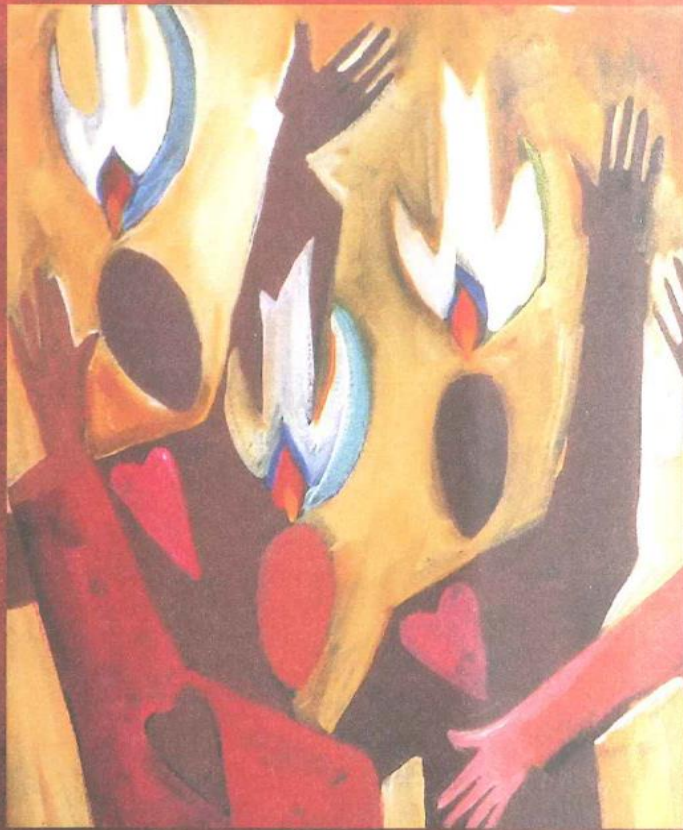


All of them were filled
with the Holy Spirit

ACTS 2:4



Called by the Spirit, we serve Christ, sharing God's love with all.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WE WELCOME all who worship with us today! We extend a special greeting to our visitors and invite you to worship with us again soon. Please make yourselves known to our pastor and people.

COME TO THE FELLOWSHIP TIME BEFORE AND AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Gather in the Nave Lounge to enjoy refreshments, talk with fellow worshippers, greet people you don't know, make new friends, enjoy your time at First and share the love of Christ.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION Lutheran Christians believe that in the sacrament of Holy Communion, by the power of God's Word and Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, along with the bread and wine, for our forgiveness and salvation. If you share in this belief, you are welcome to participate with us. Non-communicating children and adults may come forward to receive a blessing. White grape juice is available, as well as gluten free wafers. If you desire to receive communion at your pew, please alert an usher during the prelude.

A NOTE TO PARENTS: First Lutheran Church welcomes children of all ages to be a part of our worship services. Children's Bibles are located in the pews and a number of items are available on a cart in the Nave Lounge to help them (and you) have a pleasant worship experience. We hope you enjoy these activities in church and at home!!

CHILDCARE: If you prefer, you may leave your preschool children in our well-equipped, staffed nursery during the service. Or, if you need to take a walk with your child, our speaker system provides audio of the service in the Nave Lounge and Library.

WHEELCHAIR available in the north entranceway or in the church office.

EARPHONES for the hearing impaired and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS.**

PLEASE, NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE MAIN WORSHIP CENTER.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLY COMMUNION - EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING THREE

5:00 P.M. & 10:00 A.M.

JUNE 8 & 9, 2019

Before worship, talk to God. During worship, let God talk to you. After worship, talk to your fellow worshipper.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE "Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor" (BWV 538)

(J.S. Bach)

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

CHIMES

Turn and face the back of the church. As the procession passes, turn and face the front of the church.

627 GATHERING SONG "O Day Full of Grace"

Stanza 1. **ALL** 2. Women 3. **ALL** in harmony 4. Men 5. **ALL**

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.

