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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 24, 2026

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 A.M.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are welcome!

Whether you are a guest or a long-time member, we are blessed by your presence today. Children are most welcome and always celebrated as a part of our church community. Nursery care is available during worship for children 0 - 4 years old in "The Children's Space," first floor, Parish Hall building. Children's Church is offered for children 4 years old - elementary. We gather in the rear of the church and process to the Parish Hall for a lesson and activity, returning to worship at the Peace. Our trained staff and volunteers lead both of these ministries. The Parish Hall is also home to nursing and changing facilities and a comfortable, quiet space (St. Agnes room). Please ask an usher or greeter if you need assistance finding any of these locations. Restrooms are in the hallway on the Church Street side of the building - exit through the Baptistry, turn left at the end of the ramp and then left at the sidewalk that runs alongside the church.

If you are visiting today, please complete a Guest Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering plate.

May the God who brought you here today bless you throughout the coming week.

The Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, Ph.D., *Interim Rector*

*VI Bishop of Eastern Oregon, res.
Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, ret.*

The Rev. Thomas Carter, *Priest Associate*

The Rev. Bonnie Duckworth, *Deacon & Coordinator for Older Adult Ministry*

Stephen Williams, *Director of Music Ministry*

Caroline Stephenson, *Parish and Family Ministry Coordinator*

Jessica Moorman, *Parish Administrator*

Daphne Safrit, *Director, The Children's Space*

Come and See
the *difference* Christ makes



THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

Johann Sebastian Bach

HYMN IN PROCESSION #225 Hail thee, festival day!

Hymnal 1982

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Book of Common Prayer, 355

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

PASCHA NOSTRUM

Sung by all.



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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*Please be seated.***Acts 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.’ ”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Refrain:

Lord, send out your spir - it! _____
 Lord, send out your spir - it! _____
 Lord, send out your spir - it! _____ until Final ending
 Lord, send out your spir - it! And re - new the face of the earth.
Final ending.
 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.** *Refrain*

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.** *Refrain*

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.** *Refrain*

32 May the glory of the Lord endure **forever;** *

may the Lord rejoice in all his **works.**

35 May these words of mine **please** him; *

I will rejoice in the **Lord.** *Refrain*

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart *Please stand. Lift Every Voice & Sing*

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;
 4. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love.

1. Draw it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 2. No sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 3. Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 4. One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

1. Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 2. No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - p'ning skies;
 3. To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
 4. The kin - dling of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

1. And make me love thee as I ought to love.
 2. But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 3. Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 4. My heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE ALLELUIA RESPONSE

Celtic Alleluia

Sung by all.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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THE SERMON

Please be seated.

The Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, Ph.D.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand, as able.

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel or remain standing.

Deacon: On this Pentecost Sunday, let us raise our prayer to God for the anointing Spirit to be upon us, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the spirit of joy in the Church, particularly in this Parish and our global companion, the Bishop James Hannington Memorial Cathedral in Mumias, Kenya, that our Eastertide Alleluia resound throughout the year, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For the spirit of peace in the world, that all peoples, especially nations in conflict, may live in harmony, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For the spirit of justice for the needy, that victims of prejudice, despair, exploitation, and crime be set free, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For the spirit of unity in our assembly, that our weaknesses make us strong and our differences made us rich, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For the spirit of hope in the future, that we and all who have died may drink of the fruit of the vine in glory, especially Arnie Swanson, father of Dan Swanson, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For the spirit of comfort to be with all those who suffer in body or mind, especially Reg and Jim, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Good and gracious God, send forth your Spirit into our hearts. Wipe away the fear between churches, nations, and families. Tear down the walls that divide us, and make us one through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[Silence, after which the Celebrant adds a concluding collect.]

