

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

*Growing in faith. Growing in community.  
Welcoming all in Jesus' name.*



**DAY OF PENTECOST**  
**Sunday, June 8, 2025**

**10 AM Service of  
Holy Communion**



On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

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## WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**We believe all people are created in God's image.** Rooted in Jesus' ministry of liberation, unconditional love, and hospitality, we strive to welcome all into our community. This welcome explicitly includes those who have traditionally been marginalized in the church and society due to their sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, racial and ethnic background, physical ability, developmental ability, citizenship/documentation status, and socio-economic status.

We hope that our young people experience God in our gathering together. Families, you are welcome to use the Playground in the rear corner of the sanctuary if you want more space, and to use the Playground in the narthex if you need a break from the activities in the sanctuary. Most of all, know that the joyful noise of young people in our worship is welcome!

**Hearing assist devices are available in the narthex.  
If you need any other help with worship, please speak  
with an usher at the doors to the sanctuary.**

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

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

*Upon entering the sanctuary, the people pray silently or engage in quiet meditation allowing the music to focus their attention on God and God's kingdom.*

### PRELUDE

"Oh, Let the Son of God Enfold You"

arr. Carter

SPIRIT SONG

### WELCOME

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font.*

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister may asperge (sprinkle) the congregation with water during the singing of the opening hymn.*

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW 400 (harmony)



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. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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## DIALOG

Come, Holy Spirit, with your language of wonder:

**so we may mingle our words together  
to scatter the gospel of grace to all around us.**

Come, Holy Spirit, with the music of your heart:

**so we may sing songs filled with memories,  
and listen to the new carols sung by children.**

Come, Holy Spirit, to rattle the windows of our souls:

**to burst through the closed doors of our hearts,  
and dance with us in the fire of renewal.**

Come, Holy Spirit, we pray!

**Come, Holy Spirit, to us this day!**

## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace given to us in Jesus Christ, the power of God who calls us  
with a holy calling, and the help of the Holy Spirit living in us be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of  
earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our  
lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## ✠ WORD ✠

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

## FIRST READING

**Acts 2:1-21**

*Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds*

A reading from Acts:

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> '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.

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

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

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

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

Spirit of wisdom, may the word guide and make holy the church  
**that the whole creation may become what you want it to be.**

## RESPONSIVE READING     Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

<sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O LORD!

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

<sup>25</sup> **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup> **All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> **When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING                      Romans 8:14-17

*The Spirit makes us children of God*

A reading from Romans:

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Spirit of wisdom, may the word guide and make holy the church  
**that the whole creation may become what you want it to be.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## ACCLAMATION

## Alleluia

*Creation Setting*  
Marty Haugen

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. \_\_\_\_\_

## HOLY GOSPEL

## John 14:8-17

*The Father will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth*

The Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”  
<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”  
<sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.  
<sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves.  
<sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.  
<sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.  
<sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.  
<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.  
<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.  
<sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

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

*Be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Cris Frigm

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness**

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1	In	a	deep,	un - bound - ed	dark - ness,	long	be - fore	the
2	Though	our	world	is	ev - er - chang - ing,	you	are	con - stant,
3	Joy	trans - forms	our	lips	to boast - ing	on - ly	in	your
4	God	of	Ha - gar,	God	of	Sa - rah,	God	of
							no - mad	





first light shone, you, O God, be - yond all mer - it  
firm, and sure, faith - ful to your cov - 'nant prom - ise.  
match - less grace, send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us,  
A - bra - ham; God of Mir - iam, God of Mo - ses,



worked a won - der faith makes known: in your mer - cy,  
Trust - ing you, we live, se - cure: sing - ing prais - es,  
Word made flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav - ior,  
Fi - 'ry Pil - lar, great I AM: lead us home - ward,



in your mer - cy, you em - braced us  
sing - ing prais - es, long as heart and  
Friend and Sav - ior, in whose life we  
lead us home - ward, to the love - feast



as your own,  
breath en - dure, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
glimpse your face,  
of the Lamb,

Text: Anonymous, China; tr. Francis P. Jones, 1890–1975; adapt. Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, Plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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*Song of Faith* of the United Church of Canada (2006).  
<http://www.united-church.ca/beliefs/statements/songfaith>

Let us declare our faith in  
the Holy Spirit's role in our lives and our world:

**We sing of God the Spirit,**

who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,  
animating all energy and matter and moving in the human heart.

