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PENTECOST

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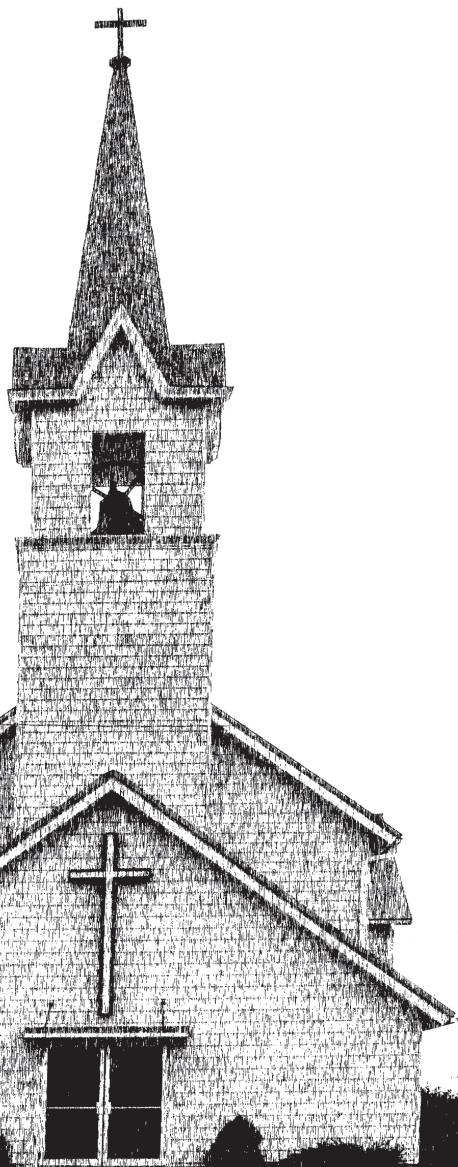
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P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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Recessional Hymn, “Go Now In Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

Postlude

Serving in the Lord’s House Today, Sunday, May 19:

Pastor: Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen; **Organist:** Barb Wagner;

Reader: Reader Needed; **Special Music:** Jerry Wearda

Fellowship Hosts: Shane and Shelby Harken; **Deacons:** Meredith Steere and Tyler Seehusen; **Altar Committee:** Ron and Diane Salge

Welcome! We extend a warm welcome to our guests and visitors today. May you know God’s presence as we worship together as the body of Christ. Please sign the guest register in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you with us again!

Statement Regarding Holy Communion: Today we are celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion. All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Pentecost

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' ⁴Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up

from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

PSALM 139:1-16

R: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

C: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

R: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

C: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

R: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

C: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

R: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

C: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

R: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

C: even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

R: If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night',

C: even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

R: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

C: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

R: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

C: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21

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:

¹⁷“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. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

HOLY GOSPEL READING: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

15 ²⁶ "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷ You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

16 ⁴ "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Readings for next week, Sunday, May 26

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8;

Psalm 29; Second Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-36

Holy Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

Pentecost Information

Today we begin the longest season of the church year, Pentecost, some may say, Trinity, others say, the Ordinary Time and others simply, the Green Season. It is the season that highlights growth. Readings focus on the life of Christ and His Church. We hear Jesus teaching his disciples and healing the faithful. This season lasts into November, ending with Christ the King Sunday. The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies God's people to grow in our understanding and living of the faith.

Welcome!

It is with joy that on this Day of Pentecost, we welcome into the Family of God and our church fellowship, Shane and Shelby Harken through transfer of membership and their son, Rhett Harken, through the Rite of Holy Baptism. Rhett's sponsors are Kilie and Dakota Garretson and Chase and Bridget Capper.

Children's Bulletins & Activity Bags

The children's bulletins are on the stand at the top of the stairs in the narthex. There are also activity bags for the children on the bookshelf at the top of the stairs. Feel free to use them, and return the bags to the shelf following the service.

Mission and Outreach

During May, the mission offering will be given to the North America Lutheran Seminary.

Sunday of Hope

Vilmar will hold its annual Sunday of Hope in June. The sanctuary will be decorated with Relay For Life luminaries in honor and memory of our loved ones who have been affected by cancer. If you would like to purchase a luminary please contact Margaret DeBower and Jennifer Seehusen. Cost is \$10 each. The names will be read and a special prayer will be given to commemorate the day.

Vilmar's Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 19

10 a.m.: Worship Service with New Members Received (Shane and Shelby Harken, and baptism of their son, Rhett)

11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship

Pastor Keen will be on vacation from May 20 — May 27.

Monday, May 20

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day with potluck at noon

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Tuesday, May 21

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sewing Day with potluck at noon

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Thursday, May 23

9 a.m.: Bulletin Deadline

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Friday, May 24

5 p.m.: Walk with God at Wilder Park

Saturday, May 25

7 a.m.: Men's and Women's Bible Study at Jurene's home

Sunday, May 26

Herald Announcements Due

10 a.m.: Worship Service

11 a.m.: Coffee and Fellowship

Serving in the Lord's House Next Sunday, May 26

Lay Leader: Diane Hummel; **Organist:** Barb Wagner;

Reader: Betty Rewerts; **Special Music:** Available;

Fellowship: Host Needed; **Deacons:** Tyler Seehusen and Meredith Steere; **Altar Committee:** Ron and Diane Salge

Memorial Day

Memorial Day Service will be held at Vilmar's South Cemetery by the Allison AmVets Post, mid-morning on Monday, May 27. The public is welcome to attend.

