

The Season of Pentecost

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Le Mars, Iowa

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Worship together at 11:00 a.m.



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We welcome Deacon Eric Haitz today!
Eric serves on the Bishop's staff of the Western Iowa Synod ELCA as the Director of Evangelical Mission.

He is a graduate of Sioux City East High (!) and now lives with his family in Council Bluffs.

We also welcome Vicar Bruce Pollock today.
Bruce is a student at Wartburg Seminary studying to serve as a Deacon in the ELCA.
Bruce is in Sioux City for a few months serving internship at First Lutheran Church.

In the ELCA:
"Ministers of Word and Sacrament" (Pastors)
"Ministers of Word and Service" (Deacons)

We gather for worship

Welcome / Announcements

Hymn #641 “All Are Welcome”

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.
Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.
For his sake, you are ✚ forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

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

And also with you.

We pray together:

Holy and merciful God, you have called us all by name and you know the innermost ear workings of our hearts. Thank you for continuing to speak to us through scripture, prophets, visions, music, and in ways too mysterious to name. Help us to hear what you have to say and to lead others to listen for your voice as well. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

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We hear God's Word for Us

First Reading: Isaiah 58:6-10

6 Isn't this the fast I choose:

releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke,
setting free the mistreated,
and breaking every yoke?

7 Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry

and bringing the homeless poor into your house,
covering the naked when you see them,
and not hiding from your own family?

8 Then your light will break out like the dawn,
and you will be healed quickly.

Your own righteousness will walk before you,
and the Lord's glory will be your rear guard.

9 Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;

you will cry for help, and God will say, "I'm here."

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the finger-pointing, the wicked speech;

10 if you open your heart to the hungry,

and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted,
 your light will shine in the darkness,
 and your gloom will be like the noon.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Song: Psalm 23 *Deacon Haitz arr. Barnard*

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-28

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous^[a] by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

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please stand for the reading of the Gospel

Holy Gospel – Mark 13:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will this be, and what will

be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?”⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray.⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray.⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Vicar Bruce Pollock

We respond to the good news

Hymn # 579 *“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”*

Offering

Apostles’ Creed *inside back cover of worship book*

Sharing the Peace

Prayers of Intercession / Lord’s Prayer

We go into God’s world

Benediction

God, the one who made all that is,

Who redeems all of creation,

Who inspires all people daily.

Bless you and keep your life, this day, and always

Amen.

Sending Song #546 “*To Be Your Presence*”

Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 20 – 4:30 pm: Packing Snacks for the Le Mars Community Backpack Program. Packing will take place on Wednesday, November 20 at 4:30 at the Nohava Construction building, 210 2nd St. SW. Enter through the east facing door with the Backpack Program logo. Be sure to sign up on the volunteer sheet on the signup table!

ADVENT CEREAL DRIVE begins November 24! From November 24 - December 8, Living Faith and the PUCC will be gathering boxed cereal donations for the Le Mars Community Backpack program. Please bring cereal box (not bags) donations to the Narthex anytime and place them under the Living Faith sign up table!

Please hold in prayer:

Tony and Rachel (Landsness) Haskett on the occasion of their marriage

Claire and Emily Odens on the occasion of their First Communion at Living Faith

Ali - Julie Hurt's sister

Marilynn - Sister-in-law of Rich and Jean Zietlow

Gladys - Julie Hurt's grandmother

Nick Gengler - Undergoing open heart surgery this week

Charlie Sue Brandenburg - Born at 1 lb. 9 oz. and in Iowa City

Karin - Ted Hallberg's sister

Our nation as it goes through this transition time

The Living Faith brother or sister you're praying for

Lots more events can be found in our newsletter at:

<https://www.livingfaithlemars.com/blog>