



# WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S LONGVIEW SSLV.ORG

We as people of faith who are called to care for this creation want to respectfully acknowledge the Cowlitz and Chinook People, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been buried by honoring the truth. We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Cowlitz and Chinook People. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths.

St. Stephen's is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, political affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we!

Connect with Fr. Nic:

with you this week with an invitation to enjoy a cup of coffee on him!	
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### He is risen, he is risen

The Hymnal 1982, #180



# HOLY BAPTISM

(Please be stand as able)

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

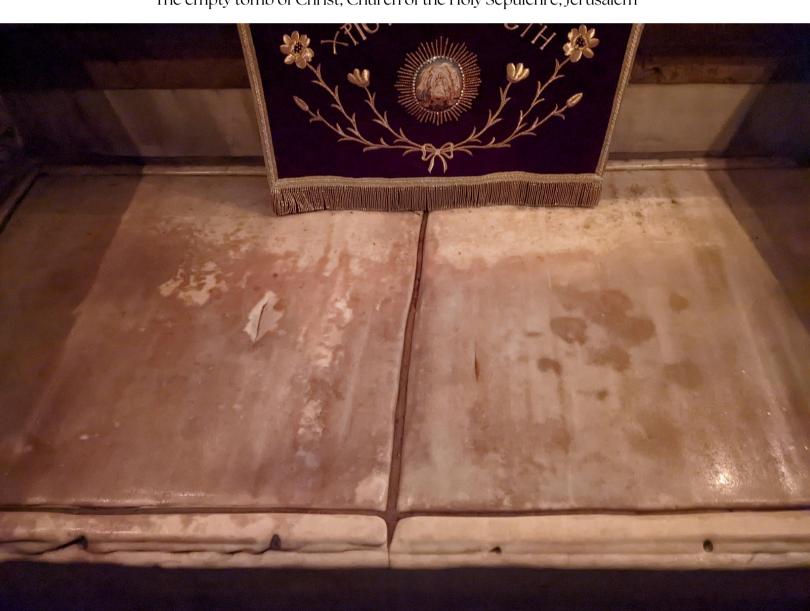
There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

The empty tomb of Christ, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

(Please be seated for readings from Holy Scripture)

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \* his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \* and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \* in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \* the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \* and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \* but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*
  I will enter them;
  I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \* he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \* and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \* has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, \* and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; \* we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# Gospel Procession (before reading) & Recession (after reading) (Please stand as able)



The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to John **Glory to you, O Christ.** 

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of our Savior

Praise to you, O Christ.

**Homily--The Rev. Nic Mather** 

# PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

# PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? *Parents and Godparents:* I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? Parents and Godparents: I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? *Parents and Godparents:* I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? *Parents and Godparents:* I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

ALL: We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

#### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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, 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.

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.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

#### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**.

#### THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then pours water upon the candidate saying

*N.,* I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.** 

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.** 

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

#### Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

# THE PEACE & OFFERTORY

The Peace of the Risen Lord be with you and remain with you always.

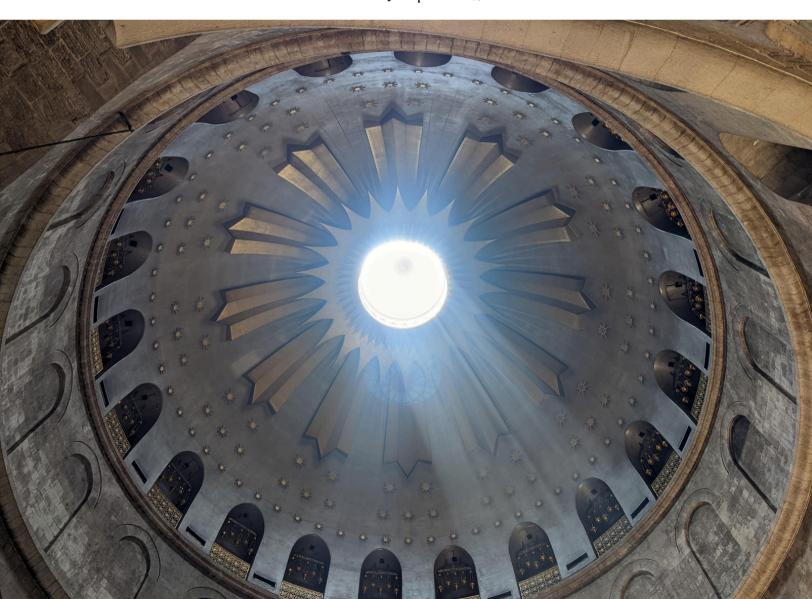
#### Thanks be to God!

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name, bring offerings and come into his courts.