Parade Volunteers

St. John's – Vilmar Luther League will walk in the Allison Days parade on Saturday, June 1. We are looking for people to join us! If you are interested, meet us at the Butler County Fairgrounds on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. We will be passing out candy and Bible verse cards. Wear your Vilmar T-shirts! If you need one, we have a few select sizes left from last year.

Women of Faith

The Women of Faith group will meet Sunday, June 2, from 1:30-3 p.m., at the parsonage. Note the date and time change due to its typical day being on Memorial Day weekend. We will watch and discuss the second show of the first series of The Chosen. All women are invited.

Community Women's Bible Study Retreat

Pastor Rebecca and St. James will host a retreat at Wilder Park on Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The retreat is for women of all ages and you are invited to attend. Lunch will be provided. Please let the St. James office know how many to expect so they can order lunch for you too! All you need to bring is your Bible and yourself. A time for you to relax with each other.

Bible Camp Opportunity

First Grace Lutheran Church located in Osage, Iowa – a newly-formed mission plant of the NALC – invites kids 2nd thru 8th grade to their Summer Bible Camp! For more information, or to register, visit <https://forms.gle/gDDxHccmErFhQyKU6>



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Volunteers Needed

- **Scripture Readers** (sign up sheet on the bulletin board)
- **Fellowship Hosts** (sign up sheet on the bulletin board)
- **Special Music** (talk to Jane Thompson)
- **Mowing Volunteers** (sign up sheet on the bulletin board)

Remember in Our Prayers

Prayer Concerns: Harold and Marlys Kruse, Bruce and Deb Johnson, Jurene Dralle, Evalyn Nettleton, Mari Ann Wearda, Ali Matteson, Robert Vieker, Jaxon Hartkopp, Pastor James Puotyual, Larry Voigts, Sandra Greenlee, Randy Brinkman, Pastor David Craig, Barb Kelly, Wendell Debner, Helen Debner, Jerrylyn Brinkman, Calla Clarey, Pastor Robert Salge, Darwin Dralle, Mary Schipper, Susan Seehusen, Pastor Mark Walker, Sheryl Johnson, Lori May, Carrie Wilson, Randy Horst, Harlan Martzahn, Joel Heuer, Kyle Debner, Connie Opperman, Kathy Dann, Rick Henninger, and Dick Ulrich

Service Men and Women: Lloyd Davis and Rashell Haxhijaj

Pastoral Care and Private Communion

If you need pastoral assistance, contact Pastor Keen at 316-655-3306 (cell), 319-267-2080 (office), or email keentjkk@gmail.com.

Interested in Membership?

Please contact Pastor Keen at 316-655-3306 if you are interested in learning more about becoming a member, or if you know of someone who might be interested in being a part of the life and ministry of this congregation. Thanks.

NALC Disaster Response Collections

We are collecting a special offering for the recent tornado victims in Iowa. **Donations may be placed in the globe in the narthex. Checks should be made to the church with “Tornado Relief” in the memo.** Money will be divided and given to the NALC Disaster Response Team and GoServ Global Response Team (both are working at the Iowa tornado sites).

We will also collect items to help fill the warehouses, as they are being depleted at a quick rate due to the recent natural events. Collection of items will be on-going throughout the summer:

Flood Buckets

- One 5-gallon bucket with lid
- One jug bleach (1/2 gallon or smaller)
- Two large trash bags (contractor 3 mil)
- One roll paper towels
- Two rags
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- Scrub brush
- Gloves - 1 pair of each (Size L, preferred)
 - rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex/dishwashing type)
 - leather
 - cotton

Health Care Kits

(Pack in a 2-gallon plastic storage bag or drawstring backpack)

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| • 1 bath towel | • 1 pack of floss |
| • 1 wash cloth | • 1 toothpaste (or 2 travel size) |
| • 1 shampoo (or 2 travel size) | • 1 comb |
| • 1 bar of soap (or 2 travel size) | • 1 deodorant |
| • 1 toothbrush | • 1 nail clippers |

Elementary School Kit

- 1 backpack or duffel bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket folders
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1 rule
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 4 pencils
- 2 pens
- 1 eraser
- 1 box or crayons, colored pencils, or markers

High School Kit

- 1 backpack or duffel bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket folders
- 4 pencils
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 eraser
- 4 pens

Kitchen Kits

(Pack in a 2-gallon plastic storage bag or drawstring backpack)

- 1 cookbook
- Dish cloths
- Dish towels
- Hot pad
- Spatula
- Measuring cups
- Measuring spoons
- Kitchen item of choice (mini cutting board, peeler, tongs, etc.)
- Storage container
- Garbage bags (a few, mixed sizes)

Miscellaneous items

- Bibles, Prayer books, Children's Bible Stories
- Masks
- Disposable diapers (baby or adult, assorted sizes)
- Feminine hygiene items
- Any school supply item can be donated in bulk
- Mops, brooms and dustpans, leaf and garden rakes
- Flat bottom shovels, spades