



Forward With Faith



Faith Lutheran Church, Cleveland, GA

Our Vision:

As disciples of Christ,
we are inspired and
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we are witnesses of the Gospel of Grace,
and we act boldly to serve in our community and the world.

Invite!
Nurture!
Send!
Serve!

June/July 2026



From the PASTOR—

June/July 2026



Dear Siblings and Friends,

According to the Gospel of John 20:22, on the first Easter Sunday, “he (Jesus) breathed on them (the disciples) and said to them, receive the Holy Spirit.” As I write this reflection, we are closing the liturgical season of Easter, then will celebrate Pentecost, Holy Trinity Sunday, and enter the lengthier season of the “ordinary time,” best known as “the time of the church.”

Pentecost, often referred to as the birth of the Christian Church, comes to us with red color parchments at our chapels, symbolized with flames of fire, and announcing the coming and ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of Christ’s Church.

Both, in John’s Gospel 20:22, when Jesus “breathed” on the disciples and Luke the Evangelist’s narrative of Pentecost in the book of Acts chapter 2, the Holy Spirit is the life-giving divine person that creates, sustains, and empowers Christ’s disciples to proclaim the Gospel, form and transform faith communities (congregations), and change the world.

Though in principle I agree with classical theology teaching on God’s attributes, such as immutability, meaning that God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, I also agree with modern process theology teaching, in the context of God’s immutability, when it states that if God changes, it is God’s prerogative, and God does not need my or anybody else’s permission to be God.

Have you heard the joke, what is the word Lutherans would like to erase from our vocabulary? Yes, it is change! Even if God doesn’t change, God’s economy, meaning how God is present and sustains His whole creation, is nothing else but change! The essence of the universe is constant change. In the words of the ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus, "you never step into the same river twice"

The Holy Spirit is the divine life-giving person for all humans, and by the nature of life itself, must change to create and sustain life. The Holy Spirit is the life-giving person for the Church, that as a divine-human institution, depends on the Holy Spirit empowerment to fulfil its mission of proclaiming the good news of God’s love for the world, and salvation through faith in Jesus.

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Worship
Every Sunday
at 10:30
Our call in connection is
717-908-1943
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Tues. June 2nd 10:00 Bible study

Sun. June 7 10:30 worship service

Family Promise meals delivered to the FP House June 7-13

Tues. June 9 10:00 ladies craft ministry

Sun. June 14 10:30 worship service

Tues. June 16 10:00 Bible Study

Sun. June 21 10:30 worship Service

Tues. June 23 10:00 Ladies craft ministry

Sun. June 28 10:30 worship service

Tues. June 30 free Tuesday



Sun. July 5 10:30 worship service

Tues. July 7 10:00 Bible study

Sun. July 10:30 worship service

Tues. July 14 10:00 Ladies crafts Ministry

Sun. July 19 10:30 worship service

Tues. July 21 10:00 Bible Study
Church council meets after service

Sun. July 26 10:30 worship service

Tues. July 28 10:00 Ladies Crafts Ministry

What's happening at Faith



CRAFT & OUTREACH MINISTRY

meet on the Second & Fourth Tuesday
June 9 & 23 & July 13 & 28

We have been working with Pam Romesser on a quilt for Pastor Alfredo to use for children's message time! Pam did most of the work let us help with cutting fill for the squares and help with choosing the final lay out. See below. THANK YOU PAM!!!

CHECK US Out



Let's do Lunch

Tuesday June 9th & July 14th
Are open at the moment

Look in the Bulletin for information
on time and place

Looking forward to lunch with you all!



Women's
Bible Study

Women's Bible Study

We meet on the First & Third Tuesday
June 2nd and 16th at 10:00 am
July 7th and 14th at 10:00 am
Interested in a discussion based on scripture or
a morning devotion?
Come join us. Pastor Oviedo is with us.



Family Promise Meals



Our next week for brining a meal to the Family Promise house is

June 7—13, then a break until October.

Sign up on the Family Promise board in the Fellowship Hall if you are able to help with a making or purchasing a meal and ensuring delivery.

or providing a monetary gift.

All help is gratefully accepted.



Some pictures taken at the Reverse Raffle for Family Promise



Thank you!
To all who
bought tickets
for the
Reverse Raffle



Bible Readings from the Lectionary for June & July 2026

	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
June 7	Hosea 5:15-6:6	50:7-8	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
June 14	Exodus 19:2-8a	100	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8[9-23]
June 21	Jeremiah 20:7-13	69:7-10[11-15]16-18	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39
June 28	Jeremiah 28:5-9	89:1-4,15-18	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
July 5	Zecharia 9:9-12	145:8-14	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19,25-30
July 12	Isaiah 55:10-13	65[1-8],9-13	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
July 19	Isaiah 44:6-8	86:11-17	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
July 26	1 Kings 3:5-12	119:129-136	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

June 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10:00 Bible Study	3	4	5	6
7 10:30 Service 2 Pentecost	8	9 10:00 Crafts ministry	10	11	12	13
Family Promise week, we will supply food for the families at the Family Promise Day Center House						
14 10:30 Service 3 Pentecost	15	16 10:00 Bible Study	17	18	19	20
21 10:30 Service 4 Pentecost Council meets after church	22	23 10:00 Crafts ministry	24	25	26	27
28 10:30 Service 5 Pentecost	29	30	July 1	2	3	4

Worship Help for June 2026
Let Marty know if you need to change your date to serve.

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Worship Asst.	Bill Inman	Pam Romesser	Chris Smith	Don Waara
Reader	Phil Howey	Arline McWhinney	Bill Inman	Pam Romesser
Usher	Suzi Anderson Jeff Anderson	Lynn Graham Bill Inman	Don Waara Marty Schmebling	Pam Finke Suzi Anderson
Altar Guild	Lynn Graham Bill Inman	Barb Moser Sue Falls	Pam Finke Pam Romesser	Lynn Graham Bill Inman
Communion Bread	Marty	Chris	Marty	Chris
Service Team	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4

July 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day!
5 10:30 Service 6 Pentecost	6	7 10:00 Bible Study	8	9	10	11
12 10:30 Service 7 Pentecost	13	14 10:00 Crafts Ministry	15	16	17	18
19 10:30 Service 8 Pentecost Council meets after church	20	21 10:00 Bible Study	22	23	24	25
26 10:30 Service 9 Pentecost	27	28 10:00 Crafts Ministry	29	30 Clarkesville Soup Kitchen	31	

Worship Help for July 2026
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	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Worship Asst.	Janice Bridges	Whitney Hutchinson	Bill Inman	Pam Romesser
Reader	Chris Smith	Bob Schmebling	Don Waara	Suzie Anderson
Usher	Suzi Anderson Jeff Anderson	Lynn Graham Bill Inman	Don Waara Marty Schmebling	Pam Finke Suzi Anderson
Altar Guild	Arline McWhinney Marty Schmebling	Barb Moser Sue Falls	Pam Finke Pam Romesser	Lynn Graham Bill Inman
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Mission of Faith:

To *invite* all people to celebrate God's blessings,
to *nurture* them with Christ's grace, love and fellowship,
and to *send* us all joyfully to *serve*.

Core Values:

Grace
Discipleship
Inclusivity
Grow in Prayer
Worship