

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**Memorial Day**  
**Day of Pentecost**  
**Sunday, May 24, 2026**



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*“We are a community of churches and a church to the community.”*

Welcome to worship with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. We come together for worship each Sunday to share in the ministry and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ with our own unique traditions and history. Seven other Christian ministries are located onsite with us.

If you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more about First Evangelical or Holy Cross, please reach out to one of our ushers, pastors, or fill out a welcome card and drop it in the offering boxes. Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. May God bless you.

## WELCOME / INVOCATION

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “*Living Breath of God*”



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

#### *Refrain*



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** Father of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

**P:** Most merciful God,

**C: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who were once dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**P:** The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love. Through the Holy Spirit God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live and walk in the newness of life.

**C: Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE: “Take Our Bread”**

#### **Refrain**

Take our bread, we ask you,  
Take our hearts, we love you,  
Take our lives, Oh Father, we are yours, we are yours.

#### **Verse 1**

Yours as we stand at the table you set;  
yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.  
We are the sign of your life with us yet,  
we are yours, we are yours.

#### **Refrain**

Take our bread, we ask you,  
Take our hearts, we love you,  
Take our lives, Oh Father, we are yours, we are yours.

#### **Verse 2**

Your holy people standing washed in your blood,  
Spirit filled yet hungry we await Your food.  
We are poor but we've brought ourselves  
the best that we could; we are yours, we are yours

#### **Refrain**

Take our bread, we ask you,  
Take our hearts, we love you,  
Take our lives, Oh Father, we are yours, we are yours.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. . .

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.

**C: Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Happy Memorial Day!** Welcome to worship with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. If you would like more information about our churches, please talk to one of the pastors, call, or email the office. We look forward to hearing from you.
- Please join us for a special **Memorial Day BBQ lunch** together with The Light WPB, following worship today in the Fellowship Hall and courtyards.
- Would you like an **Anniversary** T-shirt or Polo? How about special souvenir pens, stickers, or hats? Or a color program from the afternoon? All are still available from the office.
- We're looking for volunteers to help with **Vacation Bible School** this spring. Mark your calendars for June 15-19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Our theme this year is: "True North", where the kids will have an unforgettable Alaskan adventure! Registration will begin soon for 4-&5-year-olds and elementary youth.

**KIDS SONG** – *"Eye of the Storm"*

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE** - *The elementary-aged children are excused for Flame, our Sunday School class.*

## FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.<sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.<sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.<sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.<sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.<sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?”<sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?<sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,<sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome<sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”<sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.<sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning!<sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ““In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

**R:** Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

<sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

<sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

<sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

**R:** Word of God, Word of Life

**C:** Thanks be to God

## **GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-23**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John.

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

<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. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** *“Come, Lord Jesus, Send Us Your Spirit”*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Daniel Baker**

# **GIFTS FOR SERVING from THE HOLY SPIRIT**

## **Administration**

The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organize multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks. Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:28

## **Apostleship**

The gift of apostleship is the divine strength or ability to pioneer new churches and ministries through planting, overseeing, and training. Acts 15:22-35; 1 Cor. 12:28; 2 Cor. 12:12; Galatians 2:7-10; Ephesians 4:11-14

## **Craftsmanship**

The gift of craftsmanship is the divine strength or ability to plan, build, and work with your hands in construction environments to accomplish multiple ministry applications. Ex. 30:22, 31:3-11; 2 Chron. 34:9-13; Acts 18:2-3

## **Discernment**

The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify falsehood, to distinguish between right and wrong motives and the spiritual forces at work in situations. Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18; 1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 John 4:1-6

## **Evangelism**

The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help non-Christians take the necessary steps to becoming a born-again Christian. Acts 8:5-6, 8:26-40, 14:21, 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-14

## **Exhortation**

The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to strengthen, comfort or urge others to action through the written or spoken word and Biblical truth. Acts 14:22; Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:24-25

## **Faith**

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life. Acts 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; 1 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 11

## **Giving**

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give by tithes and offerings for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God on earth. Mark 12:41-44; Romans 12:8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:2-7

## **Healing**

The gift of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith, prayer, and by the laying-on of hands for the healing of physical, mental and spiritual sickness. Acts 3:1-10, 9:32-35, 28:7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28

## **Helps**

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry with the ability to often see the need before others do. Mark 15:40-41; Acts 9:36; Romans 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:28

## **Hospitality**

The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for others in places such as your home, office, or church. Acts 16:14-15; Rom 12:13, 16:23; Heb 13:1-2; 1 P 4:9

**Intercession**

The gift of intercession is the divine strength or ability to stand in the gap in prayer for someone, something, or someplace, believing for profound results. Hebrews 7:25; Col 1:9-12, 4:12-13; James 5:14-16

