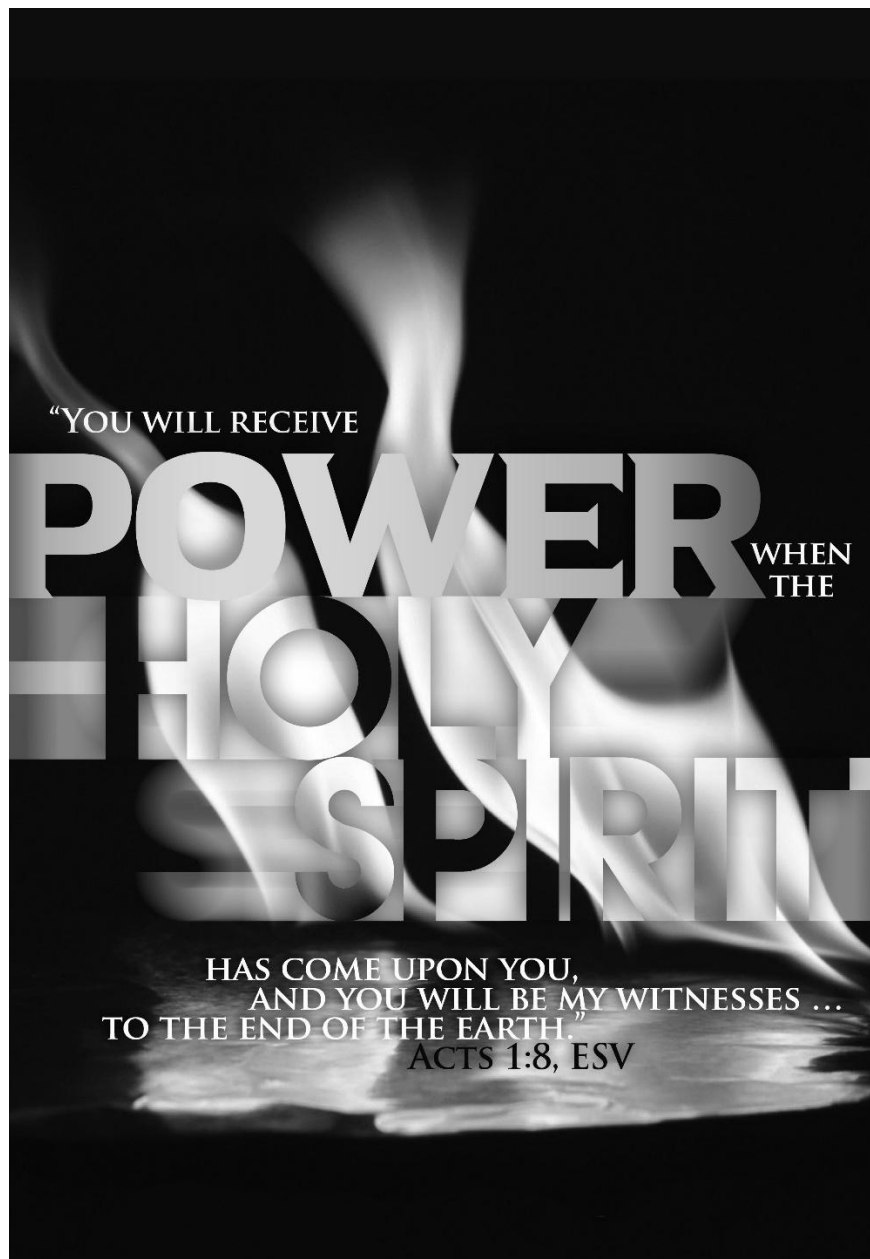


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Day of Pentecost

Holy Communion/ Rite of Confirmation

*stand +kneel

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE.....“Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
by Frederick C. Atkinson; setting by Don Hustad

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P - Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C - **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P - Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the
Lamb!

C - **Amen.**

P - Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P - Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of
creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for
the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C - **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P - Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our
journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and
resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed
are you.

C - **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P - Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break
down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed
are you.

C - **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P - Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C - Amen.

***GATHERING SONG.....**

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” (ELW 400)
 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

***GREETING**

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

P - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C - **And also with you.**

***KYRIE (ELW p. 138)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 140).....“This is the Feast”**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might

be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

P - Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P - Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C - Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² 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.

³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking

Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, 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.’ ”

R - The word of the Lord.

C - Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (please read responsively)

²⁴ How manifold are your | works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number, living things both | small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships | to and fro,
 and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.
²⁷ **All of them | look to you**
to give them their food | in due season. R
²⁸ You give it to them; they | gather it;
 you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.
²⁹ **When you hide your face, | they are terrified; when you take away**
their breath, they die and return | to their dust.
³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
 and so you renew the face | of the earth.
³¹ **May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;**
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R
³² You look at the earth | and it trembles;
 you touch the mountains | and they smoke.
³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;**
I will praise my God while I | have my being.
³⁴ May these words of | mine please God.
 I will rejoice | in the LORD.
^{35b} **Bless the LORD, | O my soul.**
Hal- | lelujah! R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b} No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another

the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

R - The word of the Lord.

C - Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW 142)**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

P - The holy gospel according to John.

C - Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

P - The gospel of the Lord.


C - Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY.....“Spirit of Gentleness” (ELW 396)**

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain




Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,




stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

The presiding minister addresses the assembly with these words.

P - Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for ***Lena Ferrence, Tanner Gormley, Tobias Lileck and Sadie Tokarick***, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

The presiding minister may continue:

P - Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these confirmands, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C - Amen.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

P - I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

All - I renounce them.

P - Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

All - I renounce them.

P - Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All - I renounce them.

P - Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P - Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All - I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he

ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P - Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All - I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

P - You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

P - People of God, do you promise to support these brothers and sister and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C - We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those making affirmation may kneel. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

P - Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The blessing is repeated for each person. The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:

P - Stir up in the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C - Amen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. The minister addresses the assembly.

P - Let us rejoice with these brothers and sister in Christ.

C - We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

P - Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

P - O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue.
Merciful God,

C - **receive our prayer.**

P - You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God,

C - **receive our prayer.**

P - You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God,

C - **receive our prayer.**

P - You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name. Merciful God,

C - **receive our prayer.**

P - You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises.
Merciful God,

C - **receive our prayer.**

P - You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. Merciful God,

C - receive our prayer.

P - God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C - Amen.

***PEACE**

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P - The peace of Christ be with you always.

C - And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (ELW 884)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P - Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C - Amen.

***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 our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE (ELW p. 144)**

P - It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P - Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C - Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P - O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C - Come, Holy Spirit.

P - Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C - Come, Holy Spirit.

P - With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C - Amen.

***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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P - Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

***COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

P - The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond

C - Amen.

***TABLE BLESSING**

The presiding minister says a table blessing, and the assembly responds

P- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep
you in his grace.

C- Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P - Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and
are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious
hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In
the name of Jesus,

C - Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

P - Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As
you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who
set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick,*
homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and
strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the

comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

***BLESSING**

P - God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever.

C - Amen.

***SENDING SONG.....**“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” (ELW 582)

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;
 quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;

Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the church the mind of Christ:
 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to soul

liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

***DISMISSAL**

P - Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C - Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE.....“March Magnifique” by Mark L. Williams

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One vase of flowers is in honor of Kolton Platt's Birthday (15) presented by Glenn and Helen Miller.

One vase of flowers is in honor of all the confirmands.

The bulletins are in honor of Memorial Day. "Let their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored."

Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Visitors, or members with a change of address, please complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors may also include the name and address of your home church so they can be notified that you have received communion.

Prayer Requests: Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may also give names to the person leading service prior to the start of the service.

Card shower: Betty Freeman will be 93 on May 30!! Let's shower her with Birthday wishes! Her address is: 71 Eden View Road, Apt. 383, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

Paper Product Donations: Today through June 7, the Social Ministry Committee will be sponsoring a collection of paper products for Servants to All, a homeless shelter in Pottsville. Items needed include paper or Styrofoam plates, cups, and bowls, plastic ware, paper towels, wipes, small packs of tissues, take out containers, and coffee cups with lids. Please place the items in the narthex.

Vacation Bible School: St. Paul's Lutheran Church and St. Paul's United Church of Christ will once again be combined for Vacation Bible School. VBS, "Rainforest Falls- Exploring the Nature of God", will be held at St. Paul's UCC June 22-26. All children ages 4-12 (grade 6) are welcome and invited to attend. Please save the date and share with all your relatives, friends and neighbors. Registration forms are available on the table in the narthex, and can be submitted to the church office, or to wareber@comcast.net. No child will be turned away, however, to guarantee that there will be enough supplies for every child, please register by TODAY.

