

*Welcome to*

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Committed to living a faith journey that is  
sacred, intentional, compassionate and inclusive*



## **The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday**

May 24, 2026 ☩ 9:30 am

The Rev. Betsy McElroy, Rector

Worship: Sundays 9:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday

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# Welcome to the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist!

This bulletin will guide you through the liturgy (worship service). The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and The Hymnal 1982 are used throughout this service.

We are a school for transformation, as we seek to become a more diverse community of people, a kaleidoscope of different life styles, ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds, sexual orientations, financial circumstances and more. We invite all who seek God and wish to explore being part of a Christian congregation to our table and into our fellowship. We welcome those seeking a safe place for the expression of personal spiritual practices, ideas, politics, questions, doubts -- and faith. We also confess that as a community we are not perfected in love. However, we seek to become more fully loving and to accept all who wish to join this journey.

St. John's wishes to acknowledge and honor the Yokut and Miwok people[s] upon whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the resilience and strength of all our indigenous siblings around the world.

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**Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by:**

Roxy & Steve Woodard in honor of their wedding anniversary, May 27.

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## *Those Who Serve Today*

*Celebrant/Preacher:* The Rev. Dr. Portia Hopkins (B)

*Deacon:* The Rev. Deacon Greg Maszta (B)

*Choir Director:* Steven Weikle

*Pianist/Organist:* Michael Tompkins

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Anne Reeve (CW) & Beth Elwood (CJ)

*Banner Bearers:* Margaret Meyers & Beth Elwood

*Lectors:* Carol Foote & Christina Soria

*Camera Acolyte:* TBA (GF)

*Crucifer:* Candice Gale (CW)

*Ushers:* Carol Foote & Phyllis Duarte

*Sound:* Eric Goossens

*Altar Guild:* Peggy Moos & Aleathea Langone

*Vestry Open/Close (Announcements):* Bob Gorczyca & Robert Elliott

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*Coffee Hour:* Diane & Robert Elliott

*Counters:* Sharon Farnsworth & TBA

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Prelude

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**Entrance Hymn** (*Stand as able*)                      *Hail thee festival day*                      Hymnal 225

(*The following is said three times*)

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is Risen.                      BCP 355

*People:*     **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**The Gloria**                      *Canticle 20*                      Hymnal S278

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:*     The Lord be with you.

*People:*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:*     Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Children Process to Sunday School**     *Seek ye first*                      Hymnal 711

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**                      Carol Foote

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.' " (Acts 2:1-21)

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 104:25-35,37**

Carol Foote

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!

Christina Soria

## **A Reading from the First Letter of Paul 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. *(1 Corinthians 12:3b-13)*

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sequence Hymn**

*This day at thy creating word*

Hymnal 52

## A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (*John 7:37-39*)

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Portia Hopkins

## The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

*People* **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 to the dead.  
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.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of the Earth and every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* "Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?"

*People* **I will, with God's help."**

*The Celebrant concludes*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Asperging Hymn**      *We know that Christ is raised*  
(Asperging of the People)

Hymnal 296

## **The Peace**

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The Peace is exchanged.*

## **Announcements**

**A Prayer for Blessings**      *(All together.)*

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Offertory Sentence**



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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right

hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*(Celebrant and People)*

Hymnal S 140

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks  
to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

*The Deacon Continues,*

Remember Greg, our Bishop, Betsy, our Priest, Portia, our Guest Priest, Greg, our Deacon and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all those on St. John's Prayer list, especially...

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, (especially..., ) and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayers, we pray for St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Stockton, their deacon, the Rev. Steve Bently and their lay leaders.

We pray and give thanks for all those birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially...

In the world we pray for all living creatures who have been impacted by natural disasters. We pray for those struck down by war, violence, hate and those in harm's way due to civil unrest.

*The Celebrant continues,*

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. John the Baptist, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

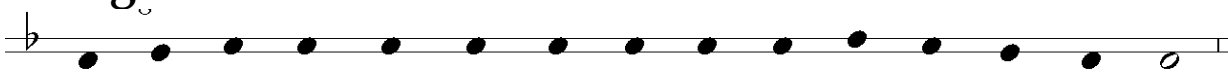
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

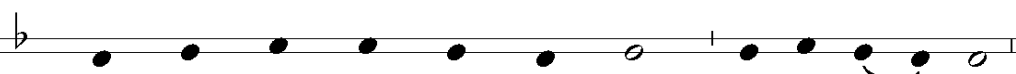
## The Lord's Prayer *(traditional)*

*Celebrant:* And now as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All:** 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:*   
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;


*People:*   
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Fraction Hymn


*The disciples knew the Lord Jesus*

WLP 877

*Choir/Cantor*

  
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

*Refrain- All Sing*

  
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Choir/Cantor

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Refrain - All Sing

Choir/Cantor

One body are we, alleluia, though many we share one bread.

All Sing

The dis- ci-ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break-ing of the bread.

Musical notation for the phrase "The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread." The melody is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final phrase "bread." where the word "bread" is held over two measures.

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.

## The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please form two lines in the center aisle. There are two standing stations. Please come forward immediately to receive communion. Gluten free hosts are available. You may receive just the bread or the wine or both. We offer the chalice to drink from, but due to practical considerations, do not allow intinction (dipping) of the bread in the wine. Thank you for your understanding. Please place hands crossed over your heart if you wish to receive communion in one kind, or a blessing.

## Communion Hymn

*Praise the Spirit in creation*

Hymnal 506

*I'm Goin'-a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

LEVAS 117

I'm goin' - a sing\* when the Spir - it says sing.

