



# First English & Zion Lutheran Church

Welcome You to Worship

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**VBS Kick-Off – PENTECOST**

**Cowboy Church**



9:00 am

June 8, 2025

## PREPARATION

Prelude

*Congregation responses in Bold Print*

Welcome & Announcements

## GATHERING

### Call to Worship:

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

**but Christ who chose us,**

That we are not here because of our goodness

**but because of Christ's grace,**

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

**but to allow Christ to enlighten us,**

That we have not come to be entertained

**but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.**

Gathering Hymn 'Shall We Gather At the River' WOV #690

**1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**

*(Refrain):* **Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

**2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *(Refrain)***

**3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *(Refrain)***

**4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *(Refrain)***

Text & Music: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

## **CONFESSION & ASSURANCE**

### **Call to Confession**

P: We do not stop enough to listen to the still-speaking God. And like the people of Jerusalem long ago, we often misunderstand the Spirit's movement among us. In the silence and stillness of this moment, let us draw near to God and listen.

*(silence for personal confession)*

P: Let us confess together:

**C: We confess to you, Renewing Spirit,  
that we confuse unity with uniformity,  
and diversity with divisiveness.**

**We speak and behave as if being a part of your family  
means assimilating others to our way of living.**

**We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person.  
We long to change these patterns, O Creator,  
but we do not know how.**

**Teach us to value challenge.**

**Help us to see strength in difference.**

**And empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love.  
Amen.**

## **Assurance of God's Love:**

P: Hear the good news! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided, but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Song *'Amazing Grace'* LBW #448

**1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**4. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807. Music: NEW BRITAIN W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835,

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: Dear Lord... **C: Help me to expect miracles. Help me to get past the borders of my eyes, the roadblocks of my mind, the narrow door of my heart. May my soul embrace the mystery of Your magnificent love! May my heart rejoice over the unexpected and undefined! May my mind and body sigh with the sheer awe of it all. Amen.**

## **WORD**

## First Lesson: Acts 2: 1-21

*Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.*

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

<sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> '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.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

### **Responsive Reading: Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b**

<sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup> **All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> **When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

Praise Song                      'I've Got Peace Like a River'

**1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.**

**2. I've got love like a fountain. I've got love like a fountain, I've got love like a fountain in my soul. I've got love like a fountain, I've got love like a fountain, I've got love like a fountain in my soul.**

**3. I've got joy like an ocean. I've got joy like an ocean, I've got joy like an ocean in my soul. I've got joy like an ocean, I've got joy like an ocean, I've got joy like an ocean in my soul.**

African-American spiritual.

## **Second Reading: Romans 8: 14-17**

*Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.*

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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Song                      'Jesus Loves the Little Children'                      Grey 580

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white - they are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

**Jesus died for all the children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white - they are precious in His sight. Jesus died for all the children of the world.**

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white - they are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world. Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

Words by Rev. C.H. Woolston. Music by George F. Root

**Holy Gospel: John 14: 8-17, 25-27**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St John the 14th Chapter beginning at the 8<sup>th</sup> verse. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.*

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

<sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.



<sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Sermon Song

*'Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness'*

WOV #684

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

**We believe in one God, who is Creator,  
maker of all we see and all we don't see;  
the open range and the tree covered hillsides;  
Who is Ruler of the universe: the starlight sky above.  
Source of all creatures and all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,  
Infinite and nurturing; Incarnate, of flesh and blood.  
Word of Truth, true God and true human.  
He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah:  
Our Redeemer and the Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God  
moving among us. Amid the rush of wind filling us.  
Seed planter who renews our hearts, transforms our faith.  
Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;  
Our Comforter and our Guide in all creation!**

**Prayer of the Cowboys and Cowgirls;**

Lord, we lift up to You the brave cowboys and cowgirls who  
are in need, the open range we love, and your whole wide  
creation...

*Silence for Reflections*

We pray for our family of faith, here, in our community, and  
wherever they gather under your wide skies... You'd have us  
all come to know you through your Son Jesus if'n you could.  
Inspire us to speak up to any, on whatever trail we may ride  
that all may know your loving forgiveness and the hope of an  
eternal round-up due to His resurrection. Hear us good Lord,  
**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the open range and all the critters you have  
created to roam over it. Grant us the smarts to ride the trails in  
a spirit of trust and strength to face the challenges ahead  
whether dry lands, flooding creeks, burning grasslands,  
howling winds or tornado forces. Fill our hearts with gratitude  
for the purdy and the plain. Hear us good Lord,

## **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for your healing hand to rest easy upon any who are suffering or ill in anyway, especially.....and all those we name in our hearts.