SONG OF PRAISE "This is the Feast"

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Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

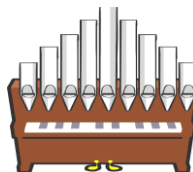
P: God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Congregation shall sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF ORGANIST JERRY ANDERSON



WORD

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

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

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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:

¹⁷In 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.'

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

“The First Song of Isaiah” from Isaiah 12:2-6

Congregation is asked to join the choir singing this refrain after each verse is sung:

ISAIAH 12: 2-6*

JACK NOBLE WHITE



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Refrain

Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

Refrain

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Refrain (sung twice)

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 new names in our adoption: brother, sister, child of God.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For 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!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

FESTIVAL ALLELUIA

Introduction Refrain (Sung by ALL) Verse (Cantor) Repeat Refrain (ALL)

REFRAIN

James Chepponis



P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the 14th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 14:8-17, 25-27

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.

⁸Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus 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?' ¹⁰Do 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. ¹¹Believe 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. ¹²Very 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. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This 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.

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But 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.

²⁷Peace 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.**

Repeat Festival Alleluia – Introduction, Refrain (sung by All)

Congregation shall sit.

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

400 HYMN OF THE DAY “*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*”

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

NICENE CREED

**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: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Come, Holy Spirit. Enliven the church to speak your words of forgiveness and salvation in every language and tongue. Pour out your Spirit on witnesses of every age, gender, and nationality. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Come, Holy Spirit. Send cooling breezes where people and creatures are suffering oppressive heat. Save the land from drought and wildfires. Bless the work of those who make it possible to harness the power of the sun and the wind. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Come, Holy Spirit. Dispel human arrogance and establish leaders who are humble of heart. Speak peace into all the world. Overcome prejudice and fear. Move us to support international aid organizations and those who provide aid to immigrants and refugees. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Come, Holy Spirit. You hear us when we cry to you. Bring clarity and hope to those living with dementia, anxiety, depression, or addiction. Accompany those who feel weak and worn (*especially - see bulletin page 13*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

The Assisting Minister offers additional prayers.

A: Come, Holy Spirit. Reveal your love through families of all shapes and sizes. Bring joy to co-parents, single parents, and those without children. Bless extended families, foster families, adoptive families, and families of friends. Bring closure and healing to broken relationships. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Come, Holy Spirit. You make us children of God and joint heirs with Christ. We praise you for all the saints who called on your name and who now know the fullness of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The ministers and the assembly may greet one another with a gesture of Christ's peace, and may say these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Congregation shall sit.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *Please place attendance form in the offering plate.*

"With a Voice of Singing"

Senior Choir

(Shaw)

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

399 OFFERING SONG “O Holy Spirit, Root of Life” Stanzas 1 & 3

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,

C: **meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen.**

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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THE CONSECRATION

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 in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at this table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

Congregation shall sit.

COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God"

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The image shows the musical notation for the Communion Song "Lamb of God". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have". The second staff continues: "mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The third staff continues: "world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The fourth staff concludes: "sin of the world; grant us peace." The word "grant" is underlined with a curved line.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY "Come, Oh Come, Thou Quickening Spirit"

(G. Raphael)

582 COMMUNION HYMN "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: May the blessing of God, † the giver of every good and perfect gift;
and of Christ, who summons us to service;
and of the Holy Spirit, who inspires generosity and love, be with us all.

C: Amen.

As the cross passes, please turn and face the back of the church.

850 SENDING SONG “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

DISMISSAL

A: Sent on our way, singing praises to our God, let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Sing Praise to God”

(P. Laubengayer)

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MANY THANKS to *Jill Loomans* for substituting in the office while LaDonna takes vacation time. LaDonna will return to the office June 17th.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by *Linda Anderson & Family* in Celebration of *Jerry’s 50th Anniversary* as *Organist at First Lutheran Church.*

ETERNAL CANDLE FOR JUNE is given by the *Jerry Anderson Family* in honor of *Jerry’s 50th Anniversary* at *First Lutheran* and in thanksgiving for our wonderful church family.

