



May 28, 2023
Pentecost & Affirmation of Baptism
9:15 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

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Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* -by Frederick C. Atkinson, arr. Joe Utterback

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: *Come Down, O Love Divine* p. 19

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed!

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

And also with you.

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
God. *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
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

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 man- ^l y 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 ^l and it trembles;
you touch the mountains ^l and they smoke.

³³I 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: 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.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For 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. ¹³For 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. *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 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY 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.

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

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION *(remain seated)*

All who are able are invited to stand

HYMN: O Living Breath of God p. 20

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 brothers and sister, 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/Confirmation 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.

Jordan Kerschner Gavin Schuler Conner Weidman

PRESENTATION

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers and sister 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

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 answers:

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 Jordan, Gavin and Conner 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 the congregation and family members, lay hands on the head of confirmand:

Stir up in [**Jordan, Gavin, Conner**] 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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort, *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Rachele, Kim, Vanessa, Tammy, Dean, Lester, Nat, Hinata, Bob, Lori, Lisa, Olive, Anna, Herb, Carol, Linda.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Devin, Samantha, Susan, Paige, Daenerys, Ronald, Allison, Hillary.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever, *especially Tom & Lynn*. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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 the NE PA Synod staff, Allentown, and Bishop Christopher DeForest and Rev. Samantha Drennan. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen 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: *Instrument of Grace*

-by Joseph Martin

-The Jordan Chorale

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. Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

All may be seated

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written on five staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise." The score is divided into parts for the Presider and the Congregation. The Presider's parts are on the first, third, and fifth staves, while the Congregation's parts are on the second, fourth, and fifth staves. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical notes.

PREFACE

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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



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

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

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 broke the bonds of sin and of
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world:
death: 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)

Communion Hymn: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* p. 21

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ p. 22

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

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The God of all, who raised +Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling p. 23*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Glory to God*

-by Walter Greatorex, arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Confirmation



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

Jordan Kerschner
daughter of
Mike & Amber Kerschner

Gavin Schuler
son of Kevin Schuler
& Amanda Schuler

Connor Weidman
son of
Fred & Terrie Weidman

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!

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.

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 Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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O 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.

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
Music: VÄRVINDAR FRISKA, Swedish folk tune
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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

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ, I know not how to
2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; help me to see your
3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need to serve my God and



ask or what to say; I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
pur - pose and your will, where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
all hu - man - i - ty; ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured:



and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.
held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
my life in you, O Christ, your love in me. A - men.

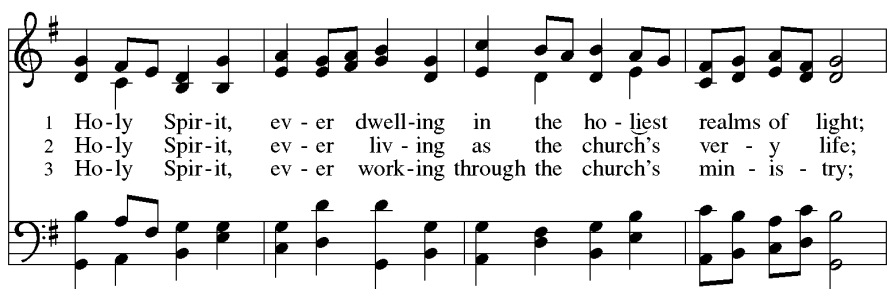
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Music: ADORO TE DEVOTE, plainsong mode V; *Processionale*, Paris, 1697

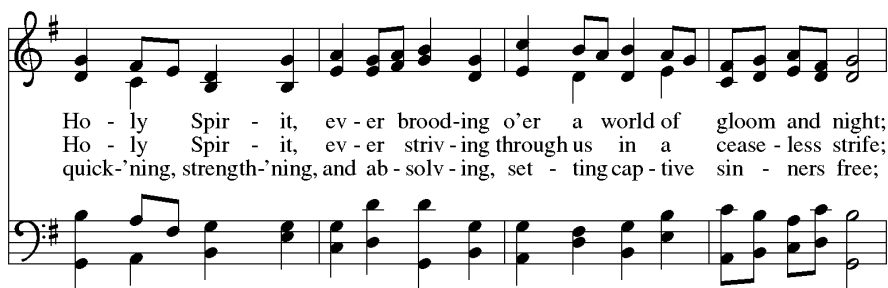
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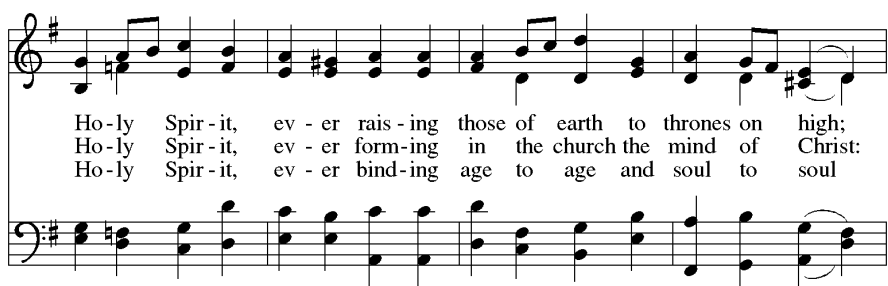
Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