A PRAYER FOR THE CALLING OF OUR NEXT RECTOR

Gracious and loving God, who calls faithful leaders and has blessed St. Luke's with gifts of love, compassion, diversity, fellowship, inspiring liturgy, and historic spaces within which to worship: Send your Holy Spirit to guide us in our discernment as we seek the one you are calling to be our next rector. Continue to form us through intentional worship, empower our efforts in becoming your beloved community, and keep your abundant grace always before us. In the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE *Please stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS *Prayed by all.*

Those celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary in the previous or coming week are invited to come forward for a prayer. It is customary, but not at all required, to put an offering in the silver vessel when coming forward. Some choose to put an amount symbolic of the number of years being celebrated.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Guest Information cards (found in the pew racks)
may be placed in the offering plate or given to the clergy after church today.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Gifts to support the ministries of St. Luke's may be placed in the Offering Plate or given online at
www.SLS.church/give*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come Down, O Love Divine

Roland Martin

*Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
O, let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light Shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart, which take the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
and so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till He become the place
where in the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.
(Text: Bianco da Siena, c. 1350-1434)*

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn #400, vs 7 Please stand, as able. Sung by all.

Hymnal 1982

Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-
ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu ia! Praise God the
Fa-ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:
O - praise him, O - praise him, Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

SURSUM CORDA S-120

Hymnal 1982

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS S-114 *Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER *Prayed by all.*

BCP 364

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM S-155 *Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All baptized persons are most welcome to receive Communion with us, regardless of the tradition in which you were baptized. If you do not wish to receive Communion or if you are not baptized, you are invited to come to the Altar for a blessing. To indicate that you want a blessing, place your arms across your heart.

COMMUNION HYMNS *Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982

- #224 Hail this joyful day's return
- #513 Like the murmur of the dove's song

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand or kneel.*

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE BLESSING**HYMN IN PROCESSION** #511 Holy Spirit, ever living *Sung by all.**Hymnal 1982***THE DISMISSAL***Deacon:* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**VOLUNTARY**

Veni, Creator Spiritus – Final variation

Maurice Duruflé

The Voluntaries are integral parts of the Liturgy. Please be mindful of the music and those around you who would like to listen. Thanks for your understanding and care!

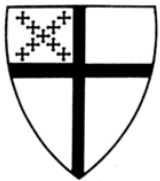
Servers	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	Hank Newman, Donny Clement, Stewart Ash, Trevor Eppehimer	Bob Setzer, Andy Lund, Erik Lipscomb, Pennie Martin
<i>Greeter</i>	Pennie Martin	Andy Lund
<i>Emergency Response</i>	Greg Shields	Pennie Martin
<i>Lectors</i>	Chip Carter, Lee Piper	Jane White, Robin Swanson
<i>Chalicians</i>	Chip Carter, Ray Swann	Stephen Collins, Penny Roemer
<i>Intercessor</i>	Graham Corriher	Pennie Martin
<i>Verger</i>	Ray Swann	Ray Swann
<i>Acolytes</i>	Anna Chamberlain, Joaquim Chamberlain, James Stephenson, Jiselle Samolu, Clara Tinsley	Nicholas Eppehimer, Stephanie Collins, Salem Griffith, Emma Stephenson, Constantine Cook
<i>Choir</i>	St. Luke's Choir	St. Luke's Choir
<i>Nursery</i>	Jim and Laura Greene	Caroline Stephenson
<i>Children's Church</i>	Caroline Stephenson	
<i>Wednesday Server</i>	Ray Swann	Cathy Green
<i>Vestry Deposit</i>	Ray Swann, Mary Ann McCubbin	Brian Whitson, David Cline
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Katie Setzer, Meredith Ellis, Laura Greene	Pati Carter, Terry Courtemanche, Trudy Thompson

Eucharistic Candles given by: Betsy and Dean Cunningham in memory of Ann Coughenour Boyd, Louis Miller Boyd

Office Candles given by: Barbara Setzer in memory of David E. Setzer, Everette L. Setzer, Era Love Stezer, Ronald V. Ball, The Rev. H. Uly Gooch, Arthur Grimmie, Dorothy Grimmie

Sanctuary Lamp given by: Nan Medley in memory of William Bostian

Altar Flowers given by: Barb Whenal in memory of Barry Whenal



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