

DAY OF PENTECOST

May 20, 2018 - 10:45 AM



On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Father, Let Your Kingdom Come"

*Baptismal Anniversaries: Ron Ramsey (5/20), Andrew Drafts (5/24), Sam Prizer (5/24),
Luke Prizer (5/24), Collin Flores (5/26)*

(Individuals meet the Pastor at the font for a special blessing in recognition of their anniversary.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & PROCESSION

Rev. Eric Fink

Children, youth, and young at heart are invited to gather on the steps to prepare for the special Pentecost Procession. Toddlers may be accompanied by parents. All may bring forward coins or dollars for the bucket collection (currently Harvest Hope Food Bank). As the children gather, we sing:

*Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia! Praise ye the Lord!
Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia! Praise ye the Lord!*

*Praise ye the Lord! Alleluia!
Praise ye the Lord! Alleluia!
Praise ye the Lord! Alleluia!
Praise ye the Lord!*

We stand as able.

PENTECOST PROCESSION

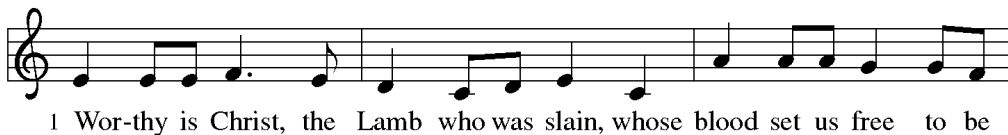
"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

ELW #401

APOSTOLIC GREETING & HYMN OF PRAISE

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



PENTECOST PRAYER *(Led by Pastor, repeated by children & congregation)*

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.

Following the prayer, young children and parent(s) are invited to the G.I.F.T. Zone for special activities that help young ones participate in worship through the middle portion of the service.

We are seated

FIRST READING

Lector: A reading from the book of Acts.

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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.' *(Acts 2:1-21)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:24–34, 35B

Lector: How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**People: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

Lector: There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan,
which you made for the sport of it.

**People: All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

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

**People: When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

Lector: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**People: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

Lector: You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

**People: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

Lector: May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

**People: Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from Romans.
We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. *(Romans 8:22-27)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

We stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL PROCESSION

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

We stand and face the processional cross, as we sing stanzas 1 and 2.



- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
- 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

Pastor: [Jesus said,] "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you." (*John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL PROCESSION

We sing stanzas 3-5 of "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" above, as the procession returns to the altar.

We are seated

PENTECOST MESSAGE

Rev. Eric Fink

We stand as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Spirit of Gentleness"

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assist: Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

+ A brief silence +

Assist: Lord of life, you baptize your people with the fire of the Spirit. Grace your church everywhere with your visions and dreams, so that as we testify, all will hear the gospel and call upon your saving name. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Assist: Your creating Spirit renews the face of the earth. Bring to birth new life in the earth's land forms and waters. Awaken us from the slumber of neglect to show tender care for our home. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Assist: Your Spirit swept over the waters and you created the human family. Now we are divided, scattered like dry bones. Connect the nations with the strength of the Holy Spirit, so that all will live in hope. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Assist: Your Spirit sighs with every need. Guide us in honoring the dignity of everyone and opening our lives to others. Pour your healing mercies into the lives of all who need your care. We especially pray for: *Ted Buchanan; Sarah Schultz; Stephanie Joyner; Shannon Benvenuti; Erin Bryson; Dewitt Dean; family of Roger Smith; Susan Burch; Colbey Beasley; Emma Synove; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud.....* Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Assist: Your Spirit has called and gathered this congregation into life in Christ. Help us in our weakness, teach us to pray, search our hearts, and intercede for us, your beloved saints, according to your will. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Assist: By your Holy Spirit you have called and gathered people from every nation under heaven. Gather us with all the saints at the heavenly banquet that has no end. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Assist: By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

PEACE IS SHARED

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

We greet one another, with the words that the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples: "Peace be with you."

We are seated

THANKSGIVING MOMENT

OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

"A River Runs Through"

JuBELLation Handbells
Sandra Winter, composer

We stand as able

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all



crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assist: Let us pray.