PARENTS' take this bulletin home for a fun game with your kids! Have them search through the bulletin and circle or highlight **this week's word: MUSIC.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Jeani Anderson (home), Charlie Vaughn (Kansas Rehab Hospital), Paul Reed (home), Ann Sanders (home), Pat Wild (home), Rob Peterson (home), Breck Edds (home), Ann Johnson (home), Mike Wilson (home), Vera Pearce (home), Ken Sherbert (home), Charlotte Weddle (CDO Teacher), Julie Bradley (Caring for Kids 1st Director), Jerry Manning (friend of Nancy Sherbert), Tim Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' brother), Rick Watson (Lisa Arndt's father), C.A. Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' father), Ken Buch (Verla's son), Mary Roesch (Tracy's mother-in-law), Micah Ewing (friend of the Lubers), Betty Fleming (LaDonna Little's aunt), Joan Stahlman (Joyce Koenig's sister-in-law), Lynette Kottas (Eileen Caspers' mother), Pete Godlove (Michelle Black's father), Lewis Crawford (Cindy's husband), Dan Lykins (cousin of Nancy Sherbert), Nancy Isley Wolfe (friend of the Wolgasts), Linda Deines (Karen Papp's sister), Ben Beery (friend of Haden Roark), Jerome Gutierrez (Dolores Ussery's nephew), Heather Roesch (Tracy's sister-in-law), Norm Stahl (friend of Carolyn Olson), Katelynn Herring (Jeanie Schuler's great-niece), Bob Avery (friend of Carolyn Olson), Robin Michael (daughter of friend of Nancy Vaughn), Mary Lou Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' mother), Linda Myers (Trudi's daughter-in-law), David Metzenthin (Bud & Lois' son), Annika Lundgren (friend of the Engelhardts).

OUR CONDOLENCES to *Kim Magee* on the death of her husband, Steve.



LAY MINISTERS TODAY

10:00 am

Assisting Minister	Michelle Black
Lector	Robert Hanna
Candlelighter / Crucifer	Emma Schultz / Adam Schultz
Communion Assistants	David & Patricia Drake
Presenting the Gifts	Roark Family
Council Member Team	Bill Barker /
Altar Guild	Patricia Drake, Nancy Vaughn
Ushers	Marvin & Penny Boleski
North Door Greeters	Anita Nelson, Pastor Bob Dealey
South Door Greeters	Byron & Sara Welch
Coffee Hosts	Denny & Darlene Payne and Dick & Susan Schaeffer
Bus Driver & Host/Hostess	Randy Debenham, LaVerne Engelhardt
Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA	Martha Donohoe / Dawn Graham / Ron Bessler
Stephen Minister 6/10-16/2019	Diane Dukat

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

June 16th – THE HOLY TRINITY

10:00 am

Assisting Minister	Ann McConkey
Lector	Ted Ensley
Candlelighter / Crucifer	Katie Krumins / Makenzie Liby
Communion Assistants	Robert Hanna, Linda Harold
Presenting the Gifts	Scott & Barb Bangert
Council Member Team	Ted Ensley /
Altar Guild	Karen & Bob Wollin
Ushers	David & Patricia Drake
North Door Greeters	John & Judy Hedeem
South Door Greeters	Glenn & Eileen Caspers
Coffee Hosts	Penny & Marvin Boleski
Bus Driver & Host/Hostess	Bryce & Judy Cripps
Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA	Sherrie Petersen / Dawn Graham / Sherrie Petersen
Stephen Minister 6/17-23/2019	Judy Hedeem

✠ IN THE FIRST PLACE THIS WEEK ✠

Caring For Kids 1st Summer School Age Childcare Program Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

