

**The Day of Pentecost  
Holy Baptism & Holy Communion  
May 19, 2024  
10am (in person/zoom)**



**Welcome/Announcements/Lighting of the Altar Candles**

**Opening Hymn: (H) 505 – *O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God***

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

*The Celebrant then continues*

There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* ***One God and Father of all.***

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## **A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: `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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.     ***People   Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

**Refrain: (before/after)**

*Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 *Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.*

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 *All of them look to you \*to give them their food in due season.*

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 *You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.*

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 *May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.*

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 *I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.*

35 May these words of mine please him; \*I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 *Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*Hallelujah!*

**Sequence Hymn: (LEVS II) 115 – Spirit of the Living God**  
*(1x before/after the Gospel reading)*

**The Gospel**

*All standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**  
**People** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, “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. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, 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. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When 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. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

## **Presentation & Examination of the Candidates**

*The celebrant says* The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

### **Parent/Godparents**

We present Wesley Matthew Schulz and Lane Berlyn Schulz to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents/Godparents: I will, with God's help.**

**Celebrant:** Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

**Parents/Godparents: I will, with God's help.**

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and/or godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

**Question** Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Answer** *I renounce them.*

**Question** Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Answer** *I renounce them.*

**Question** Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Answer** *I renounce them.*

**Question** Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**Answer** *I do.*

**Question** Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Answer** *I do.*

**Question** Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**Answer** *I do.*

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People**      ***We will.***

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are about to be baptized and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**People:**      **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. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:**      **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.**

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People:**      ***I will, with God's help.***

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People:**      ***I will, with God's help.***

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People:**      ***I will, with God's help.***

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* ***I will, with God's help.***

## **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth...

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions...*

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. ***Amen.***

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

**People**     *And also with you.*

Celebrant    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People**     *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Baptism**

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying*

*Wesley*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Lane*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



*When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying...*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one*

*Wesley, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.***

*Lane, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.***

### **Presentation of candle to Baptism candidates**

**Deacon:** Receive the light of Christ.

*When all have received a candle, the Deacon continues,*

**Deacon:** As you have been illumined by the light of Christ in Holy Baptism, so live your life as a sign to this world that all may know that you have passed from darkness into the light to the glory of our gracious God, Father, Son, and Holy spirit. **Amen.**

*When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says*  
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

***We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.***

### **The Peace**

*Special prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings*

**The Offertory/Offertory Hymn: (H) 225 – Hail thee, festival day**

**The Holy Communion** (*From the New Zealand Prayer Book*)

The Lord is here.

*God's Spirit is with us.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to offer thanks and praise.*

God, you made us, and the world and everything in it. All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us, but people have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.

He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we can all be your people. And so, with thanks we praise you singing/saying:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

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

*Hosanna in the highest.*

We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God.

He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them. "This is my body," he said, "Do this, and know that I am with you."

Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you, he shared it with them, and said, "This is my blood, which brings new life. Do this, and know that I am with you."

And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever, we are glad to share that life and live in him and proclaim the mystery of our faith: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.*

Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people. Help us to care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us. Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land we worship you in songs of everlasting praise. Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. ***Amen.***

***And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray***

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, for ever and ever. ***Amen***

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

***Celebrant:*** The Gifts of God, for the people of God....

**All are welcome to come forward for communion or a blessing...**

### **Communion Hymns**

**(H) 512 – *Come, gracious Spirit***

**(LEVS II) 221 – *This little light of mine***

*After Communion, the Celebrant and people pray together...*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

### **Benediction/Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: (LEVS II) 157 – *Revive Us Again* - (vs 1, 2, 4 only)**

### **The Dismissal**

## **Announcements**

\*MAY 19: ONE SERVICE @ 10am (in person/zoom)

*The Day of Pentecost, Baptisms, Potluck after the service!*

\*May 26 Sunday Services @ 8am (in person) & 10am (in person/zoom)

\*Mondays @ 11am: Creation Care Conversations (5/20)

\*Wednesdays @12pm: Noonday Prayer Service (on zoom)

\*Summer Sunday service time change: Begins June 2

One weekly service at 9am (in person/& zoom)

## **Those Serving Today**

Acolyte

Elias Pfieffer

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Loyd Platson

Psalm

Marg Parsons

Deacon/Prayer for the Candidates

The Rev Glenda Quintana

Deacon/additional prayers

The Rev Kathryn Snelling

Celebrant

The Rev Julie Platson

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