



HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

+ *Hope Always* +



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WELCOME TO HOPE CHURCH

We are a community gathered together in the name of Jesus in the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, we are so glad you are joining us for worship, community, and fellowship.

We hope that you will find something in our church that speaks to you. Should you have any questions, or like to learn more, let's have a conversation. Please either call the church office at 717-665-6311 or email us at office@hopeepiscopal.org.

DAY OF PENTECOST

Our verger, Bob Sims, reminded us recently that Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. It is the day when everything changed. Fifty days after Easter, the disciples were gathered in one place - still uncertain, still waiting. Then, as promised, the Holy Spirit arrived - not quietly, but with power. There was the sound of a rushing wind, filling the whole house. Tongues of fire appeared and rested on each of them. And suddenly, they began to speak in other languages - languages they did not know - so that people from every nation under heaven could hear the good news in their own tongue. What began as a frightened gathering became a movement. What had been closed and cautious became open and bold. The Church was born.

The name Pentecost comes from the Greek word *pentēkostē*, meaning "fiftieth," and it echoes the Jewish festival of Shavuot, which celebrated both the spring harvest and the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai. For Christians, Pentecost becomes a new kind of giving—a new law written not on stone tablets, but on human hearts. It is the first fruits not of grain, but of Spirit. Just as Easter revealed the Risen Christ, Pentecost reveals the power that will sustain his Body—the Church—in the world.

The liturgical color of the day is red, symbolizing the tongues of flame and the Spirit's vitality. You'll see it in our vestments, our banners, and perhaps even in what we wear. Red reminds us that the Holy Spirit is not tame or still—it burns, it stirs, it sends. Pentecost is not only about what God did, but what God is still doing. The Spirit continues to move, calling forth boldness, unity, and witness from people of every culture, background, and language. Today we give thanks for this gift—the Spirit that animates the Church, that speaks through unexpected voices, and that still sends us out to love, serve, and proclaim. May that Spirit fall afresh on us this day. May our hearts be kindled with holy fire. And may we remember: the Church is alive, and its mission is just beginning.

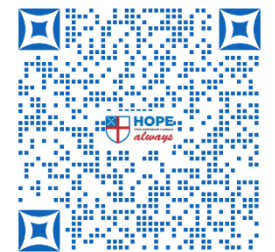
CHILDREN

Children are always welcome at Hope Church. Jesus wanted the little children to come to him, and children's voices and presence are an important part of our worship here at Hope Church.

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Pentecost Sunday

HOLY EUCHARIST II

The symbol ♠ indicates when to stand if able.

The symbol ✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

Welcome + Good News & Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

♠ Processional Hymn

#362 - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Opening Hymn

Christians often begin their services of worship with music. The opening hymn gives us an opportunity to raise our voices in song while worship servers and clergy process into the sanctuary following the cross. It allows us to enter into worship together as a community.

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

✦ The Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

✦ The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

✦ Hymn of Praise

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

The Collect for Purity

Christians have prayed this prayer for more than a thousand years. It is a prayer that orients our hearts and minds to God and prepares us for the praise and thanksgiving that is at the heart of our worship. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit we ask to be transformed so that our lives, our love, and all of our worship may reveal the glory of God and our love for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



The Collect of the Day

This prayer gathers together the scriptural themes of the readings and the season. The collect follows a consistent pattern: We address God, naming something about God's nature (i.e., Almighty God); we ask God to work in a particular area of human living and we acknowledge that we ask all of these things in the name of Jesus.

The Lessons

The next portion of the liturgy focuses on the readings of Holy Scripture that are appointed for the day. The readings have a thematic unity that ties together the message of the Old and New Testaments.

✠The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The congregation may be seated for the readings.

First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Lector A reading from the book of Acts.

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.**

The Psalter *A Song of Praise*

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 104:25-35,37

- 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.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

The Psalter

The Psalter, or the Book of Psalms, is the great song book of the People of God. In Jewish and Christian worship these hymns or songs are ordinarily sung and many of them form the lyrics of hymns in our hymnals. At each celebration of Holy Eucharist we read one of the Psalms, or a portion of a Psalm, that is selected to reinforce the theme of the lessons for the day.

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

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.

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Lector A reading from the Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians.

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

WLP#812 - "I the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Unison



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will



save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my



light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have



heard you call - ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____



_____ if you lead me, _____ I will hold your peo - ple in my



1. 2. heart. _____ 3. heart. _____

The Gospel

We customarily stand and face the Gospel Book as the Gospel of the Lord is read. It is a sign that the Word of the Lord is living and we honor its presence among us.

✠The Gospel

John 20:19-23

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The purpose of the sermon is to help us understand the meaning of the word of God in Scripture and to make it real in our lives.

The Sermon

The Rev. Rebecca Myers

✠The Nicene Creed

To be read in unison.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed has been used by Christians of all traditions for over 1700 years and reminds us of the basics of our faith. The Creed is not a definition of Christianity, but briefly states the essentials of Christian teaching. We say it together to respond to the Word of God in the Scriptures and the sermon. We are saying in effect, "Yes! This is the faith that we believe and live!"