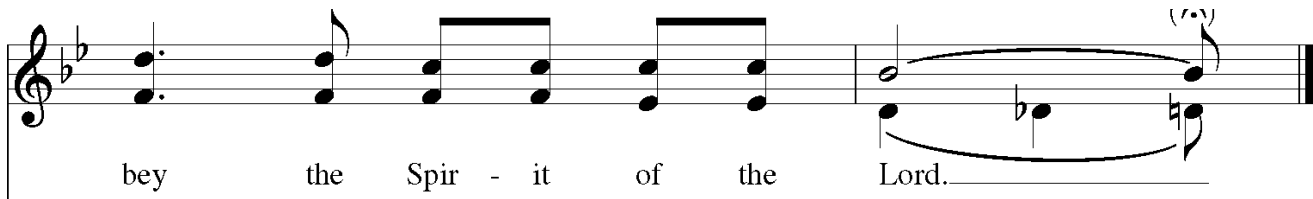
Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. It is in G minor (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The lyrics "I'm goin' - a sing\* when the Spir - it says sing." are written below the notes. The word "sing" is held over two measures.

I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing.

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. It continues the melody from the first line. The lyrics "I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing." are written below the notes. The word "sing" is held over two measures.

I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing, and o -

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn. It continues the melody. The lyrics "I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing, and o -" are written below the notes. The word "sing" is held over two measures, and the line ends with "and o -".



## **Sending Eucharistic Visitors** *(All together)*

**In the name of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## **Post communion Prayer** *(Standing, Celebrant and People)*

BCP p. 365

**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 Celebrant blesses the people.*

**May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

*There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place*

LEVAS 120



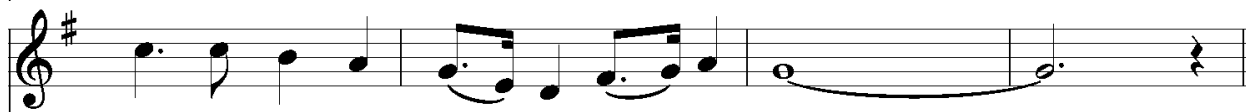
1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ Till you  
3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, \_\_\_\_\_ Now you're



1. know that it's the Spir - it of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
2. know Him in His full - ness, and \_\_\_\_\_ be - lieve. \_\_\_\_\_ You're the  
3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, \_\_\_\_\_ you can



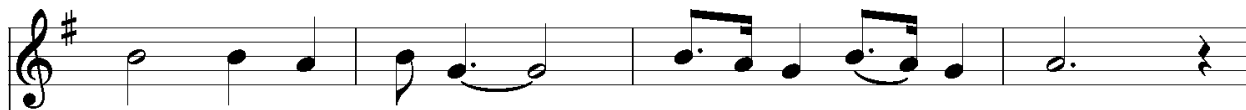
1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
2. one to pro - fit when you say, \_\_\_\_\_ "I am  
3. make it right if you will yield; \_\_\_\_\_ You'll en -



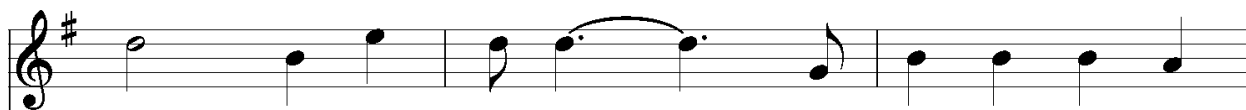
1. know they feel the pres - ence of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. going to walk with Je - sus all \_\_\_\_\_ the way." \_\_\_\_\_  
3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that \_\_\_\_\_ we feel. \_\_\_\_\_



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,



Stay right here with us, \_\_\_\_\_ fill - ing us with your love.



And for these bless - ings \_\_\_\_\_ we lift our hearts in



praise; With - out a doubt we'll know \_\_\_\_\_ that we have



been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 2. There are  
3. If you place.

## The Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude

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## Announcements

### **Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost**

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

### **Monday, May 25 - Happy Memorial Day - Office Closed**

### **Wednesday, May 13**

12:00 pm, Noon Day Prayer, The Chapel

6:30 pm, Choir Practice, Hospitality Room

### **Friday, May 29**

5:30 pm, Soul Kitchen Dinner, Church Narthex

### **Sunday, May 31 - Trinity Sunday - Michael's Last Day**

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

1:00 pm, Valley Community Orchestra Concert at 3:00 pm



**The 2026 Lodi Pride Festival** - Saturday, June 6 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at IDOL Beer Works! Now that we know the date and time, it is time to get a team together to make our presence there a success. Please contact Andee Zetterbaum if you are interested in helping with this wonderful event.

**Graduation Sunday, June 7, 2026** - On June 7, we will be offering prayers of thanksgiving for all members of St. John the Baptist (and their relatives) who will be graduating this spring from Junior High, High School, College and Graduate Programs. As per parish tradition a roster of graduates from our extended families will also appear in the June edition of the newsletter. A sign-up sheet is at the Ministry Table for names to be listed.

**Sunday, June 21st - Come celebrate The Feast Day of St. John the Baptist and Father's Day with us!** Join us immediately after service for an all-parish potluck, plus games and activities for all ages led by Joanne Kovac-Roberts and Mike Roberts of ECCO. All are welcome to enjoy this day of fun and fellowship! Sign-up sheets to attend and to bring a potluck item are available on the ministry table.

**June Pizza Church** - There will be no Pizza Church on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> but it will return on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Join us at 5:00pm for a casual Eucharist and the blessing of backpacks just in time for the return to school. A pizza dinner and fellowship follows at 5:30pm.

### **2026 Vestry Members**

Beth Elwood, Senior Warden; Eric Goossens, Junior Warden; Rosemary Cress, David Diekman, Phyllis Duarte, Robert Elliott, Bob Gorczyca, Katie Howard, Christina Soria & Dani Wilson