People: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

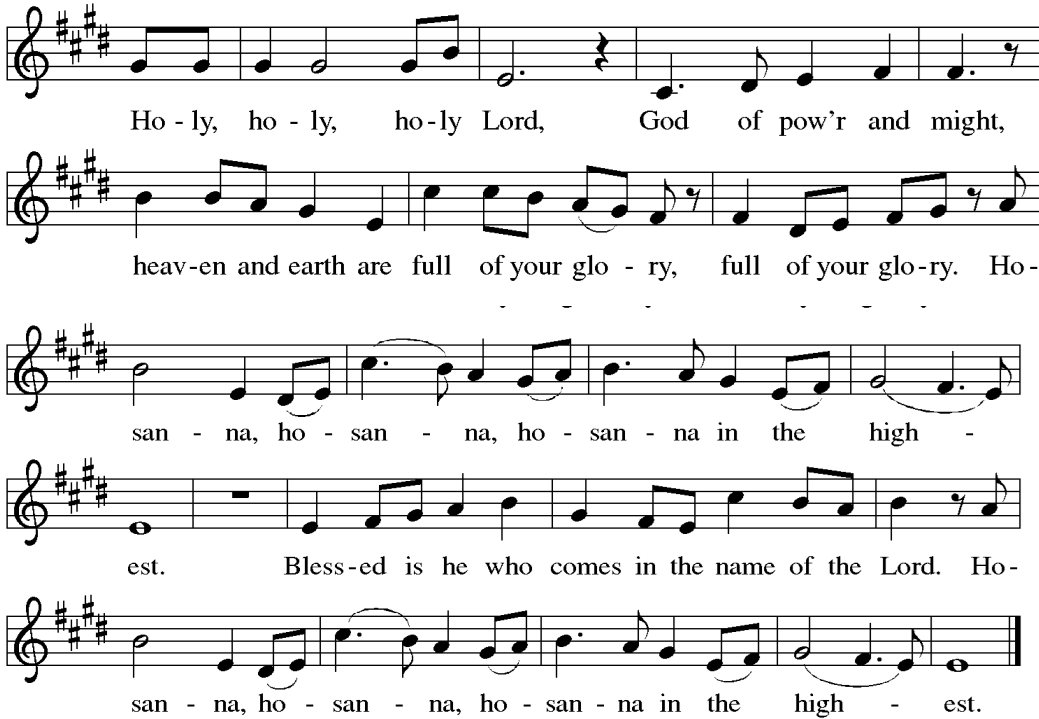
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE AND SANCTUS

Pastor: *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:*



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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 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:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**



Pastor: 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.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: 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.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

People: 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

Pastor: Now let us feast this Pentecost day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

People: Thanks be to God.

We are seated

LAMB OF GOD



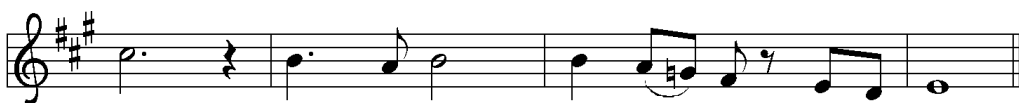
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

This meal is the Lord's Supper of grace and is open to ALL Christians of any background or denomination. As Lutheran Christians, we believe in **Christ's true presence** in, with, and under the elements. We invite you to have your name tag visible so that the ministers may include **your name** as they offer you the elements. Communion at Living Springs is by **intinction** (bread is dipped into the wine or grape juice). In response to the words, "Body of Christ, given for you. Blood of Christ, shed for you," each worshipper may respond with, "**Amen.**" If you require a **gluten free wafer**, please let your worship assistant know so they can accommodate you. Each chalice contains two compartments: wine is located in the larger compartment, while **alcohol-free grape juice** is located in the smaller compartment for those who require it. **Children** who have not received communion instruction are invited to come forward for a special blessing. Simply fold your hands to indicate you would like to receive the blessing.

DISTRIBUTION SONG

"Holy Spirit"



Ho-ly Spi-rit, liv-ing Breath of God, breath new life in-to my will-ing soul.
Ho-ly Spi-rit, come a-bide with-in, may Your joy be seen in all I do.
5 Ho-ly Spi-rit, from cre-a-tion's birth, giv-ing life to all that God has made.



Let the pre-sence of the Ri-sen Lord come re-new my heart and make me whole.
Love e-nough to co-ver ev-'ry sin in each thought and deed and at-ti-tude.
9 Show Your pow-er once a-gain on earth, cause Your church to hun-ger for Your ways.



Cause your Word to come a-live in me, give me faith for what I can-not see.
Kind-ness to the great-est and the least, gen-tle-ness that sows the path of peace.
13 Let the frag-rance of our prayers a-rise, lead us on the road of sac-ri-fice,



Give me pas-sion for Your pu-ri-ty, Ho-ly Spi-rit breathe new life in me.
Turn my striv-ing in-to works of grace, Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
that in u-ni-ty the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: On this day of Pentecost, we boldly proclaim to the world our faith, with emphasis on our belief in the work of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor: What does this third article mean?

