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Pentecost & Affirmation of Baptism
9:15 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

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Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, it brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Come, Thou Almighty King*
-Friendship Ringers

-arr. Sandra Eithun

All who are able are invited to stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

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

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

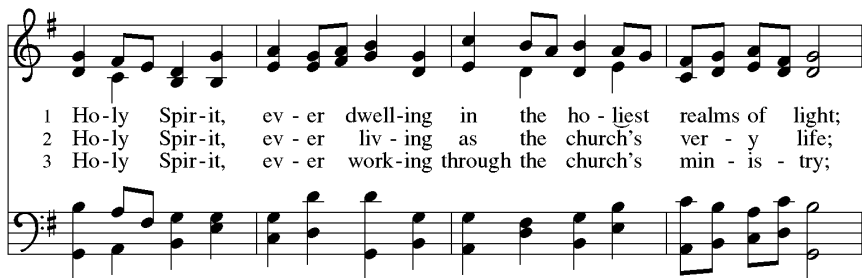
Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

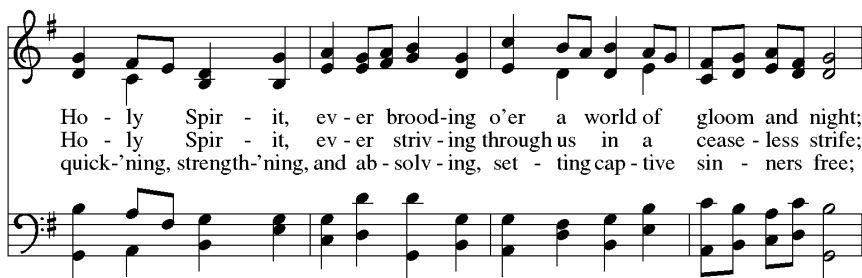
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

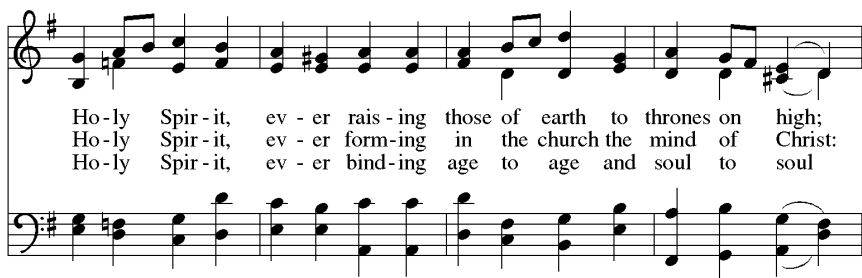
Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



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.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932

peo-ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have
 Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
 mer - cy. A - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
 all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
 to the God of life and love and
 free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
 er - more!

Verse 1*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of

to Refrain

Verse 2*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

to Refrain

for ev - er.

Verse 3*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new.

to Refrain

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:

¹⁷In 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.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴How manifold are your ^l works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full ^l of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both ^l small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships ^l to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the ^l sport of it.

²⁷**All of them ^l look to you
to give them their food ^l in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they ^l gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled ^l with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, ^l they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return ^l to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they ^l are created;
and so you renew the face ^l of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- ^l dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in ^l all your works.**

³²You look at the earth ¹ and it trembles;
 you touch the mountains ¹ and they smoke.
³³**I will sing to the LORD as long ¹ as I live;**
I will praise my God while I ¹ have my being.
³⁴May these words of ¹ mine please God.
 I will rejoice ¹ in the LORD.
^{35b}**Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul.**
Hal- ¹ lelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

All who are able are invited to stand

THE GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
 go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
 life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

[Jesus said,] 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. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless 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. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about 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. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Miss Stephanie

SERMON

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION *(remain seated)*

All who are able are invited to stand

Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890
 Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION

All may be seated

INTRODUCTION

Sisters and brothers in Christ, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for these this sister and brothers, one with us in the body of Christ, who affirm their baptisms this day as a sign of their participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.

The following candidates for the Affirmation of Baptism have been approved by the Congregation Council to be presented to this family of faith. Will the candidates please come forward as their names are read to affirm their baptism, along with their parents and sponsors.

