

Pentecost Sunday May 19, 2024 10:00 a.m. Worship

Our Mission is to share the life, love and joy of Jesus Christ with others

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ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 3025 CHURCH ROAD LAFAYETTE HILL, PENNSYLVANIA

Pentecost Sunday May 19, 2024

Prelude & Welcome:

Easter Acclamation

Please stand

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Assembly: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth,

by whose speaking we are given new life.

Assembly: Amen.

Pastor: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and

supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life,

you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in

them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of

the Spirit of the new creation.

Assembly: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Pastor: Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Assembly: Amen.

Opening Hymn:

"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

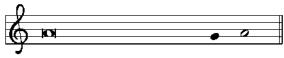


Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621; arr. hymnal version Text © 1991 Jean Janzen, admin. Augsburg Fortness. Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortness. Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the

Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Assembly: And also with you.

Kyrie:

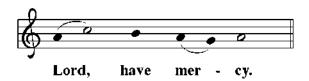


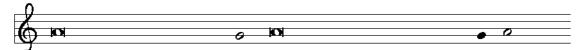
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



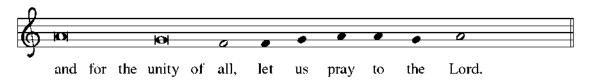


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





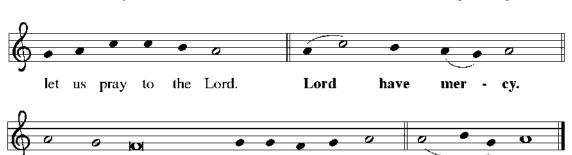
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







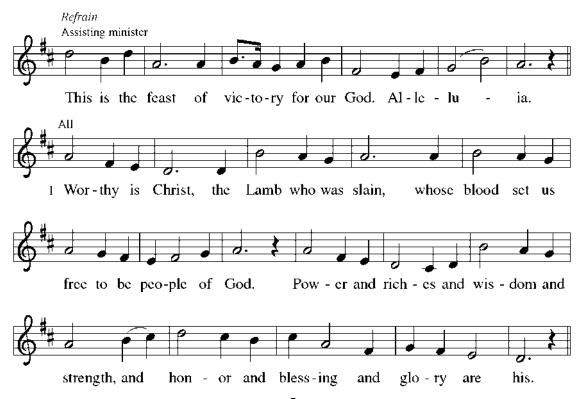
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise:

"This is the Feast"





The Salutation:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day:

Pastor: 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.

Assembly: Amen.

Please be seated

Announcements:

The Baptisms of Ava Mae Knittel

Date of Baptism: May 19, 2024

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope

through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy

Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents: We present Ava Mae Knittel for baptism.

Pastor: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire

to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

Pastor: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted

with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,

teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she 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.

Do you promise to help Ava grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

Pastor: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Ava in the Christian faith as you are

empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism

and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Ava, and pray for her in her new

life in Christ?

Assembly: We do.

Please stand as you are able

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith

of the church.

Pastor: Do you renounce 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?

Assembly: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

Assembly: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

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

Assembly: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Assembly: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

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

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

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the

waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his

family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free

from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism 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.

Assembly: Amen.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Ava Mae, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and

of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to

eternal life.

Assembly: Amen.

Pastor: Sustain Ava 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.

Assembly: Amen.

Pastor: Ava Mae, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit

and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Assembly: Amen.

WELCOME

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others

that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Assembly: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and

redeeming word to all the world.

Baptismal Hymn:

"Baptized and Set Free"



Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956 Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner Text and music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

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.
19 And 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.

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

Lector: The word of the Lord. Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise 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. ²⁷And 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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

[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 be-

cause 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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message: Pastor Suloff

Please stand

Hymn of the Day: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"



Text: George Croly, 1780–1860 Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–1897

Affirmation of Baptism

Alexa Mattie Clark, Charlotte Flamm, Jack Hanson, Luke Hanson, Bryleigh Marie Rickert

Pastor: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people,

one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation

of their baptism.

Representative: I present Alexa Mattie Clark, Charlotte Flamm, Jack Hanson,

Luke Hanson, Bryleigh Marie Rickert, who desire to make public

Affirmation of their Baptism.

Pastor: Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, 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.

Assembly: Amen.

Pastor: I ask you now 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 & Assembly: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands & Assembly: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands & Assembly: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

Confirmands & Assembly: I believe in God the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God?

Confirmands & Assembly: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died

and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand

of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Confirmand & Assembly: 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

Please be seated

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?

(The Confirmands answer)

Confirmand: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and

brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

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. Stir up in your people 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.

Assembly: Amen.

(The Pastor and sponsors lay hands on the head of the Confirmand.)

Pastor: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Alexa/ Charlotte/

Jack/ Luke/ Bryleigh the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them

patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.

Confirmand: Amen.

Please Stand

Pastor: Let us rejoice with our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Assembly: 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:

Pastor: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the

church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Please kneel or be seated

(The Prayers of the Church are said)

Pastor: God of grace; Assembly: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray,

trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living

Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

Please stand

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

Assembly: And also with you.

Offering:

Musical Offering: "How Great Is Our God" - Chris Tomlin

The Offertory: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"



Offering Prayer:

Pastor: 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.