**We sing of God the Spirit,**

faithful and untameable,  
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.

**The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy**

not only in what is familiar,  
but also in that which seems foreign.

**We sing of the Spirit,**

who speaks our prayers of deepest longing  
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,  
transforming us and the world.

**We offer worship**

as an outpouring of gratitude and awe  
and a practice of opening ourselves  
to God's still, small voice of comfort,  
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.

**Through word, music, art, and sacrament,**

in community and in solitude,  
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Lord, Send Out Your Spirit**

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### REFRAIN



LORD, send out your Spir-it!

LORD, send out your Spir-it!



LORD, send out your Spir-it! and re - new the face of the earth.

We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge.

We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work.

#### **REFRAIN**

We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation.

We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially Lewis, Stephen, those on our prayer list and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts...(brief silence). Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need.

#### **REFRAIN**

We pray for this congregation and those of our partners in ministry, especially Grace Lutheran Church in Hockessin and Lutheran Volunteer Corps. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith.

We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you, especially Gene. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life.

#### **REFRAIN**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

#### **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly exchanges Christ's peace  
in word and gesture, saying,  
**Peace be with you.***

*Be seated.*

✠ MEAL ✠

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**GATHERING OF GIFTS**

*In response to God's love in Jesus Christ,  
we offer our gifts for service and mission.*

*At this time, please sign the Fellowship Pad (the black folder) found at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor and back again. We ask **visitors** to provide us with contact information so we can thank you for enriching our worship experience. We ask **members** to update any changes to their information so records are maintained.*

**ANTHEM**

"God Breathe"

arr. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

*Please stand, as you are able, and sing as the gifts are presented and the table is set.*

**OFFERTORY**

**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

*Creation Setting  
Marty Haugen*

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Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, —

— and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. —

Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the

hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, \_\_\_\_\_ and give us a fore - taste \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ of the feast to come. \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift:  
**Send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind. Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom. Loosen our tongues to show your praise, for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace and acclaim Jesus as Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

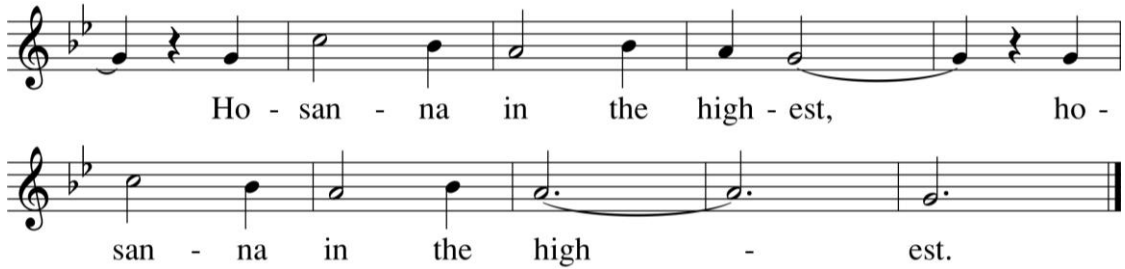
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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:

*Creation Setting*  
Marty Haugen

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord.



## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

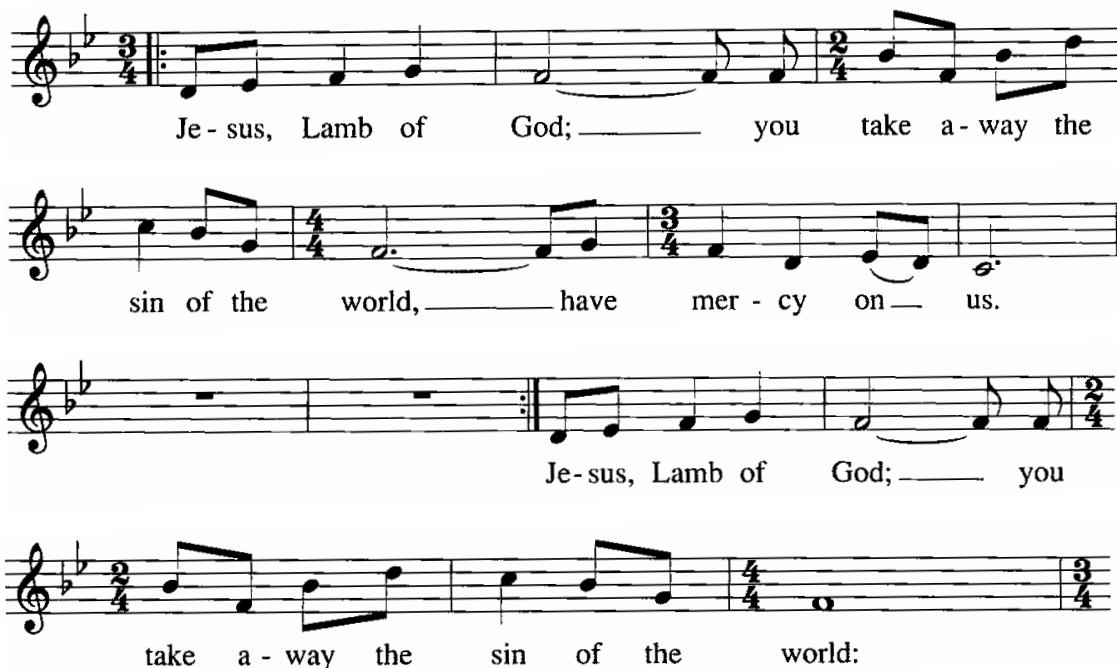
Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread,  
we have been given an Advocate to accompany us.

**The Holy Spirit abides in and among us.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Creation Setting*  
Marty Haugen





*Be seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.*

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Those who choose not to commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossed arms. If you would like to receive communion in your pew, please notify an usher.*

*Non-alcoholic grape juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.*



## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

## Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

W&P 95

*Found on pp. 18-19*



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;  
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;  
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,



*Last time to coda*

where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;  
where there is dark - ness, . . . . . on - ly light;  
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be



*D.C. (stanza 4) al coda*

loved as to love with all my soul.



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Text: Sebastian Temple

Music: PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS, Sebastian Temple

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## As the Wind Song

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1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the  
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,  
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



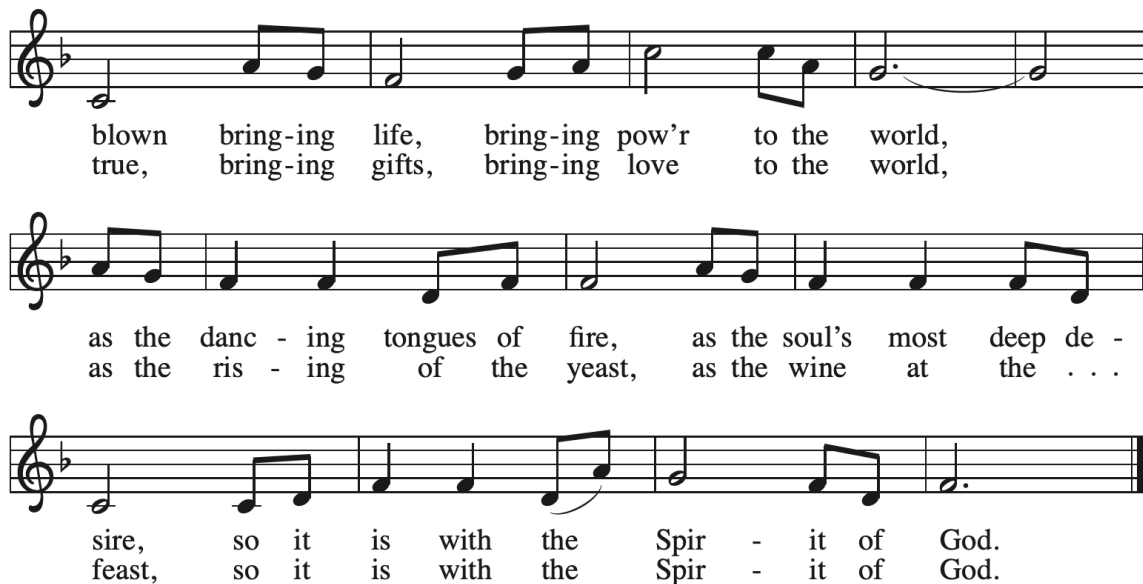
as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the  
as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has  
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown true, bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,  
bring-ing love to the world,  
as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -  
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .  
sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931–2020