***Spencer Deeney Braydon Epting Landon Epting
Mark Shafer Olivia Wozniak***

PRESENTATION

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for this sister and brothers in Christ, 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 servant as they affirm the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PRESENTATION OF FAITH STATEMENT by Confirmands

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those affirming their baptism:

As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

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

Confirmands: I renounce them.

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

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Let us confess our faith (*congregation and candidates*).

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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. Amen.

AFFIRMATION

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 our Lord Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The confirmands answer individually:

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

All who are able, please stand

People of God, do you promise to support Spencer, Braydon, Landon, Mark & Olivia, and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

(invitation to participate in the laying on of hands)

BLESSING

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.

Confirmand kneels. The presiding minister, along with family members and the congregation, lay hands on the head of confirmand:

Stir up in [**Spencer, Braydon, Landon, Mark, Olivia**] 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.

Each confirmand answers: Amen.

ACCLAMATION

Let us give thanks for those affirming baptism as we carry out the life of this Christian community and its mission in the world.

The congregation addresses those affirming baptism:

As your sisters and brothers in the body of Christ, 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.

All who are able are invited to stand

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Dean, Lester, Nat, Lisa, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Rumpun, Donna, Kathy, Carolyn, Robin, Hope, Jenan, Kris, Ed, Sally, Anne, Judy, Eliza, Sue, Ray, Dave, Judy, Joe, Leslie, Molly, Madison, Fred, Ruthann, Alyssa, Alex.* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Kay, Veda, Ken, Samantha, Terri, Amanda, Dalton, Brittany*. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever, *especially Ray & Jane*. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ in neighboring congregations. May your light shine brightly for all, sharing in your love and your peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray especially for St. John, Fullerton, and their pastor, Lynette Delbridge. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

THE PEACE— *Please share the peace in any manner comfortable to you.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*
-The Jordan Chorale

-Patricia Hurlbutt Hamberg

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

After the offering is gathered, all who are able are invited to stand.

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

All may be seated

HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

Come, Holy Spirit.

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.

Come, Holy Spirit.

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.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Lord taught us:

**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

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

All may be seated

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ, shed for you." And each person may respond "Amen."

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: Congregation or Assistant:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
* you pour your Holy Spirit on
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world:
us have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love:

Congregation: Congregation or Assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION (Intinction Distribution) *Confirmands will receive first*

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860
 Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -

a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -

wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621; arr. hymnal version
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After all have returned to their places
All who are able are invited to stand

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Amen.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⊕ *Coda*



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

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!

Text: Herman G. Stuenkel Jr., b. 1923

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott*

-Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

Confirmation



These students completed their confirmation studies and affirmed their baptismal vows today:

Spencer Aleister Deeney

son of

Nikki Shafer & Mike Deeney

Braydon Lee Epting

son of

Tom & Carina Epting

Landon Miro Epting

son of

Tom & Carina Epting

Mark Andrew Shafer, Jr.

son of

Mark & Jennifer Shafer

Olivia Lynn Wozniak

daughter of

Jonathan & Marci Wozniak

These young people have fulfilled the requirements for worship and class participation, service to the church and community and attendance at retreats and special events. Their Jordan family warmly congratulates them!

Please join us in the Memory Room for a time of celebration!

Geraniums for Pentecost

In memory of:

Tom & Anne Daniels
Wm. & Mary Lutterschmidt
The Anderson/Weber families
Parents, Ethel & Pete Siegfried
My brother, David Siegfried
My Dad, Roger Miller
Our parents, Rev. Doctor Hagen & Gertrude
 Staack, Robert & Charlotte Heilman
Barbara J. Diehl-Vetti
William & Marilyn Supp



Sherwood & Dorothy Rabenold
My parents, Wilhelm & Dorothy Daniel
Norm Dietrich
Herman & Olga Herb
LeRoy & Dorothy Stettler
Elsa & Ernest Hoehl
Children, Kevin & Becky Leonard
Lloyd & Martha Sheneman
Robert Nagle & Elizabeth Nagle
Cecelia & Vincent Suhocki
Lucille Laudenslager
Our beautiful mom, Lucille Laudenslager
Our departed loved ones from the
 Laudenslager/Miller Family

