

PENTECOST

THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

MAY 19, 2024



*'In the last days,' God said,
'I will pour out my Holy Spirit
upon all mankind.'*

— Acts 2:17

WELCOME

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today!

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONGS

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

READING OF THE WORD

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!' ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain,



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A LOVING COMMUNITY, INSPIRING OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST

that they may live.”¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.’¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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.**

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!**

ACTS 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?”⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning!¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says,
 I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
 Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
 your young men will see visions,
 your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
 I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
 and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day
of the Lord.
²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4B-15

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. ²⁷ You also are to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

⁴ But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ about 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Gerry Gardner

THE NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishop Douglas Scharf; for this gathering; and for all
ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the
oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper
knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has
been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

**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.**

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.**

SHARING PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY

HOLY COMMUNION

The Rev. Jonathan Percival

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-
where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of
heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true
promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from
heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead
them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the
confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power
to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel
to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and
Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever
sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us
for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become
subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus
Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human
nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the
God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself,
in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our
Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks
to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take,
eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the
remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

COMMUNION SONG

CLOSING PRAYER

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.

COMMISSION OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!



THE WEEK AHEAD MAY 19-25

SUN	19	Pentecost Holy Eucharist 10:00 am In Person & Online Pentecost Lunch After Service Fulton Hall
TUE	21	Reunion Group – Cursillo 5:30 pm Zoom
WED	22	No Morning Prayer
THU	23	Garden Team 9:00 am
FRI	24	Group Prayer 10:00 am Conference Call

Pentecost Sunday



Join us today for a potluck lunch after service in Fulton Hall. Come and help celebrate the birthday of CHS. Don't forget to bring a dish to share.

Women's Breakfast Club

Monday, June 3 • 9:00 am

Share prayers, fellowship and discussion on women's issues.

Meet at EGGS-Traordinary Breakfast & Lunch Cafe, 2282 Tamiami Tr. North, Nokomis. Pastor Gerry will be leading the discussion.

Contact Sandy Kreidler at 941-365-4246 for details.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Reunion Group – Cursillo
Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Zoom Call
 This group offers personal time for prayer and sharing of life's joys and sorrows, as well as accountability to Christ's call for study, piety and action. Contact Sally Allen at 413-822-1160 for details.



Garden Team
Thursdays at 9:00 am
 Join us as we tend to the landscaping needs of the church. No experience necessary! Contact Sandy Kreidler at 941-365-4246 if you are available to help.



Group Prayer
Fridays at 10:00 am, Conference Call
Dial 717-908-1923, Code 974309#
 Join us as we pray for the search of a new rector, personal needs, Ukraine, our country, and social issues of the day. Contact Annabell Edwards at 941-900-6147 for details.

Night of Worship

Healing Prayer & Praise Night

Friday, June 7 • 7:00 pm

Come rest in God's presence; use the time to focus your prayers, seek healing for your life, and be freshly anointed by the Holy Spirit. Scott Gardner will be leading worship.

In Person & Live on Facebook



THIS MONTH'S OUTREACH

CENTER OF HOPE

Their mission is to minister to all who enter their doors by bringing Hope where there is hopelessness.

To help support this ministry and others, please drop a donation in the white box on the chancel area.




Potluck Sunday

Sunday, June 2, 2024
After Service

The first Sunday of each month will be a Potluck Sunday! Come and help celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries for this month.

Cake will be provided.

Sign up at the Welcome Station on what you will be bringing.



HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY?

	April 2024	Year-to-Date / Jan-Apr
Income:	\$ 11,478	Income: \$ 68,628
Expenses:	\$ 15,291	Expenses: \$ 60,510
Difference:	\$ - 3,813	Difference: \$ + 8,118

WAYS TO GIVE:

In Person • Online Via CHS Website • Mail

THE CHURCH IN PRAYER – PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE REPORTS

If you have a prayer to be added to this list, visit the website under the Need Prayer tab, call the office, or email admin@chsosprey.com.

- Positive test results for Tom.
 - My brother Todd.
 - Healing for Art.
 - Salvation for sister.
 - Peace and salvation for niece, Amy.
 - Healing for Jay and lessening of pain.
 - Prayers for son, Danny.
 - Reconciliation of family members.
 - Prayers for Nicholas as he struggles to know his place as he deals with depression.
 - For my family and my time with them.
 - For my son and his girlfriend who are new parents.
 - Peggy's son, Dallas, Oh Lord that you continue to hold him close as he comes through the shedding of life's junk.
 - "I can wait in hopeful trust because I belong to Jesus."
 - A miracle for Julie and each member of her family.
- My health and to be able to better all of us to serve the Lord.
 - Prayers for housing and all needs.
 - Continued prayers for Gail as she moves.
 - Comfort for families and those affected by the tornadoes and flooding in Oklahoma and across the nation. Safety for all who help in rebuilding the towns and their lives.
 - Thanksgiving for all who helped with our Spring Tea.
 - Healing for Marybeth as she recovers from back surgery.
 - Prayers for Renee Hartman and family as they grieve the loss of her husband Ron.
 - Ongoing prayer for our June, Joanne, Marilyn, and Sandee Petway.
 - Salvation for unsaved family.
 - Continue to pray for CHS and that we will be strong and faithful throughout this time of transition.
 - Prayers for our church and for our country.
 - Continued prayers for an end to the Russia/Ukraine and Israel wars.



WELCOME FIRST TIME VISITORS

If you are here for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Station so we can give you a gift. Then plan on joining us afterwards for our Potluck Lunch in Fulton Hall immediately after the Service.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pastor Gerry Gardner, Lay Pastor

The Rev. Linda Morlock, Deacon

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