TODAY PENTECOST

JERRY ANDERSON'S 50th ANNIVERSARY

9:30 a.m. – Senior Choir Warmup

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

11:30 a.m. – VBS Volunteer Training

4:00 p.m. – Jerry Anderson's 50th Anniversary Recital

Monday, June 10

12:30 p.m. – Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 11

Wednesday, June 12

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

9:00 a.m. – What-Sew-Ever

2:00 p.m. – Stephen Ministry Leaders

6:00 p.m. – Grace Worship (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. – Adult Learning Committee

Thursday, June 13

10:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study at Thornton Place

Friday, June 14 FLAG DAY

Pastor Jenny's Day Off

6:00 p.m. – Youth Group Lock-in and VBS

Decorating

Saturday, June 15

5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion (Chapel)

Sunday, June 16 THE HOLY TRINITY

FATHER'S DAY

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

4:00-8:30 p.m. – Parish Hall in Use

LESSONS JUNE 15 & 16

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

PARISH NOTICES

USHERS: To provide consistency, a list of usher responsibilities has been developed. Please review and follow the laminated list of usher responsibilities placed on top of the bulletins and/or in the drawer of the table at the back of the sanctuary where the bulletins are placed.

**WE HONOR JERRY K. ANDERSON FOR
50 YEARS OF SERVICE AS CHURCH ORGANIST**

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.

ORGAN RECITAL AT 4:00 P.M. "MEMORIES OF THE LAST 50 YEARS"

PRESENTED BY JERRY

RECEPTION FOLLOWING RECITAL

REMEMBER THE "BLESSING BOX" NEEDS FILLING.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY GRACE WORSHIP

ALL ARE INVITED to Come and Worship Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This is a service unique from our weekend worship and provides a different atmosphere. This worship is a wonderful service for folks busy on the weekends, for folks wanting to bring friends to church for the first time, for families with wiggly kids, and for all who need to stop mid-week to pray, worship, and be renewed by God's promises and community. Invite your friends as we look forward to this new opportunity to reach more in our community.



SUMMER MUSICAL OFFERINGS



We have so many in our congregation with musical gifts to share. Please consider sharing your gifts during worship, especially during the summer **10:00 a.m. worship services**. Please contact **Mark Fuller** (554-3849) or the church office (272-5302) with the **NEEDED INFORMATION:** your name, if playing an instrument or singing, and the date(s) you'd like to share your God-given talents. ***"Music is a fair and glorious gift from God" - Martin Luther***



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 17–21 5:30 pm–7:30 pm
Ages 6 weeks through 6th Grade
\$15 per child donation
Dinner Provided

VBS REGISTRATION will be done online this year.

To register your kids or grandkids, go to

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/elcatopeka>

**VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING AND INFORMATION MEETING TODAY
JUNE 9 at 11:30 AM**

In Her Eyes

Pentecost explodes in a rush of wind and flame. But sometimes the Spirit speaks without saying a word.

Take Fran, for example. Every Sunday she trundles up the center aisle of the worship space with Nancy or Eric or Horst or someone else holding her left arm, shuffling beside her, lest she fall on the way to receiving holy communion. Fran's ninety-two years weigh heavily on her frail body, but the playful sparkle in her eyes and her reverence for this holy moment are undimmed by the decades. She shines, full of life and hope, an inspiration to the rest of us.

She knows there will always be someone there to help her—and that the Spirit, the Helper, will renew her heart each day by reminding her of the great truth of her life—and ours. We are never abandoned, never desolate, never alone. This is Jesus' promise. The Spirit of truth will always be with us, in us, and for us. The Spirit will hold us up, telling us again and again of an everlasting love, an eternal promise, a hope that will never disappoint.

It's a promise kept. You can see it in the faces of those who hold Fran as she comes forward to receive. You hear it in the word of thanks she speaks to God as bread is broken and placed in her trembling hand. You taste it in the bread and wine that is the food of inexhaustible grace for pilgrims on their way. The Spirit shines so brightly in the sparkle in those old eyes. The Spirit of Jesus' resurrected life and love comes. It comes to us. It comes that we may be as alive as Fran.