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

THIS WEEK (May 28 – June 3)

TODAY (28)

-6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

MON (29) Church Office Closed



TUES (30)

-7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (31)

-9:00am, Prayer Shawl

-5:30pm, Jr. Gyros

-6:15pm, Friendship Ringers

-6:30pm, Canon Choir

-7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

THU (1)

-6:00pm, Executive Com.

-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

FRI (2)

-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

-9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

- Sunday, June 4th, is the 4-F Celebration/Outdoor Worship at Lone Lane Park at 10:30 (one service only).
- Beginning June 11th through September 3rd, we will be worshipping together at one service at 9:15.

Say a Prayer ☞ Send a Card ☞ Pay a Visit

Fellowship Community: Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel, Donald Laudenslager

Topton: Clint Trumbauer

Lehigh Commons: Janet Stettler

Sacred Heart: Dale Gogel **Lehigh Ctr:** Barbara Diehl

Parkland Manor: Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

Heather Glen: Sonny Laudenslager, Herb & Anna Bieber

Home: Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Reed Klotz

Please keep these people in your prayers: Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Rachelle Shollenberger, Kim Demarest, Vanessa Mace, Tammy Harding, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Nat Haber, Hinata Grant, Bob Pellen, Lori Kocher, Lisa Williams, Olive Wood, Carol Ludwig (LVH), Linda Kressley

Birthdays this week: Devin Dreisbach, Samantha Moyer, Susan Szczepanski, Paige Steckel, Daenerys Doss, Ronald Geiger, Allison Roth, Hillary Roth

Anniversaries this week: Tom & Lynn Daniels (46)

Attendance

Sunday, 5/21/23

8:00 - 34 10:30 - 48

Sponsors

Altar Flowers are given in honor of the Confirmands. This starts the next step in your Faith Journey. God bless. (D)

Found in the Literature Racks This Week

<i>Last week's bulletins</i>	<i>This month's newsletter</i>
<i>2022 Annual Reports</i>	<i>Endowment Request Forms</i>
<i>Event posters/info</i>	<i>Last Month's Treasurer's Report</i>

Worship Assistants

DATE	5/28	6/4 [4-F]	6/11	6/18
Altar Guild	9:15-S Wagaman, J Grim	9:15- X	9:15-	9:15-
Lector	9:15-I Martz	9:15-J. Boscia	9:15-C Dorney	9:15-K Boardman
Acolyte	9:15-G Schuler	9:15- X	9:15-	9:15-
Ushers	9:15-B Lutterschmidt, J Laudenslager	9:15-	9:15-	9:15-
Bell Toller	9:15-S Hamil	9:15- X	9:15-B Lutterschmidt	9:15-D Stark
SAT	9:15-	9:15- X	9:15-	9:15-
Video	9:15-K Gross	9:15- X	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 ljd2137@aol.com // Lectors/Julie Boscia Julie.boscia@gmail.com // Acolytes/Stephany Heckman sgarbeglio@yahoo.com // Ushers /John Weremedic miner70@ptd.net // Bell Toller/Sandie Hamil hamilsre@gmail.com // SAT/Doug Clark d.clark854@gmail.com // Video/Julie Williams jwill02@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: June 4, 11, 25; July 9, 16, 23, 30; August 13, 20, 27; Sept. 3

