Sawyer, who is undergoing brain surgeries and recovery in Colorado. His family has traveled for many pre-surgical appointments and is now at his side for possibly another month in Colorado. Please continue to keep Sawyer and his family in your prayers, and if so moved contributions may be made at American State Bank. Hailey Smith is our returning church-school coordinator. Sawyer's dad, Zach Smith, works at Ryan Motors. His grandparents are Terri (Overson) Bendixson. and Mary and Tom Smith.



FREE

*Register Today for
Vacation Bible School*

1st-6th Grade

Tuesday - Friday

June 4-7

9 AM TO 3:30 PM



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