#### **Offertory Music**

Christ is Risen, Christ is Alive by Lloyd Larson Rebecca Rodriguez, Trumpet Choir

The light shines through the open dome above the site of Jesus' resurrection from the tomb Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem



## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

(Please stand as able)

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

# Holy, holy, holy Lord [Sanctus]

Wonder Love and Praise, #858



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.

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

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.

Remember Phil, Nic, Michael, and all who minister in your Church.
Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.
Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Stephen 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**.

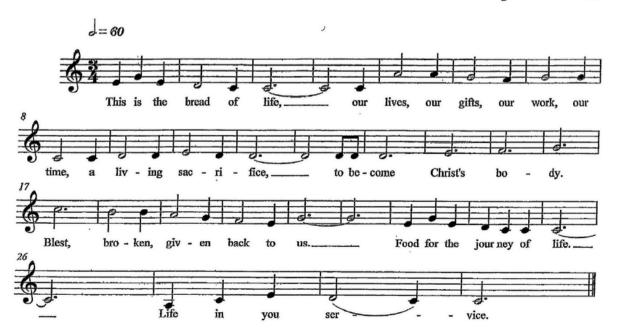
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Fraction

## **Food Song**

Ann Long/Kathleen Patton



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.

You are invited to come forward and receive Eucharist at this time. We will be sharing wine from a common chalice, so if you would prefer intinction please let the priest know so that they may intinct in a separate chalice reserved for this practice. Gluten free communion is available and a non-alcoholic option in place of the wine is also available upon request.

# For those joining via Live-Stream: A Prayer for a Person Unable to Take the Eucharist (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

# Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain

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## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

(Kneeling as able)

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

(You are invited to stand as able.)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Closing Hymn** 

Community Invitations: Join us for brunch today!

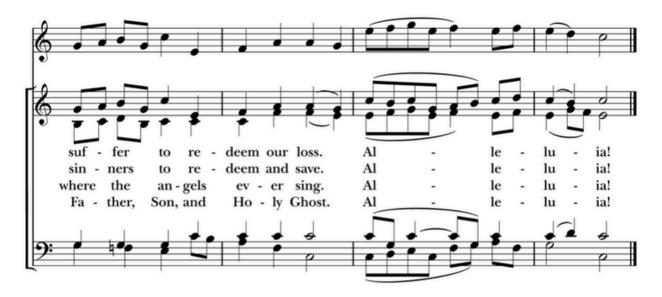
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Please consider supporting FISH of Cowlitz County during the Give Big Washington fundraising event that's happening on May 6th and 7th. Visit wagives.org to make a tax deductible donation. Early giving begins on April 22nd.

## Jesus Christ is risen today

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#### **Worship Leaders**

Celebrant--Fr. Nic Mather
Musician--Riki Davis
Acolyte--Esther Henricksen, Miles Henricksen
Altar Guild--Becky Edmiston
Greeter--Lauren Henricksen, Wes Henricksen
Reader--Lloyd Solon, Christopher Ortiz
Chalice Bearer--Mary Hoover
Usher--John Brugman
Verger--Lisa Sudar
Vestry Presence--Heather Niemi, Lisa Sudar

## **Easter Memorials**

The flowers at the Altar and those adorning the church are given to the glory of God

and in thanksgiving for the resurrection.

The Altar Guild of St. Stephen's wishes to express its appreciation for gifts given by:

Rob and Lisa Sudar in memory of our Grandparents

John and Becky Edmiston in memory of our dads
Walt Edmiston and Steve Larson

Robin Swecker in memory of Bob & Eunice Beck, Jonathon & Grant

Jeannie, Tyson and Tara O'Connor in memory of Doug O'Connor

Gretchen Niemi in memory of Betty Noerenberg

Christina Hawkins in memory of Dolores & Lincolin Rice

Heather Karnoski in memory of Glenn E. Brice

Karen Miller in memory of Judy Hixson

Darcy Davis in memory of
Michelle Lorenz and Graham Cross

Michele Waite in memory of her parents

Marion & Ian Wright

Earl Lindquist

# JOIN US @ ST. STEPHEN'S

We are so grateful for your presence with us today in celebration of Easter Sunday and we hope that you will join us for our Easter Brunch and activities including egg hunt following the service.

We also hope that if this is your first time, or first time in a long time, that you will consider joining us again in the near future for one of our many activities, including but not limited to weekly Sunday Worship, outreach ministries, fellowship activities, formation opportunities, and more!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

CASTLE ROCK MEN'S ENSEMBLE
CHOIR & NOON CONCERT
(FOLLOWING COFFEE HOUR)
SUNDAY, APRIL 27 @ 10:30AM

NEWCOMERS CLASS
SUNDAYS IN MAY AFTER CHURCH
OPEN TO ALL "NEW" COMERS

SSLV KARAOKE NIGHT THURSDAY MAY 15 @ 7:30PM FEI'S CARRIAGE HOUSE

FEAST OF PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 8 @ 10:30AM