**Word of Knowledge**

The gift of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to bring truth to a situation by supernatural revelation. This is often accompanied by a word from God. Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:8; Colossians 2:2-3

**Leadership**

The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence people at their level while directing and focusing them on the big picture, vision, or idea. Rom 12:8; 1 Tim 3:1-13, 5:17; Hebrews 13:17

**Mercy**

The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way. Matt 9:35-36; Mark 9:41; Romans 12:8; 1 Thess. 5:14

**Miracles**

The gift of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way through prayer, faith, and divine direction. Acts 9:36-42, 19:11-12, 20:7-12; Rom. 15:18-19; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28

**Pastor/Shepherd**

The gift of pastor/shepherd is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by nurturing and mending life issues. John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-3

**Prophecy**

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to communicate God's truth and heart in a way that calls people to a right relationship with God. Acts 2:37-40, 7:51-53, 26:24-29; 1 Cor 14:1-4; 1 Thess 1:5

**Service**

The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great tasks in working for the overall good of the body of Christ. Acts 6:1-7; Romans 12:7; Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 1:16-18; Titus 3:14

**Teaching**

The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the Scriptures primarily to bring understanding and depth to other Christians. Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21; 1 Cor 12:28; Eph 4:11-14

**Tongues (and Interpretation)**

The gift of tongues is the divine strength or ability to pray in a heavenly language to encourage your spirit and to commune with God. The gift of tongues is often accompanied by interpretation and should be used appropriately. Acts 2:1-13; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 14:1-14

**Word of Wisdom**

The gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to understand and to bring clarity to situations and circumstances often through applying the truths of Scripture in a practical way. Acts 6:3,10; 1 Corinthians 2:6-13, 12:8

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### THE 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 Him thanks and Praise.

SONG: “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of pow’r and might,**

**heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD’S PRAYER

C: 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.

## **THE DISTRIBUTION – CONTINUOUS FORMAT** *(Silence is appreciated)*

We practice Open Communion at Holy Cross and First Evangelical. If you believe that the Holy Sacrament carries with it the promises of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life and are a **baptized Christian** – you are welcome to receive. We do ask, however, that younger children who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the sacrament - please come to the chancel for a blessing but refrain from receiving. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

### **AARONIC BLESSING IN HEBREW & ENGLISH**

P: “The LORD bless you and keep you,  
*Y’varech’cha Adonai v’yeesh’m’reicha.*

The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
*Yaer Adonai panav eleicha veechooneka.*

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.”  
*Yeesa Adonai panav eleicha v’yasem l’cha shalom.*

**C: Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL SONG:** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joi - ce in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**WELCOME** to all and thank you for joining us in worship today as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that the service will be meaningful and uplifting for you. If you are a first-time visitor, please sign the Guest Register. You are invited to stay for coffee and refreshments following the service.

**Serving in Worship**

- Pastors** - Rev. Daniel D. Baker & Rev. Dr. Michael Breznen
- Crucifers** - Tom Kalorgis, Hilka Schroderus-Rowe
- Liturgists** - Dianne Breznen
- Communion Assistants** - Dianne Breznen, Hilka Schroderus-Rowe
- Sound/Live Stream** - Ken Burton
- Video/Live Stream** - Scot Alexander/Sera Butz

	This Week	Next Week
<b>Musicians / Singers</b>	Sandra Baran, Elijah Bartimore & Church Choir	CAC-WPB
<b>Lector</b>	Gary Sellari	Judith Miller
<b>Ushers</b>	Katherine S., Judith M.	Katherine S., Judith M.
<b>Greeters</b>	Bob S. & Susan M.	Bob S. & Susan M.

**Remember in Prayer**

We pray for peace between nations and peoples and for just resolutions to the conflicts throughout the world – especially the people of Israel and fellow believers facing life-threatening persecution; those in war-torn countries; for all members of our armed services and law enforcement personnel; for our country and our nation’s leaders; for the Church, Church leaders, for **Youth for Christ**, and all faithful witnesses to the Gospel; for our missionaries – **Anthony** and **Soyoung Sellari** and their work in Egypt.

We pray for God’s healing presence to be with: **Nick, Jamie, Leona, Bob, Hal, Elihana, Debbie Ann, Luis & Foil, Saul & Martha, Carol & Darryl, Dennis, Bill, Cynthia, Dylan, John, Lisa & Don, Raj, Sandy, Carl, Trish, Lou, Allan, Carson, David, Gertrude, Holly, Katie, Linda, Marilynn & Patrick, Lesley, Linda, Joan** and members of the **Holy Cross and First Evangelical Church families** who are at home and unable to attend.

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