# **Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Staunton, Virginia

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The Rev. Phyllis Diamond, Pastor

Day of Pentecost

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Welcome
Prelude
Let us rise as we are able
Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

**P.** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ⊕ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **C. Amen.** 

**P.** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

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.

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 water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,

making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.



# O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

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#### **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.

## **KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen, amen.** 



# **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



#### PRAYER FOR THE DAY

- **P.** The Lord be with you.
- C. And also with you.
- **P.** Let us pray. 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.

C. Amen.

#### We are seated

**Change for Hope/Red Bucket: -***Area Volunteer Fire Departments.* This collection will assist fire departments with replenishing equipment and supplies following Spring wildfires in the area.

#### **WORD**

## 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.

## L. A reading from 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.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

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

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

## Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

read responsively

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

# <sup>35</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

# <sup>27</sup>All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>34</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles;

you touch the mountains and they smoke.

33I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

35bBless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

### 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.

## L. A reading from Romans

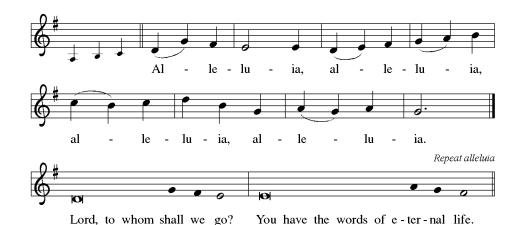
<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

# Let us rise as we are able GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**P.** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> chapters **C. Glory to you, O Lord.** 

## Gospel: 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,] <sup>26</sup>"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. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

16:46"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.

<sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

**P.** The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

We are seated
CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON

Pastor Phyllis Diamond

# Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema



- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty; turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty.
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure. Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure.

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#### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

#### **PRESENTATION**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

The presiding minister may note briefly the occasion for this affirmation.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all 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.

Amen.

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you 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?

Response:

#### I renounce them.

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

Response:

#### I renounce them.

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

Response:

#### I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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 assembly makes affirmation:

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

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

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

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

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.

Amen.

We are seated

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**A.** 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. *A brief silence.* 

**A.** We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized. God of grace, **C. hear our prayer.** 

**A.** For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace,

C. hear our prayer.

**A.** For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace,

C. hear our prayer.

**A.** For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way. God of grace, **C. hear our prayer.** 

**A.** For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace,

C. hear our prayer.

**A.** For whom else and what else do we pray... God of grace,

C. hear our prayer.

**A.** We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace,

C. hear our prayer.

**P.** 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.

C. Amen.

#### **PEACE**

**P.** The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

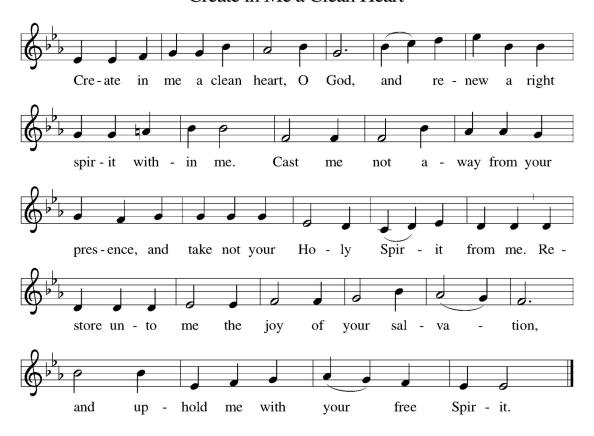
#### We are seated

# **OFFERING - Choir Anthem**

Let us rise as we are able

### **OFFERTORY**

# Create in Me a Clean Heart



Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

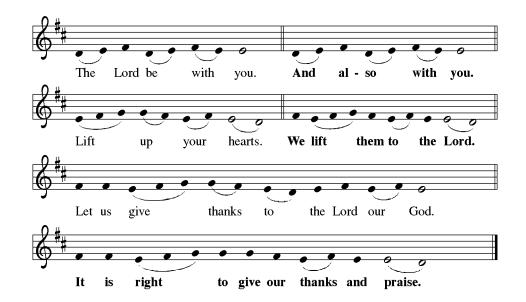
## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P. Let us pray. 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.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