The Prayers of the People

The prayers of the People follow the form of a litany, with the Leader offering petitions to God and the People responding or affirming the petition. These are the prayers of the entire community where we offer to God our concerns for the Church and the surrounding world. Prayers of the People always follow a particular order: prayers for the Universal Church, its mission and its members, for the Nation and all in authority, for the welfare of the world, for the concerns of the local community, for those who suffer or are in any trouble, for life's blessings, and for the departed.

The Prayers of the People

The people kneel or stand as able. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Intercessor Filled with the Spirit who hovered over the waters of creation, and now burns in our hearts with holy fire, let us offer our prayers for the Church, the world, and all in need, saying, Spirit of the Living God, People fall afresh on us.

Intercessor For the Church throughout the world, that we may be ever more the Body of Christ—speaking many languages, united in one Spirit, bearing witness to God's love. Spirit of the Living God,

People **fall afresh on us.**

Intercessor For the leaders of the nations, and all in authority, that they may be guided by wisdom and justice, seeking peace over power, mercy over might. Spirit of the Living God,

People **fall afresh on us.**

Intercessor For your creation, wind-swept and Spirit-breathed, that we may be faithful stewards of the earth, protecting the air, land, and water for generations to come. Spirit of the Living God,

People **fall afresh on us.**

Intercessor For those divided by language, culture, or fear, that the Spirit may break down walls, open hearts, and create one new humanity out of many peoples. Spirit of the Living God,

People **fall afresh on us.**

Intercessor For the sick, the lonely, the oppressed, and those in any need, that your Spirit may bring comfort, healing, and hope. We lift especially those on our parish prayer list and those we name now, silently or aloud...

Silence

People Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on us.

Intercessor For the departed, especially those who have died in hope of the resurrection, that they may be welcomed into the eternal light and life of your presence. Spirit of the Living God,
People **fall afresh on us.**

Celebrant Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. Flame within us what has grown cold, unbind what has been fearful, and stir in us dreams that lead to justice, mercy, and peace. In the name of Christ, who sends the Spirit, we pray. Amen.

The Deacon says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Silence

The Absolution

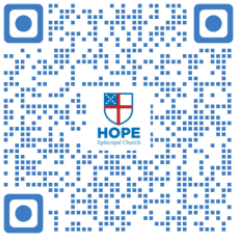
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

✠The Peace

Deacon The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Peace

After the Prayers of the People, the Priest extends Christ's peace to the congregation and the congregation shares the peace with one another. The Peace is real and also symbolic. It is real because in the forgiveness of our sins we are restored to Christ's peace. It is also the way we remind ourselves that because we have received the gift of God's forgiveness we can and must be reconciled to one another.



The Offertory

The offering will be taken at this time.

Please take this time to make an offering to Hope Church through the offering plate, by scanning the QR code in the margin of your bulletin, or you can Text: “[AMOUNT]” to (717) 999-5991.

Thank you very much for your contribution to advance the mission of Hope Episcopal Church! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Offertory Hymn

#716 - “God Bless Our Native Land”

1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may she
2 For her our prayers shall rise to God, a -

ev - er stand through storm and night: when the wild
bove the skies; on him we wait; thou who art

tem - pests rave, ru - ler of wind and wave,
ev - er nigh, guard - ing with watch - ful eye,

do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
to thee a - loud we cry, God save the state!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Doxology

The congregation stands

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Celebrant All things come from you, O God.
People **And of your own have we given you.**

✠The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer VI

The Sursum Corda

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

Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds

Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times. You made us, all the people of the world, and everything that is.

You give us the daylight. Your Word lights up our minds. Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness.

Your Spirit lives in us so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven, but already we laugh with the saints and angels, and sing their joyful song:

✠Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy



The Holy Communion or Holy Eucharist

Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” This celebration of thanksgiving with its bread and wine is at the heart of the Christian faith. The Eucharist can also be called Holy Communion, the Lord’s Supper, or the Mass. In Holy Eucharist Christians give thanks for the gift of salvation given to us in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ Jesus and the gift of new life that comes from it.

Gathering Together for the Meal of Christ

Offertory: At the beginning of the Eucharist we offer gifts to God, which are really just a return of the gifts God has given us—bread and wine for the Lord’s Supper, our financial gifts, and our lives.

Ablutions: The Priest comes to the front of the altar and wash his or her hands. This symbolic washing cleanses the Priest on behalf of all of the People so that we might all come to the holy meal refreshed. It is a reference to Psalm 26:6-12 which starts, “*I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession around your altar.*”

Sursum Corda: Literally, “we lift up our hearts.” Here in the Sursum Corda the People affirm that they have turned wholeheartedly to God.

Sanctus: Sanctus means “holy.” We sing this hymn that the angels and archangels sing in heaven as a reminder that our worship here is an echo of the heavenly worship of God (*Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8*).

