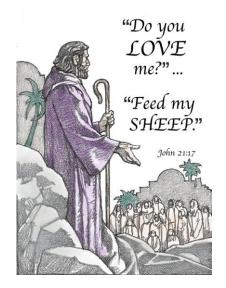
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Third Sunday after Pentecost Peter and Paul, Apostles June 29, 2025 10:45 am

# The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ in our homes, our communities, and the world.

#### We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby. If you are interested in joining our family of faith, please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

#### Children are welcome and celebrated!

The "Children's Ministry" table and basket in the lobby contains a variety of items for children's use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

#### HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will

be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

# GATHERING

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

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For the Beauty of the Earth Marian Snyder and Renee Stitt, duet arr. Stopford

#### Welcome and Announcements

Please rise in body or spirit.

# Confession

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen** 

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

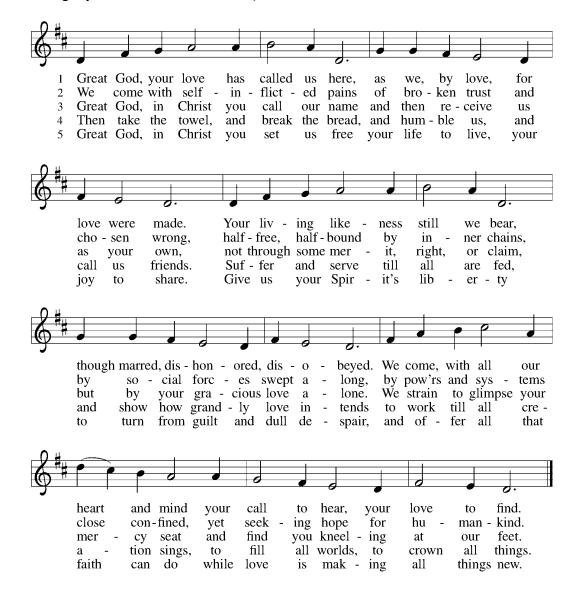
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.

Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

# Amen



### 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

#### We pray.

Almighty God, today you give us the joy of celebrating the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul. Through them your Church first received the faith. Keep us true to their teaching. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The assembly is seated.

# WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Acts 12:1-11

**Translation: NRSV-UE** 

A reading from Acts.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the Festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

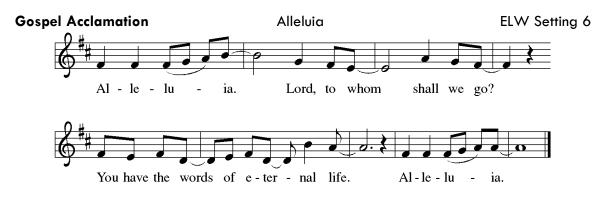
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A reading from Second Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God!

Please rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.



Gospel John 21:15-19

Translation: NRSV-UE

The holy gospel according to John, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

#### Sermon

Pastor Cindy Camp

Please rise in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

By All Your Saints

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Insert after vs. 2:

3 Praise for the light from heaven, praise for the voice of awe, praise for the glorious vision the persecutor saw. O Lord, for Paul's enlight'ning we bless your name today; come, shine within our darkness, and guide us on our way.

#### Sacrament of Holy Baptism

## Presentation



We enter the Christian community in and through baptism. We are human, sin and fall short of all that God hopes we will be and all that the world needs us to be. God is a forgiving God who draws us into the cleansing baptismal water with Christ. With the water and the Word, the Spirit blows into us and we become a beloved child of God.

Our baptism is followed by a lifelong journey of being nurtured and formed by the Word as taught through our family, affirmed by us, and experienced in and through the presence of Christ in worship, water, Word, wine, bread, and prayer. In our baptism, we are called to the mission of Christ, to be disciples in our daily lives for the sake of the world.

Trusting in the grace and love of God, David and Mary Pat, do you desire to have Austin William baptized? *Response:* We do.

David and Mary Pat, as you present Austin to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

David and Mary Pat, do you promise to help Austin grow in the Christian faith and life? *Response:* I do.

Kimberly and Connor, do you promise to nurture Austin in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? *Response*: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support, nurture, teach, pray and welcome Austin in his new life in Christ? We do.

# Affirmation of Faith

David and Mary Pat, I ask you to reject sin, affirm your faith in Christ, and proclaim the faith of the church.

Do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? *Response:* We do.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize. People of God, do you believe in God the Father? Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

Yes, 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.