#### **PREFACE**

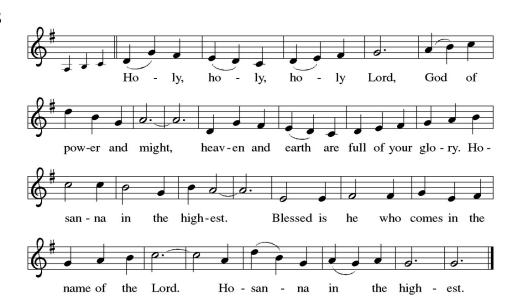
P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

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:

#### **SANCTUS**



#### **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.

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.



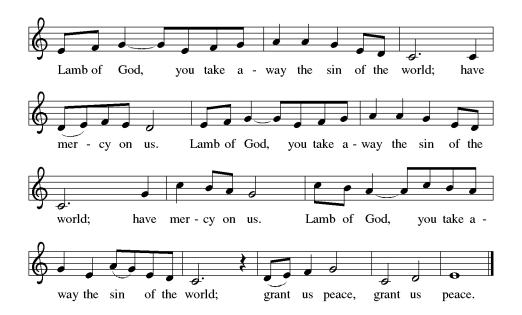
#### LORD'S PRAYER

Amen.

P. Lord, remember us in your kingdom and 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.

# **Invitation to Holy Communion**

# We are seated HOLY COMMUNION SONG



#### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

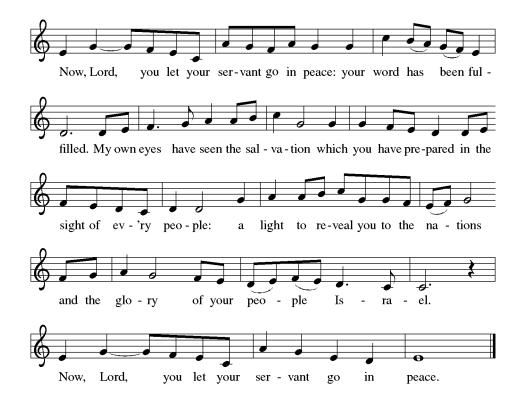
God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may make the sign of the cross and say: Amen

#### Let us rise as we are able

**P.** And now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

#### **SONG AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

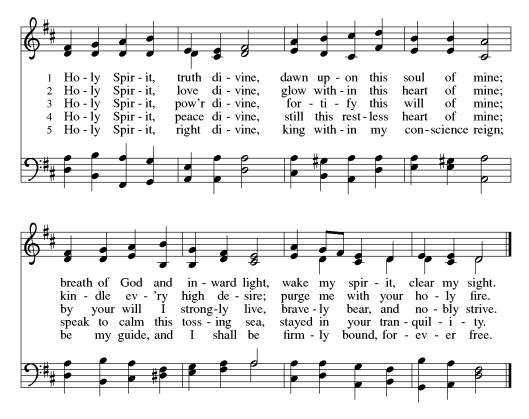


## POST-HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER

P. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

#### **BLESSING**

# Holy Spirit, Truth Divine



Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892 Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

#### **DISMISSAL**

A. Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Come to me, all you who are burdened with heavy loads and I will give you rest. Take on my ways and learn from me, for I will guide you and walk with you and you will find rest for your souls.

Jesus

If you have received this worship material from a friend or you have found it lying on your table, please know that the person who left it for you wants to include you in the journey we take together as those who follow Jesus. You are warmly welcomed in our congregation but most of all, you are welcomed to come to our Lord Jesus for rest.

Pastor Phyllis Diamond

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