Grant us the right sense to care for them and bless our efforts to swiftly get them back in the saddle. Hear us good Lord,

## **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for your divine guidance as we embark on new journeys and explore unfamiliar territories, especially at trails end. Grant us courage in times of trials and tribulations, and trust in your great plan for each of us, until we join around the chuck wagon at your feast with the believers who have gone before us. Hear us good Lord,

## **Your mercy is great.**

We pray all these things and whatever is still dwelling in our hearts... mindful of your wide open love for all, in the name of Jesus who died and rose again, living with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING ON THE PEACE:**

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

**C: And also with you**

*(We greet you all in peace.)*

## **Offering Collection and Presentation**

## Offering

Offertory Hymn

*'What Shall I Give?'*

DRM pg. 41

### Offertory Prayer

P: On my own what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all. **C: Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

pg. 134

**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.**

## SENDING

### Closing Prayer and Blessing

P: Creator God, may your peace go with us wherever we will be this day. May you guide us through the challenges, protect us when in need and inspire us with your love.

May we acknowledge your presence in all the human goodness we will see.

May you bring us home rejoicing to our place of rest this night.

Creator God, may we now go into this day with your blessing,  
in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn

‘Pass It On’

**Dismissal:**

Go in peace – and Share God’s Love...

**We Will – Thanks be to God**

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**Pastor Cheryl’s Summer Hours:** Mondays (FELC Pastor Office 9 am to 3 pm), Tuesdays (Zion Lutheran 11 am to 5 pm), Wednesdays (FELC Pastor Office 11 am to 5 pm, & Thursdays (FELC Pastor Office 9 am – 3 pm), or by appointment. Contact her anytime via text (605-237-1501) or email at CMQRondeau@outlook.com.

**KDIO Radio Broadcast** is sponsored in memory of Mark Block by Terry & family. [2025 Radio broadcast cards are available in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

**Our congregational annual election meeting will be June 22<sup>nd</sup>** with a backup date of June 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be after the church service that morning.

**Upon approval of the FELC Church Council, we will be voting on** calling Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett at our annual congregational council-election meeting, June 22<sup>nd</sup> after church. We hope you’ll plan to be here.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** for Angie Aschwege, Arlen LaCombe, Gail Olson, Harris Selvig, Beth Swanson, Brandi Tweeter, Jean Zielike; Monty Athey, Paul Erdman, Rosie Frank, Larry Helgeson, Natalie Henneberg, McCoy Jipson, Janice Redfield, David Scholberg, and Jerry Stotesbery. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Ricky Anderson, Arvilla Bergseth, Adeline Burgess, Jim Hipple, Vivian Janssen, Nola Lockwood, Roger Nornes; Aletta Simonitch; and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict, and South African students Sanelisiwe Dlamini and Andiswa Mbatha. If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.



**This Week's Ministry Assistants—June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**FWV:** Marilyn Chindvall

**Next Week's Ministry Assistants—June 15<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day)**

**Organist:** Marilyn Hanson

**Lector:** Amanda Stattelmann

**Lay Assistants:** Brent Zahrbock & Marla Strei

**Acolytes:** Mikaela & Liam

**Greeters:** John & Lila Salls

**Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

**Ushers:** Russell Thielke, Warren Wiese, Gale May, & Connie Newman

## Weekly Calendar

**Sun – 6/8**

### **COMBINED SERVICE AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**



9:00 am Worship

– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

10:30 am Fairway View Worship (Pre-recorded)

6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Vacation Bible School Starts

**Mon – 6/9**

11:00 am Staff Meeting

6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Vacation Bible School



**Tues – 6/10**

8:30 am Day of Love

4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner  
(Fairway View)

6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Vacation Bible School



**Wed – 6/11**

9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast

1:00 pm Fairway View Worship Live  
with communion

2:00 pm Fairway View Hymn Sing

5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast

6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Vacation Bible School

**Thurs– 6/12**

6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Vacation Bible School

**Fri – 6/13**

9:00 am Bulletins Printed

**Sun – 6/15**

### **FATHER'S DAY – Holy Trinity**

9:00 am Worship – Communion

– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

