Pentecost Affirmation of Baptism May 19, 2024



Welcome to Worship

It is a joy to have you here at worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today. Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.

Children are always welcome at worship.

If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children on the second floor, past the elevator, turn left at hallway, first room on right.

Large print bulletins and hearing devices for today's worship are available. Feel free to ask an usher if interested.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST May 19 – May 26				
Sunday	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Sunday School Worship w/communion Pentecost & Confirmaton Lunch Reception		
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts		
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts		
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting		
Thursday	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Rose Ringers Choir		
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/Communion/Trinity Sunday		

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please stand as you are able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

In Christ Called to Baptize



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876, alt.

GREETING

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray. Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are 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:

¹⁷ In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams.

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,

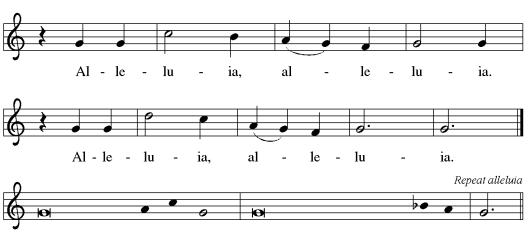
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

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

The Gospel according to St John, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, ²⁶ When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

Please be seated

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

O Holy Spirit, Enter In



Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt. Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

The congregation may be seated.

Affirmation of Baptism

PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Tyler James Johnson, Samuel David Nienstedt, Coleton Lee Rankin, and Brynn Catherine Sekel, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptisms.

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

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

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

Please stand as you are able.

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, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

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

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Brynn, Coleton,

Sam, and Tyler and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

Confirmands kneel:

Pastor: 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.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____

the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life,

empower him/her in his/her serving,

give him/her patience in suffering, and

bring him/her to everlasting life. Amen.

Coleton Lee: From Matthew 5:16: *Let your light shine before others*,

so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Tyler James: From Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world,

but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—

what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Samuel David: From Philippians 4:6 Do not worry about anything,

but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

let your requests be made known to God.

Brynn Catherine: From 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.

Let all that you do be done in love.

Confirmands stand and face the assembly.

Pastor: Let us rejoice with our brothers and sister in 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, hear our prayer.

MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at felcc.org or by scanning this QR code.



ANTHEM

Follow Rain and Rivers

Please stand as you are able.



OFFERING PRAYER

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

DIALOG

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.

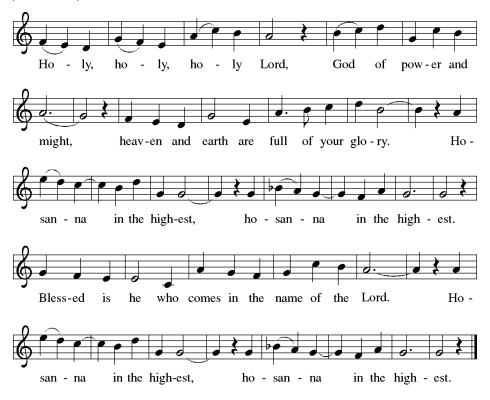
PREFACE

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, HOLY



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

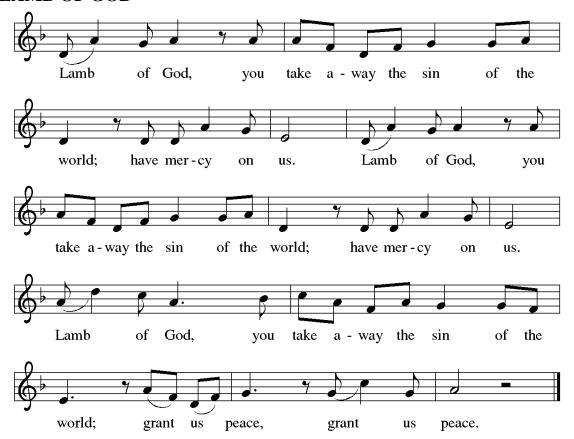
All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ) and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's Table.

To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, take a glass (the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar. You may place the used cup in the receptacle at the end of the pew.

Those not communing are invited to fold their hands as a sign to receive a spoken blessing.

If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please indicate this to the ushers.

LAMB OF GOD



One Bread, One Body



Text: John Foley, sJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sJ

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

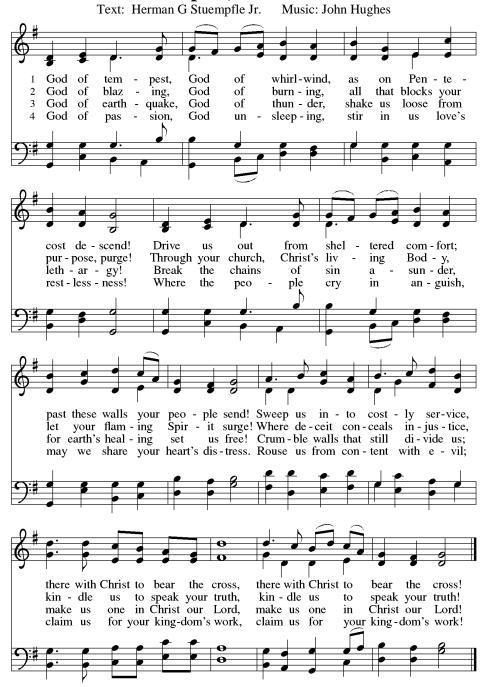
Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **Amen.**

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God.