Bear Creek Camper Fundraiser- A Kauffman's Chicken Meal Fundraiser to benefit the St. Paul's Bear Creek Campers will be held next Sunday, May 31. The cost is \$15 which includes ½ chicken, sides, drinks and dessert. The pickup time is 11:45am at St. Paul's Lutheran church, and

you have the option to eat in or take out! We encourage you to purchase tickets ahead of time so we are sure to have enough for everyone. Contact Leah at (570) 617-7702. Thank you for your support!

The Women of the ELCA are currently collecting personal, school and baby items through June. Check the table in the narthex for a list of all the items needed. All donations can be left on or under the table in the narthex. Please speak to Holly Maldonado for more information.

Helping Harvest donations will take place the first weekend of every month. This organization has put food trucks in areas to help the needy in place of the closed Pottsville Soup Kitchen.

A **“Dinner and a Movie Night”** is scheduled for Saturday, June 6 beginning at 5:45pm (following the spoken church service). Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! Please speak to Karen Curtis for more information.

Our summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, June 7. During the summer months, worship will be held at 9:00am on Sunday mornings. Please note: There will be no Sunday school during this time.

An outdoor worship service followed by breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 7 at 9:00am. Please bring chairs or your favorite blanket. Food will be provided.

Check Out Our YouTube Channel: We're livestreaming our worship services on our very own YouTube channel: @summerHillLutheran!!! We'll share the livestream link on Facebook every week. You can chat, comment, and worship together live just like always. Our website features a direct link to our YouTube channel, where you can already find recorded services beginning in February, our past livestreams, and our scheduled upcoming livestreams. So head on over, click Like, hit Subscribe, and ring that little bell 🔔 to be notified when livestreaming begins! 🖱️ Check us out here: <https://www.youtube.com/@summerHillLutheran>

Altar flower and bulletin sponsorship: There are many openings available throughout the year to sponsor the fresh altar flowers and bulletins on a Sunday morning. You can celebrate a Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, etc. Sponsorships can be in honor of, or in memory of someone. There are sign-up sheets for a few months at a time on the bulletin board in the hallway. You can also call the church office and speak to Kelly to be added at any time throughout the year. The cost of altar flowers is: \$17.50 to sponsor one vase, or \$35 to sponsor both vases. The bulletins are \$10 per sponsored Sunday.

Pastoral visits and home communions are available at any time. Please call the church office at 570-754-7350 or Pastor Marie at 716-353-1610.

Reminder for hospital visits: The church is not informed by the hospital when someone is admitted. Please call the church to let us know if a pastoral visit is desired.

Attendance on Sunday, May 17, 2026 – 35 in person; 187 online views; 2 shares as of May 21

The 2026 Weekly giving needed for budget is \$2,951.25

THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

Sunday, May 24 -Pentecost Sunday -Deadline to register for VBS

9:15 AM -Sunday School

10:00 AM -Joint Memorial Service at the Monument

10:30am -Worship with the Rite of Confirmation

Monday, May 25 -Memorial Day/ Church offices closed

Sunday, May 31 -Trinity Sunday

9:15 AM -Sunday School

10:30am -Worship

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, May 25: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24

Tuesday, May 26: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27

Wednesday, May 27: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39

Thursday, May 28: Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12a

Friday, May 29: Psalm 8; Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14

Saturday, May 30: Psalm 8; Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17

Sunday May 24 – 10:30 AM

Greeter: Kathie Faust

Acolyte: Tanner Gormley

Lector: Matt Platt

Usher: Kathie Faust

Communion Assistant: Matt Platt

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Keep in your prayers: Richard Paxson, Irene Peiffer, Betty Freeman, Mark Fidler, Helen Runkle, Stephen Curtis, John & Betty Strauch, John Strauch, Jr., Greg Phillips, Jerry Heffleger, Harry Russell, Neida Hayes, Helen Miller, Sheila Tryon, Sallie Ann Sandler, Tonia McKague, Robert & Joyce Zeledonis, Earl & Grace Paxson, Betty Fromm Yarnell, Wayne Brensinger, Ralph Hueske, Shawnette Keller, Brittany Gallagher, Kay & Jerome Hayes, Debbie Toro, Pete and Stacy Smulligan, Terry Tryon, Carole Wiscount, Carol Keesey, Harry Schwenk, Elona Fromm, Nancy Sweitzer, Carol Boyer

Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Mark Weinus, Jr., Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Mitchell Moore, Timothy Bast, and Ryan Bast

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