People: **I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as the spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.**

(From Martin Luther's Small Catechism, 1529 - explanation of the third article of the Apostle's Creed)

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Pastor: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Assist: Do Justice! Love Kindness! Walk Humbly with God! You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



DAY OF PENTECOST:

Transitioning

For some women the most painful and difficult point in the process of giving birth is near the end of active labor, just before it is time to push. It is the point at which many women think they cannot bear the labor any longer. This phase is commonly called the transition.

Today Jesus announces that he is going away, and the community of disciples knows that things will not be the same moving forward. Jesus will no longer be with the disciples, but he will send the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, to join them. The disciples cannot bear it. It's a time of transition.

Between the community of disciples in John's gospel and the swarming crowds at Pentecost in the reading from Acts, we see the fullness of this transition. In the gospel we see the disciples devastated and sorrowful, unsure if they want to continue on without Jesus. Then we jump to the astonishment of Pentecost, when the Spirit of God rushes in like a mighty wind, making them drunk with joy. On the day of Pentecost there was no doubt that a page had turned and a new beginning had come to those followers of Jesus. We see the leap that is made from fear to freedom, from pain and loss to birth and life.

What is transitioning in your life? In your community? What familiar things are passing away and what new thing is God about to blow into your midst?

Transition almost always comes with pain and risk. Our hope is that the moment we do not think we can bear it any longer is precisely the moment that new life is taking hold. Do not be afraid of that which you cannot bear. It is a sign of the new thing the Spirit is bringing to birth!



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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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Easter Seasonal Emphasis

Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised, he is not here! Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell

Mark 16:6-7a

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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP THIS DAY!

May the Spirit speak to your heart the message of God's redeeming love for everyone, through the grace shown to the world in Jesus. We gather as a community of disciples. Our center is Jesus Christ, and we are here to know and share the blessing of his forgiving, healing hand.

WELCOME GUESTS! – We are especially blessed by your presence today and look forward to worshipping with you again. Please take time to fill out the blue slip in your bulletin and/or sign the welcome book in the narthex. New members are always welcome into our congregation. To learn more about becoming part of Christ's family of faith here at Living Springs, please contact the office (736-0661) or Pastor Eric (917-2749).

BULLETIN BLUE SLIPS - may be completed and placed in the offering plate for prayer requests, guest information, address/phone updates, and a record of communing. Members, please complete at least one blue slip during 2018 to ensure we have a record of your communing.

SEASONAL NAME TAG – In order to show hospitality, we ask everyone to stop by the table under the portico and complete a name tag with our seasonal scripture verse. The tags allow everyone to use names as we share the Peace - and allow communion ministers to speak your name (*please make sure your name is visible when you come to the altar rail*).

RESTROOMS – are located in the Administration Building on both levels. Greeters/ushers will be happy to show you the way. Main level restrooms are equipped with diaper changing stations.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS - are now available, please see an usher or greeter.

HEARING ASSISTANCE – The ushers have headsets which will amplify the sound for you. Please return to an usher or leave in the pew at the conclusion of the service.

GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS & ALCOHOL-FREE GRAPE JUICE– are available during communion.

NURSERY – is available for infants-3 years old during the 10:45 Worship Service; located downstairs in the preschool in the Education Building. Greeters/Ushers will be happy to assist you.

CHILD SAFETY – is very important to us, so we ask at least 1 adult to accompany your child if he/she leaves the Sanctuary during worship. Please do not allow children to play on the playground without parental supervision.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME – is held each week following the 8:15 service and prior to the 10:45 service, inside the education building.

OUR PRAYER MINISTRY – As a community of disciples, we pray for one another and others - not just in times of illness, but also for praise, thanksgiving, and forgiveness. If you have a prayer request, fill out the bulletin blue sheet and place in the offering plate (or call/email the office).

G.I.F.T. Zone Opportunity For Parents & Young Children

Our "kid-friendly" worship experience is located in the left transept of the sanctuary.

For families who wish to take advantage of the G.I.F.T. Zone, there is child-friendly furniture, plus adult chairs. Feel free to sit in the special area throughout the service with your child - or come to the area during the message time. During this middle section of the service, Deacon Lexanne Graves will be in the area to guide parents and children through

activities to help our youngest worshipers follow the service. This is an awesome way to keep children engaged in worship with the whole congregation - and learn the liturgy until they are able to worship in the pews for the entire service. We offer the G.I.F.T. Zone so that parents may share the worship experience with their children in a meaningful, stress-free way. At the 10:45 service, our nursery is also available for ages 0 - 3 (for those yet unable to benefit from the G.I.F.T. Zone activities.)

