

The Season of Pentecost

God's work. Our hands.



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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 gather for worship

Welcome!

Announcements

Hymn # 1033 “*Nothing Can Trouble*”

Confession and Forgiveness

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

We gather in the name of the Father, †
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us come before God,
seeking forgiveness and life.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and saving God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that 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.

In the name of † Jesus, the Son of God,
receive mercy and find grace in your time of need.

Your sins are forgiven; God’s love is healing.

Rejoice, for God raises you up

to new life in Christ. **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.

Let us pray together:

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

We hear God's Word for us

Celebration Time!

Old Testament Readings –

<p>From the SPARK STORY BIBLE</p>

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm - Psalm 148

<p>From the LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE</p>
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Second Reading – James 2:1-5, 15-17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ... ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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Holy Gospel – Mark 7:24-30

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn # 1017 “Come to Me”

We respond to the good news

Apostles’ Creed *page 17 of blue book*

Prayers

Offering

Welcome to God’s Table

Sharing words of Peace

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

....let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord’s Prayer

Prayer and Blessing

Let us together pray:

**We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through
the healing power of this gift of life.**

**In your mercy, strengthen us –
that our living faith may bring peace and hope
to all the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

We go into God’s world

Benediction

Sending Hymn # 1000 “God’s Work. Our Hands”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS, AND PRAYERS

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN Wednesday, September 11!

Confirmation instruction will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 7:00pm at St. John, Akron. God's blessings to our Living Faith Lutheran students Marley Stream, Jordan Kopperud, Nate Rathke, and Jess Kopperud.

Other September Events:

Noah's Ark Preschool Carnival is Sunday, Sept. 15 – Volunteer sign-up sheet is available on the table outside of the Chapel!

Acoustic Storytime at Rejoice Church on Saturday, Sept. 14 – enjoy an evening of music and storytelling! Tickets are \$15 (children 10 and under are free). Tickets can be purchased at Hotopp's, KLEM, and online at www.Spirit712.com.

S'mores and Ashes is Sunday, September 22 at 6:00pm!

We will burn the Palm Sunday palm leaves on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 6:00pm at the Municipal Park to make the ashes we will use on Ash Wednesday! Come to watch this ritual and stay for the s'mores-fest afterwards! Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a time of Living Faith fellowship!

Please hold the following in prayer:

Ali, Julie Hurt's sister

Marilynn, Rich and Jean Zietlow's sister-in-law

Gladys, Julie Hurt's grandmother

Karin, Ted Hallberg's sister

The family of Leona Reyelts, Ardis Boettger's aunt who passed away recently

Your Living Faith brother or sister



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