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Praise for the Work of God the Father

Preface: The opening prayer of the Eucharist is a prayer of blessing, praising God and giving thanks for his mercy to us. This opening prayer of blessing ends with a section that refers to the death and resurrection of Christ and focuses our prayers for the remainder of the liturgy.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues
 Father, you never forget us or turn away from us,
 even when we fail you.

You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us.
 He healed those who were sick,
 cared for those who were poor,
 and cried with those who were sad.
 He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died, while he was having supper with his friends,
 he took bread and offered you thanks.
 He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
 “Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.” ✠

Praise for the Work of God the Son

The next portion of the prayer of thanksgiving remembers the gift of salvation that came through Jesus Christ. It is followed by the Institution, the words of Jesus that explained the bread and the wine to His disciples at the Last Supper (*Matthew 26:26-28*).

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
 “Drink this, all of you.
 This is my Blood of the new covenant;
 it is poured out for you, and for all,
 that sins may be forgiven.
 Do this in remembrance of me.” ✠

So, as we do what he told us,
we open our hearts to him;
we remember how he died and
rose again to live now in us.

Together with him we offer you these gifts:
in them we give you ourselves.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and
on this bread and this wine,
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ,
and that, sharing your life,
we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

With all your people we give you thanks and praise
through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant The living bread is broken for the life of the world;

People **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in
remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on
him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Praise for the Work of God the Holy Spirit

This prayer asks that the Holy Spirit be present and bless and sanctify the bread and wine so that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. It also asks for blessings on the People that we might be holy. At the end of the prayers the People say, "Amen" which means, "So be it," or "So it is."

The Lord's Prayer

The last prayer of the Eucharist is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. The Priest and the People say it together (*Matthew 6:9- 13*).

Communion

Communion is received at the altar rail. All are invited to receive communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

The Prayer of Spiritual Reception of the Sacrament for those joining us at home via Livestream:

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

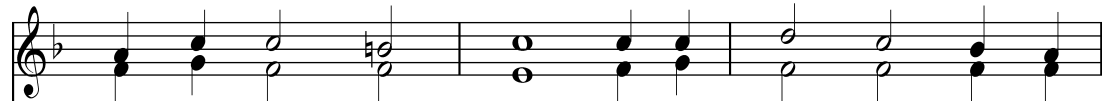
Music During Communion

Post Communion Hymn

#341 - "For the Bread"



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our



wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing
hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you



spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

The Thanksgiving

The congregation stands

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠The Blessing

The Recessional

#608 - "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging
 3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Prayer after Communion

In this prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of grace we are given in the Communion we ask God to send us out into the world as ambassadors of the good news of the Gospel. It is important to remember that the gifts we have been given during worship are gifts given to us to share with all the world.

The Blessing & Dismissal

In the blessing and dismissal we are reminded that we carry the peace and love we have received from Christ into the world. We are challenged to live out the Gospel in our lives outside the walls of the church so that others may see and be drawn into new life in Christ.

✠The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Three-Fold Amen Postlude

May Birthdays:

5/11 - Fr. Jim Rinehart
5/12 - Ashley Merkel
5/17 - Mose Gruber
5/23 - Liam Peach
5/24 - Keegan Brown
5/26 - Nathaniel True
5/31 - Janice Stauffer

May Anniversaries:

5/26-Bob & Mary Sims

*Thank you to Gail Edgell
for providing lunch
today!*

*If you'd like to sign up to
provide lunch, there is a
sign-up list on the
whiteboard in the parish
house. The last Sunday of
the month is a Pot Luck, so
plan to bring your favorite
dish to share!*

*To add people to our
Parish Prayer List,
including those in the
military please call or
email the church office.*

Worship Servers May 24, 2026

Ushers - Jim Burchik, Steve Norton
Lectors - Lydia Engle (1st & 2nd), Stephanie Seaman (Psalm)
Prayers of the People - LeAnne Burchik
Lay Eucharistic Minister - Bob Sims
Altar Guild - Bob Sims
Crucifer - JD Hynick

Please remember in your prayers:

Elizabeth Grace & the Mattson Family, Marian Martenas, Bob Sims, Keith Sims, Janice Stauffer, Katie Stauffer, Braiden Keating, Jeff & Lydia Engle, Mose Gruber, Ed+ & Daphne+ Messersmith, Peg Leibley, Stephanie Seaman, Bertha Dunstan, Carol & Steve Palmer, Brandon, Kathleen, & Liam Peach, and our Creation Care, Outreach, Property and Yarn Ministries.

Those suffering from all illnesses and those caring for them;

Those impacted by natural disasters and violence;

The People of Ukraine and all those supporting them;

Those living in nursing homes, group homes, and prisons;

The People of the Diocese of Navajoland and all indigenous peoples;

Those serving in the military;

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Peter's Hazelton; Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Hawk Run; and New Bethany Ministries, Bethlehem Diocese of Kajo Keji Mutongo Parish

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The Right Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan, Bishop of the Susquehanna

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10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and live-streamed on YouTube.

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