

Holy Communion



**Day of Pentecost
May 28, 2023**

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Bath, PA**

**Flowers Presented in Loving Memory of Gladys and
Lewis K. by Jeannine and Thomas W.**

**Bulletins Presented in Honor of Our Fallen Heroes by
Galen and Linda W.**

Day of Pentecost

Prelude: (8:00 am) “Come Down, O Love Divine”
(10:15 am) “I have seen Jesus in you”

arr. J. S. Dixon
arr. Douglas Nolan

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

*C: **Amen.**

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

*C: **Amen.**

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand for Silence for reflection and self-examination.

*P: Most merciful God,

*C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*C: **Amen.**

***The Greeting**

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

***C:** **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

***P:** O God,

***C:** **On this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

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. ¹⁹And 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.’”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to 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. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For 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. ¹³For 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.

***“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia”***

***P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

***C: Glory to you, O Lord**

***Gospel: John 20:19-23**

¹⁹When 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.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

***P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children’s Sermon/Sermon

***Apostles Creed (8:00 am)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.**

**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**

Rite of Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism (10:15 am) (See Insert)

Please take the Confirmation bulletin home with you, as a reminder to pray for our 2023 Confirmands, and for your devotional use this week. In our baptisms, may we die everyday to sin and rise in service to Jesus Christ.

*The Peace

*P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

*C: **And also with you.**

The Peace will be shared between the Pastor and Congregation (only).

*Offering

The Offering may be dropped off at the beginning or end of the worship service. We will thank God for our blessings, including the ability to give an offering for the work of God's kingdom.

Music at the Offering

(8am) "The Comforter has Come"

arr. Victor Labenske

(10:15am) "Come, Spirit, Come"

arr. Mary Kay Beall

*Offertory Prayer

*P: God of good gifts,

*C: **Receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen**

*Prayers of Intercession

*P: As we have prayed for those affirming their faith, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

*P: Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip your people to bring the good news to all. Lord, in your mercy,

*C: **Hear our prayer.**

*P: On this day of Confirmation, we pray for all the baptized, all over the world: infants, youth and adults. Keep all the baptized in your tender care. Strengthen their faith day by day, and protect them from harm or doubt. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*P: On this Memorial Day weekend, we give thanks for all who have given their lives in the service of freedom. We remember all who have been wounded in body or soul, and we ask to heal the wounds of war. We pray for all who currently serve in the armed forces, they are the pride of our nation. Protect them, and bring to us the day when peace will reign everywhere on earth (*pause*). Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*P: Merciful God, remember all those whom we list as being in need of prayer. Heal the sick. Assist those with other needs, whether financial or social. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*P: Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who lives of faith and service and who followed the call to discipleship. Count us also among your saints. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

***C: Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer**

*P: Lord, teach us to pray.

***C: 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.**

*The Proper Preface

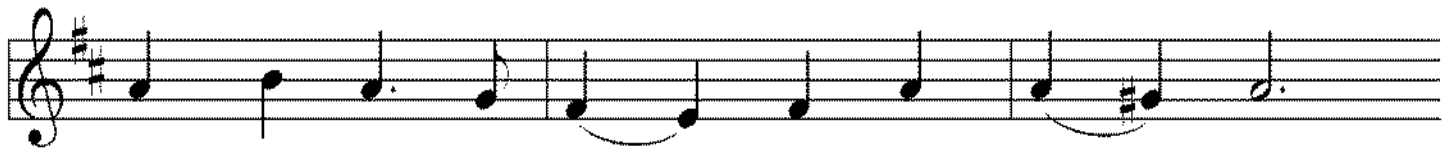
*P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, on this day, as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus

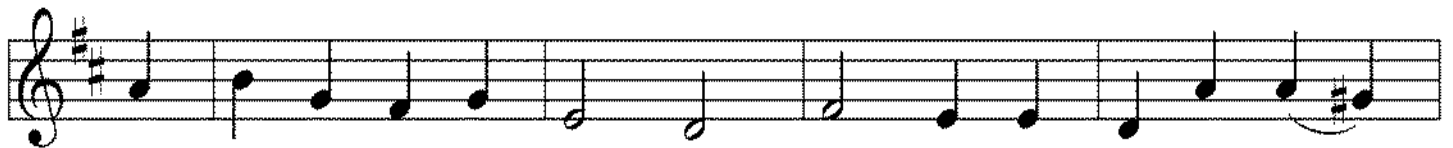
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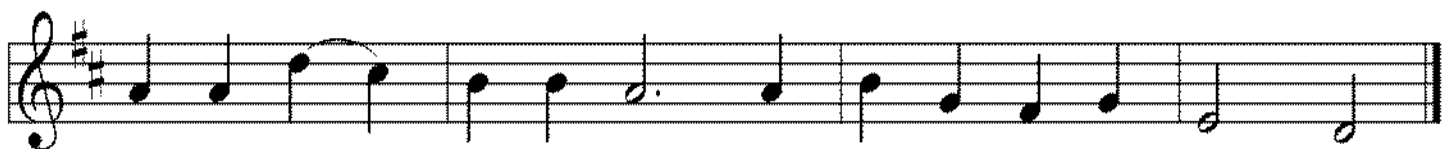
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Words of Institution

*P: 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.

*P: 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.

*Agnus Dei

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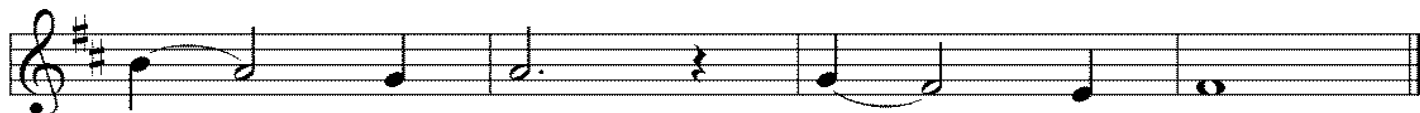
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

*Invitation to Communion

*P: Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

The bread and wine/grape juice will be distributed in the front of the church. If you would like to partake in your pew there are prepackaged sets in the back. If you need a communion set, please see an usher.

*Post-Communion Blessing

*P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you onto everlasting life. Amen.

*Post Communion Canticle

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☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

***Prayer after Communion**

*P: God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*C: **Amen.**

***Benediction**

*P: God bless you and keep you, Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

*C: **Amen.**

***Hymn LBW #161 “Oh Day Full of Grace”**

8:00 am - vs. 1-2

***Dismissal**

*P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

*C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Toccata on “Veni Creator Spiritus”*

arr. Sandra Gay

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Assisting in Worship Today

Altar Guild - Kim M., Stephanie R.

8:00 AM - Ushers: Tegi O., Wanda F.

Lector: Alyson R. - Acolyte: Volunteer

Communion Assistant: Volunteers

10:15 AM - Ushers: June K., Joyce G.

Lector: Jeannine W. - Acolyte: Paige H.

Communion Assistant: Jeannine W. & Bonnie V.

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Upcoming Commemorations

Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637, Monday, May 29, 2023.

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns. **Visit of Mary to Elizabeth, Wednesday, May 31, 2023.**

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat. **Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165, Thursday, June 1, 2023.**

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded. **The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886, Saturday, June 3, 2023.**

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda. **John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963, Saturday, June 3, 2023.** When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches. From sundaysandseasons.com

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are glad that you are here to worship with us! We are at the end of the Easter Season, which celebrates the presence of the Risen Christ with the disciples.

During the Easter Season we light the Pascal Candle, the large candle located at the foot of the pulpit, which symbolizes the presence of the Resurrected Jesus with today's Christians who worship at St. John's or any other church. Our Bible readings will come from the Book of Acts, the first letter of Peter, and the Gospel of St. John. We rejoice in proclaiming that Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! You may be new to St. John's, new to the Bath area, new to Lutheran worship, or may have never before set foot in a church.

Regardless how often you have sat in church we are glad to have you join us. We invite you to listen to the service, enjoy the music, and say prayers for yourself and all who are need. Have questions? Can't find the right page? Please see Pastor Terry or ask any of the ushers. You are welcome. All are welcome. All are welcome in this place.