In honor of:

Our Dad, Elwood (Sonny) Laudenslager
Julie Boscia & Sandie Hamil, our new
 Worship & Music Co-chairs
Children & Grandchildren
Our grandchildren, Aiden, Lucas, Jameson, Hope,
 Adrianna, Joseph, Teodoro
Family of Bruce Stettler
Family of Louise Stettler (Herb)

Given by:

The Daniels Family
The Daniels Family
Sue & Bill Weber
Jim & Pastor Dody Siegfried
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Pastor Dody & Jim Siegfried

Bob & Chris Heilman
Christiane Heilman
David & Carol Rabenold
 & Barbara Supp
The Rabenold Family
David M. Daniel
Wife, Ila Dietrich
Bruce & Louise Herb Stettler
Bruce & Louise Stettler
Daughter, Jane & Ray Suhocki
Bruce & Kathy Leonard
Kathy Leonard
Barry, Carol, Glenn & Margaret Nagle
Son Ray & Jane Suhocki
Loving husband always, Elwood/Sonny
Teresa, Stephen, Karen

The Laudenslager Family

Given by:

Teresa, Stephen, Karen

Lynn & Tom Daniels
Pastor Dody & Jim Siegfried

Oma & Opa Heilman
Bruce & Louise
Louise & Bruce



The Lord's Table at Jordan Church is an open table. If you are a baptized Christian of any church, believe in the Lord's presence in the sacrament and have received the sacrament before, you are welcome to receive with us. If you are not able to receive, please come forward for a pastoral blessing. To come forward, simply follow the direction of the ushers. **Distribution method** is noted in the order for worship.

ALTAR DISTRIBUTION: As you come forward, please take an empty cup with you to the altar rail. If you choose not to consume wine, grape juice is available. Come to the altar rail without a glass and a communion assistant will offer you the grape juice in a pre-filled glass.

INTINCTION DISTRIBUTION: Come forward and receive a wafer. Then dip it into either the wine (the cup in the center of the bread plate) or the grape juice (in the separate cup held by the second assistant). If you want additional time at the altar, please step to center of the altar rail out of the flow of other worshippers. You are invited to kneel if you wish.

Gluten-free wafers are available – please indicate your need to the communion assistant.

You are asked to fill out **communion cards** clearly and completely, one card per person. Visitors are asked to fill out the address of their home church (if you identify with one) so we may forward the card there. Take a moment also before leaving to sign our guest book, located in the entrance area.

If it is necessary to **leave the sanctuary** during worship, please refrain, if possible, from doing so during the reading of scripture or the Eucharistic prayers so as not to distract other worshippers.

The use of **electronic devices** during worship is discouraged. Please turn off cell phones or set to vibrate before the start of the service.

Hearing assistance is available for members and visitors to Jordan. Please see an usher to arrange to use a receiver.

A Koala Bear **baby changing station** is located in the handicapped restroom across from the church offices (in the new section). Children's welcome bags and bulletins are located in the narthex. Please ask ushers for help.

Restrooms are located through the left side doors of the chancel; then left through the french doors; restrooms located in the foyer on the right.

Children in grade 9 and younger are asked to remain in the Memory Room when consuming refreshments during the fellowship hours.

Please be sensitive to the fact that many people are allergic to or bothered by **strong scents** (perfume, aftershave, etc.), particularly when many people are gathered closely together, as for **worship services**.

For Parents of young children: We are grateful that God has blessed Jordan with so many young children. Worshiping with young children is a special privilege and joy for all of us. We enjoy the sounds of children in our worship. However, if you sense the need for a "calming break" feel free to take him/her to the Memory Room or Nursery (located through the doors on the left side of the altar) where you can continue to hear and be involved in the worship.

If you are interested in **becoming a member of Jordan**, please speak with the pastor following the service or call the church office (610-395-5912).

Announcements for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office before 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. Deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15th of the month.