Altar flowers may be sponsored for \$40/2 vase, or *\$20/1 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2023				
	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
Income:				
Operating Income	\$ 33,294.90	\$ 142,829.45	\$ 29,360.01	\$ 127,400.03
Benevolence	\$ 1,067.00	\$ 2,854.00	\$ 1,333.33	\$ 5,333.32
Property	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 4,993.00	\$ 2,083.33	\$ 8,333.32
Total Income	\$ 35,831.90	\$ 150,676.45	\$ 32,776.67	\$ 141,066.67
Expenses:				
Administration	\$ 2,749.15	\$ 8,268.94	\$ 1,554.17	\$ 6,216.68
Benevolence	\$ 1,687.50	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 1,812.50	\$ 7,250.00
Payroll	\$ 21,765.39	\$ 90,598.59	\$ 22,737.56	\$ 90,950.31
Ministries	\$ 1,200.32	\$ 4,414.87	\$ 972.91	\$ 3,891.64
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 9,997.41	\$ 37,863.02	\$ 9,124.99	\$ 36,499.96
Total Expenses	\$ 37,399.77	\$ 148,395.42	\$ 36,202.13	\$ 144,808.59
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (1,567.87)	\$ 2,281.03	\$ (3,425.46)	\$ (3,741.92)

SOS (Shout Out to Shut-ins)

...thanks members for their support to help make this a self-supporting ministry with their generous donations. Currently the group, which sends greeting cards to our homebound members and friends, could use postage stamps, cards for anniversaries, Easter/spring, Valentines Day, July 4th and Thanksgiving.

Live-Stream

Tom Daniels and Ken Gross are looking for additional help for volunteers to help with live streaming. They would like to have several additional members that would be willing to fill in from time to time at the 10:30 a.m. service by just starting the livestream, and then shutting it down at the end of the service. This just involves a few simple steps. The camera may stay in a fixed position, so minimal work is required. Kindly see either Tom or Ken!



Online Registration for participants and volunteers is now open!

Go to www.jordanlutheran.org, click on Ministries tab → Faith Formation → VBS, and see the link to sign up online. **VBS takes place June 19 – 23, 9am – 12:00 noon.**

Early Registration Bonus! Register during the month of May, and you will receive a free Babylon T-Shirt!!

The Donation Station for this year's VBS will be set up in the Memory Room beginning May 7th. If you want to contribute to VBS, but can't be here during the week of VBS, this is a great way to make an impact! The needed items will be hanging on the display - simply sign out the tickets that you take on the color coordinated sheets that will be on the table.

VBS "Called by God" Staff Needed: Is God calling you to have fun this summer by helping children grow in their faith and knowledge of God? Adults and teens, Grade 6 and up, are needed to staff this year's Vacation Bible School program. If you are interested in helping, please register online or contact Amber Kerschner (mamjkerschner@yahoo.com). Childcare is provided for volunteers with children younger than 3 years of age. **Due to changes in PA Law regarding volunteer screenings, it is important for all volunteers to be identified by June 1st.** Clearances must be current. If you have questions regarding clearances, please contact Stephanie Derstine at jordandff@ptd.net

VBS Set-Up Dates: Set-up will be the week before VBS– watch the bulletin for the specific times. All are welcome to help! We have a lot of fun!

VBS Leader & Helper Training: Check your bulletin for date & time announcement of training.





4-F Celebration

Food and Fun in God's magnificent outdoors. On **June 4th, 2023, 10:30 AM at Lone Lane Park Pavilion**, we will see your family, friends and YOU at the **4 F Celebration**. Following this special service, you will be served a gourmet luncheon of hot dogs and hamburgers complimented by the sides and desserts you bring to be shared. Please support our Food Pantry by bringing a box of Pancake Mix and/or Syrup to donate. **Look for the sign-up board IN THE NARTHEX to register your attendance.** Clear skies and fresh air have already been reserved. Please bring a tablecloth, board and lawn games for all to enjoy! See you then and there!!

Who: Jordan Lutheran Church Family & Friends

What: 4 F Celebration

Where: Lone Lane Park Pavilion (30 Lone Lane, Allentown 18104)

When: June 4, 2023, at 10:30 AM (one service ONLY this day)

Luncheon: Hot dogs/Hamburgers/Your shared sides

Questions: Kay Mancke (484.358.7411)

Jordan's Food Pantry*

The Food Pantry is available to all residents of the Parkland School District. We depend on the generous donations of church members, other local churches, and the community to do our work.

If you find you are in need of food, please call the church office at 610-395-5912. We will ask a few questions to help us better serve you and set up a date/time for you to pick up food. We ask clients to phone ahead for a once per month pick up, scheduled on one of these regular days: first Monday of each month (9-10 am), third Monday of each month (9-10 am), or the first Wednesday of each month (6-7 pm).

Want to donate? We gladly accept donations. Having a holiday / birthday / anniversary party but don't want gifts? Please consider collecting either food items or cash donations for Jordan's Food Pantry. Simply call the church office if you need suggestions of needed items, or see the list below.