Today's Announcements - Sunday, May 28, 2023 Day of Pentecost

This Week at St. John's

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| 5/28/2023 | - Sunday | Worship/Communion | 8:00 AM |
| | | Worship/Communion | 10:15 AM |
| 5/29/2023 | - Monday | Memorial Day (Office Closed) | |
| 6/4/2023 | - Sunday | Worship/Communion | 9:00 AM |
| | | Membership Class (Fellowship Hall) | 10:00 AM |
| | | Vaccinated Worship (Fellowship Hall) | 11:45 AM |

Volunteers Needed: We are in need of volunteers both youth and adult for this year's Vacation Bible School. We have theme ideas and some volunteers but to make this yearly event happen we need many more. St. John's typically sees around 80-100 children for Vacation Bible School. It is a wonderful week to meet new friends, re-kindle past friendships or even better open your heart by witnessing the love God gives us. If you would be interested in helping please e-mail the office at stjohnbath@gmail.com. The dates for VBS this year are July 10-14, 2023, from 9:00-11:30 am.

Nursery School Enrollment 2023-2024: Do you know someone looking for a great place to enroll their child in nursery school? Look no further and share the word, we have an amazing program and teachers here at St. John's Bath. Enrollment forms are available through Dawn Mayer at 610-837-9868 or by e-mailing stjohnbath@gmail.com. Classes for 2, 3, and 4-year old's.



Molasses Crumb Pie Sale: Save the date of June 10, 2023. St. John's is making and selling molasses crumb pies. They will be made June 8 through June 9. Pickup will be June 10 from 9:00 am to noon. Order by Sunday, June 4. Order sheets are available. If you are interested in helping to make the pies please give the church office a call at 610-837-1061.

They Mystery Hymn: Starting the first week in June we will bring back the mystery hymn, do you have a favorite hymn or do you want to stump the organist? Write your selections down on the small paper provided in the back of the church and place them in the Mystery Hymn box.



Prayers Requested For: Matthew A., Eileen A., Ken B., Josie B., Shane B., The family of Madison B., Cory B., Dawn & Bill B., Jason C., Patty & Larry D., The family of Casey F., Esther F., Laverne F., Carole F., Kathy F., Shelba F., Lilly F., Arya G., Janis G., Shawn H., Lil H., Troy H., Chuck H., Scott & Heather H., Claire & Dennis K., Gerry K., Mary K., Steve K., Diane L., Lee L., Ruth M., The M. Family, April Rose M., Joe & Louise N., Danielle N., Arlene O., Tina R., Earl & Steve S., Ethel S., Louise S., Barb S., Rosalia S., John S., Dorothy S., James T., Stacey T., Aaron W., Viola W., Lisa W., LaNor W., Carol W., Cecile W., Dolores & Richard Y., Francis Z.

If you would like to add or remove a person from the prayer list, contact the Church Office (610-837-1061).



**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Bath, PA**

**The Rite of Confirmation
(Affirmation of Baptism)**

**May 28, 2023
10:15 a.m.**

(Confirmands stand)

AM: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism:

Alayna H.

P: Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

***Confirmands: I do.**

*P: Do you believe in God the Father?

***All: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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

***All: 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 into hell. 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.**

*P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***All: 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.**

***Prayers of Affirmation**

*P: Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, for ourselves as the baptized people of God, and for all the baptized everywhere:

*P: That they and we may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*P: That the Holy Spirit may open their and our hearts to your grace and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*P: That they and we may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*P: That they and we may be sent into the world in witness to your love. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*P: That they and we may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

***C: Amen.**

Affirmation of Baptism

*P: 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?

***Confirmand:** *(Each Confirmand answers in turn)*

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

*P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ and their service in his name?

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

*P: Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: 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; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

*C: Amen

(Parents, Grandparents and Sponsors stand with Confirmands)

*P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Alayna the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

*Confirmands: Amen.

*P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

***C: We rejoice in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks, praise, and service to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*P: May the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ dwell in you richly and guide your days and your deeds in His peace.

***C: Amen.**

Congratulations: to the 2023 class of confirmands on making your Affirmation of Faith! May you feel the presence of Jesus with you today as you take communion for the first time. He is with you always. He will never leave you nor forsake you. May you grow in your relationship with Him forever and ever.