JELC NEWS for the Week of May 19 - 25

TODAY (19)

-8:00am, Confirmation Breakfast, Memory Rm
 -9:30am, Chorale
 -11:00 am, New Member Class
 -6:30pm, AA Meeting

MON (20) PANTRY 9-10 AM

-7:00pm, Boy Scouts
 -7:30pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

TUES (21)

-6:30pm, Music & Worship mtg.
 -5:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.
 -7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (22)

-9:00am, Prayer Shawl (final till fall)
 -1:00pm, Outreach mtg.
 -7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

THU (23)

-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

FRI (24)

-4:00pm, Youth Badminton, Family Ctr.
 -5:00pm, Jr. Gyros
 -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.



Attendance

5/5/24
 8:00 - 45
 10:30 - 47

 5/12/24
 8:00 - 38
 10:30 - 71



Our New Members will be received on June 2nd.

Join us to welcome them!

We could use a few more people to help on Fridays collating bulletins. It takes less than one hour, and you can sign up for as many or few days as you like.

Say a Prayer & Send a Card & Pay a Visit

Fellowship Community: Lillian Semmel, Donald Laudenslager

Lehigh Commons: Janet Stettler

Cedar Crest Post Acute: Reed Klotz

Parkland Manor: Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

Heather Glen: Sonny Laudenslager, Anna Bieber

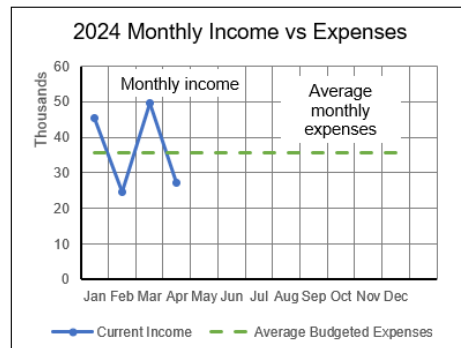
Home: Margaret Smith, Dale Gogel, Richard Seltzer, Roger Schoemaker

Please keep these people in your prayers: Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Nat Hager, Lisa Williams, Kim Friend, Bethany Friend, Jon Conrad, Rumpun Heller, Donna Stark, Kathy Attieh, Carolyn Flemish, Robin, Hope Grace, Jenan, Kris, Ed Rabenold, Sally Crowe, Anne, Judy Young, Eliza, Sue Weber, Ray Hamm, Dave, Judy, Joe Flemish, Leslie Dennis, Molly Sidney, Madison Dreisbach, Fred Weidman, Ruthann Siegfried, Alyssa Chick, Alex Chick

Birthdays this week: Kay Mancke, Veda Friday, Ken Gross, Samantha McNemar, Terri Smoyer, Amanda Keinert, Dalton Schaadt, Brittany Hamm

Anniversaries this week: Ray & Jane Suhocki (22)

| Average weekly expenses: \$8,259 | |
|---|---------|
| Current annual surplus/(deficit): \$772 | |
| Weekly collections | |
| Apr 21-27 | \$3,018 |
| Apr 28-May 4 | \$7,340 |
| May 5-11 | \$7,414 |
| May 12-18 | \$4,657 |



SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: June 2, 30, July 7, 14; Aug. 18, 25; Sept. 1; Oct. 6, 13, 20; Nov. 24

Altar flowers may be sponsored for **\$50/2 vase, or \$25/1 vase; Bulletins for \$20.

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS: Contact Donna Hahn at 610-295-9148 or dhahn16@gmail.com with your choice of dates(s) and sponsorships(s). Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the last service or want them taken to shut ins. If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut ins.

Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate.

SPONSORSHIP POLICY: Flowers and other sponsorships may be reserved no earlier than one year from the chosen date. If you wish to reserve the same weekend for the following year, you may do so the day after the current year's sponsorship. No dates will be held; the first request for a date (within the one-year limit) will be taken regardless of the previous year's sponsor.

