

GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING

Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

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

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

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The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20: 19-23 (NRSV)

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all. Lord, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe due to air pollution. Lord, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy. Lord, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort. Lord, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you. Lord, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Poem

“For Graduation”

So you know some things.

You've also noticed how much there still is to discover.

You are both humbled and emboldened by this gain and ground.
What's next?

Do not be fooled by the trite questions,
the expectations about pressing forward.
There is no right answer to how you keep becoming.
There is no degree or title that can fulfill all of who you are.

Delight in the wisdom
and those who shared it.

Invest in the service
and those who need it.

Be thankful for the support
and those who gave it.

You are being sent
to speak what is true
to do what is kind
to give what is necessary
so that your knowledge and mystery
are alive in the world
for all to share.

by Meta Herrick Carlson

Making a promise

We ask you now, similar to the promises made when one is confirmed, if you plan to live out your faith in the world. I ask you now to commit to this plan by saying:

I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

We ask, do you plan

1. To live among God's faithful people
2. To hear God's word and share in his supper
3. To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
4. To serve all people, follow the example of Jesus and strive for justice and peace on all the earth.

I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

Prayer

for Sydney, Taylor, and Ty

Dear God,

We pray for your Holy Spirit to cover our graduates in your great peace and security. We pray that their thoughts would not be drawn to worry and fear, but instead be filled with the strength and confidence of your power every day. Help them to believe without question that you are with them, in whatever they may face, that they are never alone. Help them to know that you are mighty within them.

We pray that you would plant deep inside their hearts a sense of overflowing gratitude, that they would be free from the love of money and would walk in the freedom of contentment, with an amazing spirit of giving to others. We pray that out of their lives would flow service, love, generosity, and compassion in a world that desperately needs to see your goodness in action. And when fear and anxiety battle against them, we pray that your words of truth will seal them in like a shield, giving them strength and guarding their hearts and minds in your powerful peace.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Presentation of Gifts

Taylor, Ty, and Sydney we hope you feel the love in this space from your faith family not physically present with us at this time. We are pleased to present you a gift of a blanket. As you wrap yourself in it, remember that the thoughts and prayers of Faith Lutheran are with you.

“You will always be welcomed here as family.”

Go out into the world in peace: be of good courage; love and serve our God.

SENDING SONG **“Romans 16:19”** **Camp Style:** includes jumping and stomping if you feel called

(Sing whole thing twice)

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Be excellent (uh huh uh huh) at what is good

Be innocent (oh yeah) of evil (repeat)

And the God of peace will soon crush satan

Yes, God will crush him (where) underneath your feet (repeat)

BLESSING

May the One who filled us with the Holy Spirit, Send us out with hope in our hearts and Good News on our lips.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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