Music: WAIRUA TAPU, Lim Swee Hong, b. 1963

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*After all have communed and returned to their places, **remain seated.***

## BLESSING AND PRAYER

Strengthened by the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and kept in his grace, we pray.

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

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

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH – ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand, as you are able. The assembly makes it way to the front lawn and sidewalk.*

## ORDER OF BLESSING

Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we gather to dedicate this bench to the praise and glory of God.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen.

You stretched out the heavens like a tent; you divided the day from the night; you appointed times and seasons for work and rest, for tearing down and building up. You blessed your people through all generations and guided them in life and death: Abraham and Sarah; Moses and Miriam; Isaiah and all the prophets; Mary, mother of our Lord; Peter, James, John, and all the apostles; and all the saints and witnesses in your church of ages past, in whom your Spirit spoke and moved.

We give you thanks, O God, as we set apart this bench to your glory and praise in memory of Mark Miller. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, give us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all.

**Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

**God Is Here!**

ELW 526; Verses 1 & 4

*Found on p. 22*

# God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and kindle in us the fire of your love.*



## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, filled with the Spirit of truth.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister:

Lector: Victoria Kenyon

Bread Provider: Sherry Mench

Altar Guild: Cheri Simons

Flower Guild: Cheri Simons



The flowers in the chancel are given by Janet and Eric Mease, to celebrate their grandsons, Zac Miller and Owen Mease, who are graduating from high school.



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## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

“What does this mean?” the devout ask (Acts 2:12). For those gathered in that house, the event meant the birth of sudden, surprising, unmerited new life. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they burst from the house with a story to share about God’s wonders. But what does this event of Pentecost mean for us, today, many centuries later? God is at work here, now, in the world. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, God is walking alongside as friend, truth-teller, comforter, and guide.

The writer of John’s gospel speaks of it in this way: the Advocate, the one whom the Father will send, will teach the disciples everything they need to know. God is not yet finished revealing who God is, and the disciples are not yet finished learning. Through the Spirit of truth, the disciples will do the work of Jesus, and his life will continue through them.

In holy baptism, the Spirit rests on the heads of young and old alike. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the baptized have an old, old story to tell of Jesus and his love – and a new, new story of how God is birthing sudden, surprising, and unmerited new life all around us, every day. God is at work, here, now in the world through the lives of everyday Christians. Jesus’ work continues through the lives of all the baptized. We discover meaning from this Pentecost story today, not only for our own sake but for the sake of the world that so hungers for this life.

## COMMENTS FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

It is the divine way to be seen, or to be described, under the appearance of fire. Moses had seen fire in the bush. The bush was on fire, yet it was not burnt. So the Lord might show us by this mystery that Christ would come to cast light on the thorns of our body, that he would baptize in the Holy Spirit and in fire, and that he would give us grace and destroy our sins. And Gideon, when he was about to defeat the Midianites, commanded his three hundred men to carry burning torches in their pitchers. Our bodies are pitchers, formed from the clay of the earth, that burn with the fire of spiritual grace and bear witness with the voice of confession to the passion of the Lord Jesus. Also in the Acts of the Apostles the Holy Spirit descended upon the faithful in the image of fire. This is a fire which, as with gold, makes what is good better and devours sin as stubble. As the Spirit is the light of the divine countenance, so also is the Spirit the fire that burns before the face of God.

– Ambrose, in *Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers*, II, p. 13



# ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 8, 2025

### DAY OF PENTECOST

An ancient Hebrew harvest festival which came to be associated with the giving of God's law at Mount Sinai, Pentecost became for Christians the occasion for the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. The Spirit is the power of the resurrected Jesus in our midst, claiming us in baptism, feeding us at the Lord's table, and sending us into the world to be bearers of that divine word that can raise the dead to new life.