Assembly: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Pastor: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

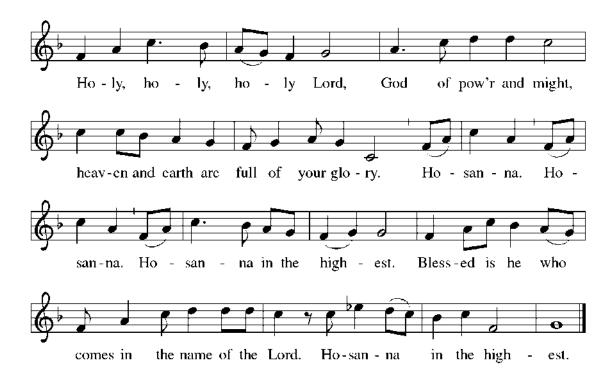
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord

People: We lift them to the Lord

People: It is right to give God

our God. thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. 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:



Words of Institution:

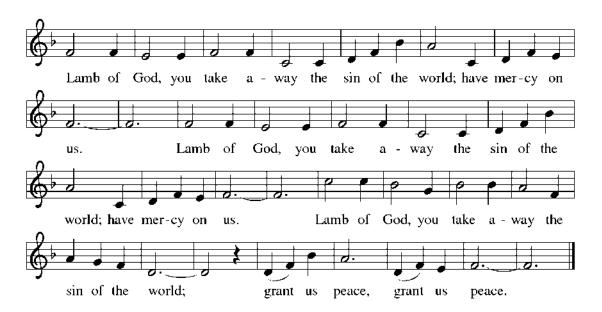
Pastor:

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.

Pastor:

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.



Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948 Music © 1995 Augsburg Fortess.

The Distribution:

All those who believe in the presence of the Lord at the table, are invited to share in the sacrament. If you would like to receive Communion or a blessing from the pastor please join the line in the middle aisle of the sanctuary, receive the bread, and then move to the communion assistants holding cups of both wine and juice. If you prefer to remain in your pew or are joining us for worship online please take the individual communion cup or the elements of your choosing and share them with one another and with the community. If young children are present who have not yet received their First Communion please bring them forward or take a moment and share a blessing with them. Be the community of Christ with all those gathered near and far. All are welcome at the table of the Lord.

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

(At this time receive the bread, cracker, or that which you are using as the body of Christ)

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

(At this time receive the wine, juice, water, or that which you using as the blood of Christ)

<u>Communion Music</u>: "I Will Bless the Lord" - Seyfried



Please Stand

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep Pastor:

you in his grace.

Assembly: Amen.

The Post-Communion Prayer:

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with Pastor:

your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and

share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Assembly: Amen.



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise: tell ev - 'ry - one what God has







Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Bread of Life, Jeremy Young, b. 1948 Text © 1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress and music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

The Benediction:

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen.

Closing Hymn:

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"



Text: African American spiritual Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual

The Dismissal:

Pastor: Go in peace to share the life, love, and joy Jesus Christ with all.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

FLOWER DEDICATION

If you would like to dedicate altar flowers please contact Lisa in the church office..

HELP US KEEP THE PRAYER LIST CURRENT:

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list please contact the church office at officeassist.splh@gmail.com or simply use the Prayer Request Form that can be found on the church website.

Please remember in your prayers those members, family and friends on our prayer list:

The Barnhardt Family	The Hughes Family	Leigh Richard
The Beyer Family	Ted Hyczko	Ben Ridder
The Burkey Family	Derek Jelinek	Helene Romano-Leonardo
The Chamberlain Family	The Kortrey Family	Sue Sauerman
Grayson B. Clarke	George Kulczyckyj	The Schultz Family
Debbie Davis	Rose Letoulle	Steve Schultz
Marge Devitt	The Maguire Family	Ursula Schwartz
Robert Emberger	The McKevitt Family	The Shacklett Family
Bernadette Fisher	Melissa Mooran	Karen Specos
The Garrison Family	Frank Munafo	Karen Speers
Sister Geraldine	Lindsay Peterson	Jackie Strauss
JoAnne Harrison	Julie Proll	Teresa Weber
The Headley Family	Andrew Quinn	Collen Wynn
		Mike Young

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS & NEWLY BAPTIZED!!!

Alexa Mattie Clark, Charlotte Flamm, Jack Hanson, Luke Hanson, Bryleigh Marie Rickert and Ava Mae Knittel. These young men and women, and this adorable child are both the present and the future of the church and amazing members of our faith community - let us give thanks to God for them and for their futures!





GOD GOES EVERYWHERE!

Take you tiny Jesus with you as you go into the world and show us where God goes! Vacation, the Grocery Store, on a Hike, a Regular Day, wherever!

Take a picture and share it with us at:

godgoeseverywhere@gmail.com

Worship has ended, let the service begin!



St. Peter's Statement of Welcome

All people are created by God. We affirm with the apostle Paul, that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one. In keeping with our mission statement "to share the life, love and joy of Jesus Christ with others", we welcome all people regardless of characteristics which might cause exclusion or discrimination outside of St. Peter's.

We affirm that all people share the worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God. All people are welcome within the membership of this congregation upon making the same affirmation of faith as all other members make. Members of this congregation are expected and encouraged to share in the sacramental and general life of this congregation.