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On the Day of Confirmation Congratulations to:

Tyler James Johnson baptized: July 17, 2011
Samuel David Nienstedt baptized: September 18, 2011
Coleton Lee Rankin baptized: October 9, 2011
Brynn Catherine Sekel baptized: May 8, 2011

May the peace of God the Father be with you.

May the Holy Spirit of God fill you.

And may the love of Jesus enfold you.



Flowers are given to the Glory of God In Celebration of the Confirmation of Brynn, Tyler, Sam, and Colton by Mike and Donna Ross

Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Douglas Baysinger (5/23), Kathy Blough (5/20), Bonnie (5/30), June Boring (6/14), Joanne Caskey (6/6), Kira Coy (6/15), Diane & Gary DaRe (5/22), Jay (6/8), Julie Diehl (5/23), June Diehl (6/14), LaVonne Dorseth (6/15), Joanne Fisher (5/22), Destinee Gray (6/17), Denise Heinbaugh (5/28), Joyce, Emmet Kessinger (6/18), Tyler & Sharon McKeon (5/19), Joyce Morschhauser (6/9), Edison Paul (6/9), Dia Schumacher (5/25), Garry Shatzer (6/3), Juanita Shaw (6/8)

Long Term Care: Pat Dent, Charles Kampmeyer and Joe Pine

Grief: The Family of Sherrill Kessinger

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, and Rubens Paul

PENTECOST AND CONFIRMATION LUNCH is today after worship.



BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT If you like to shop, we are collecting small. medium and large underwear for boys and girls. Please purchase briefs for boys and girls. No hipsters please. If you would like to purchase shirts/camis we are

collecting gray t-shirts for the boys and camis for the girls. Small, Medium and Large children's sizes for both. This collection will last until June 30. Please find donation envelopes at the entrances to the santuary. Thank you for your support!

FIRST LUTHERAN'S SCOUT TROOP #128 is selling \$5 Camp Cards to help raise money for the boys to attend summer camp in June. The card includes discounts and coupons for Sunnyway Foods, Karn's, Papa John's, Red Robin, Jiffy Lube, Hoss's, Firehouse Subs, JoAnn Fabrics and many more! See Sam or KristyNienstedt if you would like to purchase a card and help support our Scouts!



PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Everlasting Love Florist is willing to fulfill your sanctuary flower order. Minimum cost per altar vase is \$35 (\$70 for two vases). Additional cost for specific flower requests. Please call 717-263-5009 and place your order by Wednesday for the following Sunday.

ST. SERAPHIM Two volunteers are needed on June 29 to serve lunch. Please contact Mary Gotwald @ 717-264-4759 or mgotwald@embarqmail.com. The Soup Kitchen is located near the Salvation Army. Our work consists of making sandwiches, setting up a drink station, serving soup and chatting with those who come in for a meal.

SPIRITRUST LUTHERAN CHAMBERSBURG AUXILIARY

MEMBERSHIP Anyone can join with a minimum contribution of \$1.00. Your generous support will continue to allow the auxiliary to make donations to The Inn and Skilled Care Endowment Funds at The Village at Luther Ridge. Contact persons: Tudy Gates or Mary Beth McGraw-Warne.

NTT COLLECTING TOTE BAGS We will use the donated bags at our Back to School event. Please place them in the NTT Box in Memorial Hall or give them to Mary Gotwald. Please share this request with your friends, family and neighbors.

STIRRING UP MEMORIES the SpiritTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary is preparing a custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our local Lutheran congregations, as well as team members and residents at the Village at Luther Ridge. For more information, please go to the Church bulletin board and for Recipe Collection Sheets (deadline for submission is May 31). Please call Mary Beth MaGraw-Warne at 717-372-8282 for any questions you may have.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>May 19</u>	<u>May 26</u>	June 2
Lector:	Kate Nienstedt	Gary Fleegal	Joyce Ray
Soundboard:	Rose Wilson	Scott Carbaugh	Bob Lawyer
Communion Assistants:	Donna Ross Mike Ross Karen Sloan	Jim Brown Jane Love Karen Sloan	Mary Gotwald Becky Hoover Karen Sloan
Greeters:	Doris Burdick Ralph Burdick	Doris Burdick Ralph Burdick	Nancy Hamilton
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods
Ushers:	Jim Brown Denny Love Bill McCoy Carol McCoy Rick Gates	Jim Brown Denny Love Bill McCoy Carol McCoy Rick Gates	Rick Gates Nicki Johnson Denny Love Mark Nicholson Bob Wildeson



BASEBALL -HAGERSTOWN

Sunday, July 7 at 5:00 p.m.

Sign-up by June 16 on sheet by office door or call or e-mail the office. Cost \$12.