### GRADUATION RECOGNITION

We would like to recognize our graduates in worship on **Sunday, June 29**. If you have someone in your family graduating from high school, college, or a trade school, please contact the church office ([office@stpaulsnewarkde.org](mailto:office@stpaulsnewarkde.org)) by **Wednesday, June 25**, so that we can congratulate and pray for them as they transition to a new stage of their journey.

### SUMMER CHOIR

Want to join the choir without making a year-long commitment? Want to see what it is like to offer sung prayer in worship? Then join the Summer Choir on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the choir loft. Learn a simple anthem to be sung in the service that morning. Can't make it every week? Come when you can.

### PASTOR CRIS ON NAVY DUTY

Pastor Cris will be in South Carolina this week doing Navy duty with the Marines and recruits at Parris Island. He is available by email and phone. Pastor Tara Magoon will be available for any in-person emergencies. Pastor Greg will be leading worship on June 15.

### BREWING THEOLOGY - LOCATION CHANGE

Our hosts for the month of June have been changed to Rudy Schock and Anne Sullivan, 152 Mallory Lane, Oxford, Pennsylvania. Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, June 18, at 7 PM. We will be sharing our favorite bible verse. Please RSVP to [rschock324@gmail.com](mailto:rschock324@gmail.com).

## PRAYER MINISTRY

St. Paul's has a prayer chain that is available for those who are in need. You can request prayer by emailing prayonstpauls@gmail.com (it's on the back cover of the bulletin every week). **Use that email also to be added to the email distribution list to see prayer requests and add your voice to our communal prayers.**

We are also in need of folks to receive prayer requests and forward them to the distribution list. Volunteers cover a day of the week and technical support will be provided. If you are interested in being part of this important ministry, please speak with Pastor Cris or Janet Mease.

## BOOKS AND BANTER

St. Paul's avid readers meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1PM in the Youth Room. If you have a book that you would like to share with the group, please let us know. Please join us for conversation and fellowship.

**June 25** "The Measure" by Nikki Erlich

## "GIFTS TO SHARE" SURVEY

St. Paul's is blessed with a congregation that is "Full to the Brim" with special gifts, talents, interests and energy to support the ministries of our church. We know that there are many members and visitors that have hidden talents or are seeking information on existing opportunities.

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey to allow us to continue to be an inclusive church, which works to have all members involved in activities. You can find the survey on the St. Paul's webpage by clicking on the link "Gifts to Share" or by using the QR code to the right.



## SPECIAL ADULT FORUM

Pastor Cris will be sharing about his work as a Navy Reserve Chaplain on **Sunday, June 29** after worship. Bring your questions about his ministry and hear more about what it is like to serve in the Navy "part-time."

# JUNE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**10AM Service of Holy Communion – Live Streamed**

**11AM Coffee Social in Fellowship Hall**

**Sunday, June 15**

**HOLY TRINITY**

The Sunday after Pentecost is celebrated each year as Trinity Sunday, a day on which the church meditates on the mystery of our God, one divine unity of three distinct presences. Each way that we speak about the Trinity is inadequate. Indeed, a God we could understand wouldn't be much of a God. This Sunday we will be helped by a poem in Proverbs, a psalm, Paul, John, our prayers, several hymn writers, the text of our liturgy, a sermon, and the gift of bread and wine, as in worship we are gathered into the life of our unfathomable God.

**Sunday, June 22**

**LECTIONARY 13**

This Sunday we hear about a naked madman who would break out of his restraints and run around in a cemetery. Come to worship, to hear what happens when this man encounters Christ. Come to worship, and yourself encounter Christ.

**Sunday, June 29**

**LECTIONARY 14**

In the gospel reading for this Sunday, Jesus says once more, "Follow me." We are glad to have one another accompany us on this path. Come to worship, as together we hear this word and heed his invitation to the life of the Spirit.





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*Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to  
live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.*



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### **St. Paul's Online Prayer Ministry**

Send prayer requests to:

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### **Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast**

Articles due by Wednesday morning at

10 AM. Late submissions will be shared

the following week. Please send articles to

the church office at [office@stpaulsnewarkde.org](mailto:office@stpaulsnewarkde.org)

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