**Jordan partners with Second Harvest of the Lehigh Valley & N. E. Pennsylvania to distribute food to those in need.*

Current Wish List Items:

- Pudding and fruit cups
- Strawberry and Grape Jelly
- Baby Diapers, Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo
- Cleaning and Disinfecting Supplies
- Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap
- Toilet Paper, Paper Towels
- Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Deodorant, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Razors, Body Wash
- Feminine products (cleansing wipes, tampons, & pads)
- Grocery Store Gift Card

Choral Opportunity for Summer

Sacred Voices is an ecumenical choir that rehearses only during the summer months: Thursdays 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., June 22 through August 24, culminating in a formal September concert on Sunday, September 24. No auditions required. Last summer 49 singers participated in Sacred Voices, and we anticipate an even larger turnout this summer!

This year's concert theme, "From Lament to Praise: The Psalms," will include unique settings of some of the Bible's most beloved psalms, written from the 18th through the 21st centuries. The centerpiece of the concert will be composer Dan Forrest's "Hallelu Yah: Three Psalms of Praise," written in 2022 and based on the final three psalms (147, 148, and 150). Professional instrumentalists will join us for a unique concert that explores scriptures celebrating God's eternal love, providence and grace. Contact Susan Frickert, Director of Music, Union Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sfrickert2001@yahoo.com or 484-788-9476 to register or for more information.



We would love for you to join us in the Memory Room following worship to enjoy the blessing of Christian fellowship through conversation and tasty snacks! Fellowship will end for the summer months (last one is May 28th) and we'll resume again after Labor Day.



Beginning June 5th through September 1st, the church office will be switching to a summer schedule. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the office will open one hour earlier, at 8:00 a.m., and close one hour earlier, at 3:00 p.m. On Fridays, the office will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m.

Thank You

for clothing donations! We received \$571.20 for the donated bags, a credit will be made to the youth fundraising efforts. Also thank you to everyone that helped load the clothing onto the truck during youth service day. Your time was greatly appreciated!

Sunday School Volunteers

Our Fall Sunday School and Confirmation classes are currently looking for volunteers. You don't need a teaching background – just spending time on Sunday morning with the children of Jordan, using obtainable lesson plans. The time you serve as a volunteer is flexible, once a month or every week, the choice is yours. Please contact Steph Derstine at jordandff@ptd.net for additional information.

Calling All Graduates . . .

Class of
2023

It's that time of year when many people, young or a little bit older, are coming to the closing chapter of their studies at various schools. Jordan would like to honor all recent graduates, including high school, vocational schools, college, specialty school - whatever! Please fill out the form below if you are a recent graduate or have someone in your family who is a recent graduate. We will print the information in the next newsletter. Your church family wants to share your joy!

Graduate Information Form

Name of Graduate _____

Name of School _____

Degree/Curriculum _____

Additional Information (honors, awards, etc.): *if there are many, please choose a few you are most proud of* _____

Plans after graduation (employment, college, graduate studies, etc.):

Jordan relationships (son/daughter/grandchild of etc.):

Scholarships Available to Members

Did you know that Jordan's Endowment Disbursement fund has money available for you to use toward your college expenses? \$600 per year, maximum of \$2400 per person is available. Educational assistance may include tuition, room and board, books and supplies, educational camps/conferences, etc. Please contact the church office for a request form.

Geraniums for Pentecost

In memory of:

Holly Laudenslager
Parents & Grandparents
Anna-Mari & Mark Martz
Lew & Jean Best
Marti Boscia
Stettler-Herb family
Lori Farkas (daughter)
Parents
The Dravuschaks
Departed loved ones
William & Mary Lutterschmidt
Tom & Anne Daniels
Loving wife, Lucille Laudenslager
Mother, Lucille Laudenslager
Sherwood Rabenold
William & Marilyn Supp



Given by:

Parents, Jeff & Rose Laudenslager
Christiane & Robert Heilman
Ulla Martz
Boscia family
Boscia family
Bruce & Louise
M/M Clarence Hoffman & family
Keith & Judy Young
Sylvia Appel
Daniels family
Daniels family
Daniels family
Husband, Elwood Laudenslager
Stephen, Teresa Laudenslager & families
Rabenold family
David & Carol Rabenold & Barbara Supp

In honor of:

Adrianna Mancini Confirmation 6/4/23
Our 46th anniversary, today
Father/Pop Pop, Elwood (Sonny) Laudenslager

Given by:

Christiane & Robert Heilman
Lynn & Tom Daniels
Stephen, Teresa Laudenslager & families



Masks are a PERSONAL PREFERENCE at Jordan

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.