****Please Note: on May 1, Flower prices increased to \$50/2 vases & \$25/1 vase.**

Worship Assistants

| DATE | 5/19 | 5/26 | 6/2 | 6/9 |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Altar Guild | 9:15-L Daniels | 9:15-L Stettler | 9:15-C Rabenold | 9:15-L Daniels |
| Lector | 9:15-C Nagle | 9:15-L Stettler | 9:15-K Boardman | 9:15- |
| Acolyte | 9:15-C Wozniak | 9:15-C Wozniak | 9:15-C Wozniak | 9:15-4-F |
| Ushers | 9:15- | 9:15- | 9:15- | 9:15-4F |
| Bell Toller | 9:15-G Martz-Shelton | 9:15-B Lutterschmidt | 9:15-C & C Boscia | 9:15-4F |
| Video | 9:15-T Daniels | 9:15-O Wozniak | 9:15-O Wozniak | 9:15-T Daniels |
| SAT | 9:15- | 9:15- | 9:15- | 9:15- |

Please look at the dates we have no one scheduled and give a call to the name listed below for the area(s) you can help with!
Altar Guild/Lynn Daniels lj2167@yahoo.com // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia Julie.boscia@gmail.com // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman stephanyheckman@gmail.com // **Ushers** /John Weremedic miner70@ptd.net // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil hamilsre@gmail.com
SAT/Doug Clark d.clark854@gmail.com // **Video**/Tom Daniels tkdaniels@ptd.net

Outdoor Worship Service ~ June 9th at 10:30 a.m.

Come one, come all and enjoy an uplifting day of **Faith, Fellowship, Food and Fun** in God's magnificent outdoors. On **June 9th, 2024, 10:30 AM at Lone Lake Park Pavilion**, we will see your family, friends and you at the **4-F Celebration**. Following this musically enhanced, faith-filled service, you will be served a gourmet luncheon of smoked pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, baked macaroni & cheese and bottled water complimented by the sides and desserts you bring. Look for the sign-up board in the Narthex to register your attendance and what side and/or dessert you will bring. You may also sign up for this event by calling the church office or by using the Sign Up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4FAAAD2CA57-49234571-4fcelebration>. Clear skies and fresh air have already been reserved. Please bring your own tablecloth, board and lawn games for all to enjoy! See you then and there!!

Vacation Bible School

We are teaming up with Jordan UCC to offer a morning and evening option to attend. Date: June 17 - 21, two times: 9 - 11:45 am and 6:30 - 8:15 p.m., one location: JELC Family Center. Registration for students and volunteers can be found at the following website: <https://vbspro.events/p/2d2f5a>. A handout with information is also available in the Memory Room bulletin board. Come join us for a ride on the Rocky Railway! It will be a fun time for everyone! Contact Amber Kerschner at mamjkerschner@gmail.com or Stephany Heckman at stephanyheckman@gmail.com for additional information.

May 19th - Pentecost and Confirmation Service at 9:15 am. (one service only). Remember to wear red.

We want to invite our church family, friends, and relatives to come and celebrate, Sunday, May 19th, as the confirmands grow in their relationship with the Church, the community, and most importantly God. Blessings are also extended to family members, teachers, mentors and others who have enriched the lives of these children. A fellowship reception will follow the service in the Memory Room to meet with the confirmands and their families.

Iron Pigs Baseball game - Friday, June 7th at 7:05 pm at Coca-Cola Park, Allentown, PA.

Digital tickets will be sent to your email or if requested, a paper copy will be printed and given to you at church.

Save the Date - Family Day @ Knoebels - Saturday, September 21, 2024 - <https://www.knoebels.com/>

You are invited to a day of fellowship and fun with your church family at Knoebels Amusement Park, Saturday, September 21, 2024. Pavilion space has been reserved for the entire day to eat, play board games or cards, or simply sit and rest at the tables provided. Additional details of this event are still in the planning stages and will be forthcoming. Please, save the date!



Keep in mind that beginning TODAY, we will be worshipping TOGETHER at one service at 9:15 am through the months of June, July and August, and including September 1st (Labor Day weekend). The only exception is the 4 F Celebration (outdoor worship & picnic) on June 9th, at 10:30 a.m. at Lone Lane Park (see details above). We look forward to worshipping together as one family over the summer months and seeing familiar faces!