# **Baptism**

We give you thanks, God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created the world by your Word, calling forth life.

Send your Holy Spirit into this water and on all who are washed in it, that they may be given new life.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen** 

Austin William, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

### Amen

Let us pray. Sustain Austin William with 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. **Amen** 

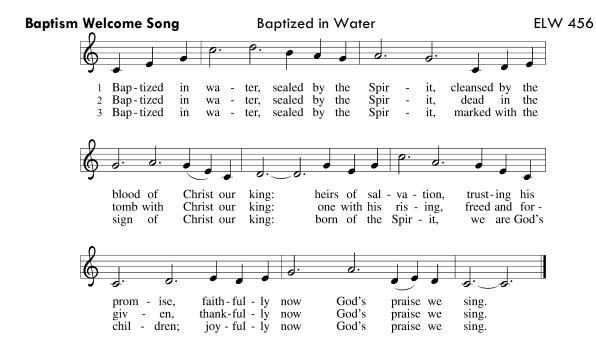
Austin William, child of God, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen** 

Austin William, child of God, you are clothed in Christ. All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **Amen** 

# Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God, as we bear God's creative and renewing Word to all the world.



#### **Prayers of the People**

Invitation to prayer:

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

After each petition: Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.** 

Pastor's closing prayer: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

#### Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying, "Peace be with you."

# MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

During the Musical Offering, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated. If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.



# **Offering Prayer**

We pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen** 

Please rise in body or spirit.

# **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

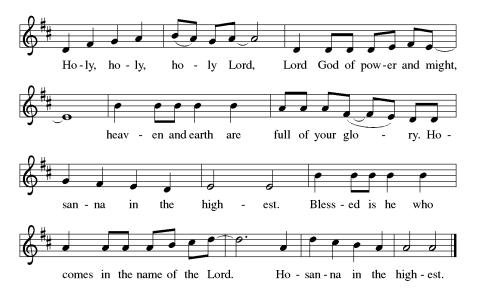
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them even to the end of the age.

For by your providence the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul bring us joy: Peter, foremost in confessing the faith, Paul, its outstanding preacher, Peter, who established the early Church from the remnant of Israel, Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles that you call. And so, each in a different way gathered together the one family of Christ.

And so, with all the Saints and Apostles, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Sanctus



# Words of Institution

# Word in Meal

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen** 

# Lord's Prayer

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

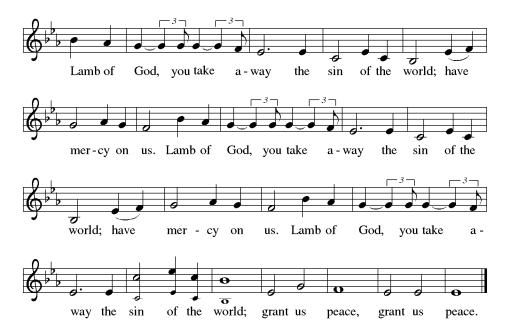
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

#### Invitation to the table

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

The assembly is seated.

# **Distribution of communion**



**Communion Hymn** 

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table



**Communion Hymn** 

Making Their Way



Please rise in body or spirit.

#### Prayer after communion

We pray.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

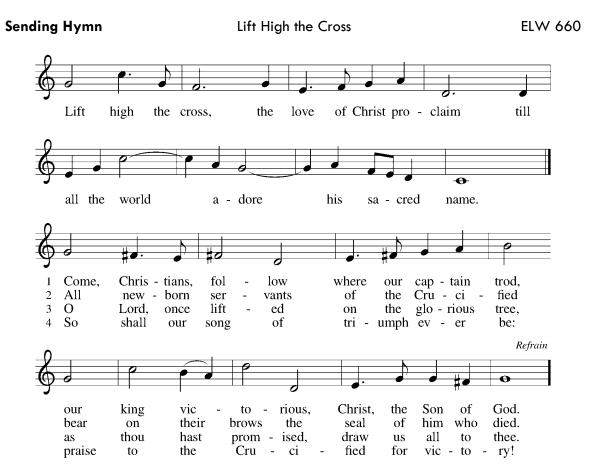
Amen

# SENDING

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

# Blessing

Go forth to feed and tend God's people. Do so because you love Jesus, and because Jesus loves and needs you. May the abundant blessings of God's love surround and feed you, as God renews you day by day. (John 21) Amen



Dismissal Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Prelude in B Flat Major

Bach

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- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
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