

# God-Sightings



SEEING JESUS IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

## **WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Inviting all People to Faith ... Come and Worship - Go and Work*

Pastor - Ben Unseth | Ministers - All

May 24, 2026 | Pentecost Sunday

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Watch us on SMU: Monday @ 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m.

Welcome & Prayer

Sharing of Peace

\*Opening Song - "Sound of Heaven"

\*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

**We praise You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*Litany (*from "All Because of Mercy" by Casting Crowns*)

I could stand here and try to tell you:

**I found my way here on my own, Brought to life this heart of stone,**

Working *my own way* to good as if anyone could,

**Made up my own mind to change my own life.**

But the truth is: I've been broken since my very first breath.

**The truth is: I've been wandering since my very first step.**

I know the only reason I can stand here unashamed.

**Is not because I'm worthy. It's all because of mercy.**

There's no way that I could earn it.

**Praise God! My debt is paid!**

It's *not* because I'm worthy.

**It's all because of mercy. Praise the Lord!**

\*Prayer of the Day

**Jesus our Savior, thank You for forgiving us and planting Your life within us.**

**Send Your Holy Spirit to grow Your vision and Your compassion within us.**

**Invade our lives to grow Your love for lost people around the world. Renew**

**our hearts and minds. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Song- "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Video - "The Story of Pentecost" - from Acts 2:1-21

\*Gospel Lesson: John 20: 18-22

Children's Message

Song- "Be Thou My Vision"

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Sermon: "The Master Key to Reality"

Song- "Holy Spirit"

\*Affirmation of Faith– Explanation of the 3rd Article of The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and preserves it in unity with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily forgives abundantly all my sins and the sins of all believers; and at the last day, He will raise me and all the dead, and will grant everlasting life to me and to all who believe in Christ.**

***This is most certainly true.***

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song - “We Believe”

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

### **Gospel Lesson: John 20:18-22**

<sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that He had said these things to her. <sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup>After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And with that He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

### **New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16**

<sup>6</sup>We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup>No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. *(continued on back page)*

## 1 Corinthians 2:6-16, continued

<sup>9</sup>However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”— the things God has prepared for those who love Him —  
<sup>10</sup>these are the things God has revealed to us by His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. <sup>13</sup>This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. <sup>14</sup>The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. <sup>15</sup>The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, <sup>16</sup>for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.



*Thank you to today’s Worship Partners*

**Altar Prep:** Lora Johnson, Denise Lovitt

**Children’s Message:** Nancy Ketcham

**Counters:** Greg Lear, Joan Unrau

**Fellowship:** Troy & Anne Rosendahl

**Greeters:** Gary & Connie Jenkins

**Message:** Pastor Ben Unseth

**Instrumentalists:** Leah Kreutner, Gloria McKenney, Kevin Skadeland

**Prayers of the Church:** Darrel Heckathorn

**Scripture Reader:** Lisa Sheffer

**Tech Booth:** Brett Eilts (Lead, Sound), Haley Eilts (Computer), Katie Eilts (Video)

**Vocalists:** Kirby Fueston, Trisha Rohmiller, Troy Rosendahl

**Worship Leader:** Gary Klett

*Worship Partners for May 31*

**Altar Prep:** Lora Johnson, Denise Lovitt

**Communion Servers:** Dave & Sharon Simington

**Counters:** Kevin Swancutt, Larry Wigen

**Fellowship:** Mark & Sharon Cameron

**Greeters:** Tom & Pam Hanson

**Instrumentalists:** Gloria McKenney, Kevin Skadeland, Evan Storley

**Message:** Pastor Ben Unseth

**Prayer Intercessors:** Bill Nitzel, Diane Van Kleek, Joe & Rachel Simington

**Prayers of the Church:** Lindsay Neiderheiser

**Scripture Reader:** Trisha Rohmiller

**Tech Booth:** Lance Storley (Lead, Video), Isaac Storley (Sound), Kent Heazlett (Computer)

**Vocalists:** Brett & Jolynne Eilts, Jim & Joan Unrau

**Worship Leader:** Dave Susie