



# SPIRIT SNAP

PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT  
ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ASHEVILLE, NC

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Dear siblings in Christ,

This year has been full of new and challenging experiences. The current coronavirus pandemic has affected every aspect of our lives, including the ability to worship together in person. During a season of so much uncertainty, God's love and promises remain unchanged.

In our Baptism, God made a covenant with us. With water and the Word, God named and claimed us as God's own children forever, and sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in and among us. We, either by our own voice or the voice of sponsors, promised to participate in that covenant with God as we:

**Live among God's faithful people**

**Hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's Supper**

**Proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through word and deed,**

**Serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and**

**Strive for justice and peace in all the earth.**

This year, in place of Vacation Bible School, you are invited to participate in a congregation wide photo scavenger hunt, ***Spirit Snap***. As we continue to be physically distant from one another, we remember that the Holy Spirit is still at work in our lives, helping us to fulfill those promises made in our Baptism.

Where will you see the Holy Spirit working this week? What holy moments will you snap on camera? Inside this booklet you will find activities, devotions, and photo prompts as we remember our baptism together, though apart.



# Instructions

## **Spirit Snap is for EVERYONE!**

Children, youth, and adults. Members, friends, and family. If you are reading this, you are invited to snap the Spirit this week with the people of St. Mark's! Haven't used sidewalk chalk in a few years? Now's the time! Have fun, play, and keep your eyes open for God's activity. You're never too old to remember your baptism! This photo scavenger hunt can be done by yourself (we love a good selfie!), or with your family. You can accomplish the hunt at home or outside in the community. Please remember to keep a safe distance from others and wear a mask if you choose to go out in public.

## **Holy Spirit Dove Cut Out**

On the last page of this booklet you will find a fine feathered friend to take along with you on your photo scavenger hunt! **Feel free to decorate your dove**, or even give them a name! **Your dove will need to be present with you in each of the pictures that you take for the photo scavenger hunt as a reminder that the Holy Spirit is always with us, helping us fulfill our baptismal covenant.**

## **Choose your own adventure**

You never know where or how the Holy Spirit will move!  
You can choose to do this Scavenger Hunt all in one day, or spread throughout the week. This booklet has a page of activities and photo prompts for each of the baptismal promises as well as a complete list for the scavenger hunt at the end of the document if you'd like to stick with taking pictures. Try to take all the pictures, or choose a few from each promise—it's up to you!

## **Be Part of Sunday's Sermon!**

Pictures from our Spirit Snap will be compiled and used during the sermon on Sunday, August 2, as we see how the Spirit has moved through our community during the week. **Please choose 1 picture from each baptismal promise (5 total) and send them to Deacon Katie no later than noon on Friday, July 31.** By submitting photos, you agree to allow St. Mark's to use your pictures on our streamed worship service on Facebook.

Email your pictures to [katierivers@stmarkslutheran.net](mailto:katierivers@stmarkslutheran.net) or text to (845)206-1364

# LIVE AMONG GOD'S FAITHFUL PEOPLE



## Read

"As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ. There is no longer Jew of Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:27-28

In Baptism, we are made children of God, and are given a family in the Body of Christ. We are called to live together with our brothers and sisters, whether in our family, our church, or our community. We are each a special, important, and needed part of the Body of Christ!



## Snap

- When we were baptized, you were marked with a cross on your forehead. Find something around your house that you can use to make a cross on your forehead and take a picture! (finger paint, flour, washable marker, lipstick, face paint, etc.)
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- Water gives life to the world, and gives life to us in our baptism! Get creative and take a picture of you and your dove in or near water.
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## Pray

Loving God, you have called us each by name, and made us your children in Baptism. Help us to live among your faithful people, that our faith might grow and be strengthened by each others love and support . In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



## Act

There's no better way to remember your baptism than to play in water! Whether with water balloons, cups, sprinkler, hose, pool, or dancing in the kitchen while washing dishes, have some fun and remember your baptism with water!

# HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND SHARE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER



## Read

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" Psalm 119:105

In God's Word, the Bible, we hear the story of God and God's people. It contains commands and promises, challenging and encouraging us in our baptismal life with God. God speaks to us through the Word to help us grow in understanding of who God is, and grow in faith throughout our lives.



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- We hunger and thirst for the time when we can be back together again and have Holy Communion. Take a picture of you with bread and wine/juice and remember God's gift to us in Communion.



## Pray

Almighty God, you gave us your Word that we might know about you and the great love that you have for all creation. With the help of your Holy Spirit, help us to read, study, and learn more about you through the Bible as we strive to live out our baptismal promises.



## Act

The Bible often speaks about the Holy Spirit as a breath or wind. Use the breath that God gave you to blow bubbles today, and remember the Holy Spirit that breathes life into you and all creation!

# PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD IN CHRIST THROUGH WORD AND DEED



## Read

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me: to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners.” Isaiah 61:1

In your baptism, God gave you the Holy Spirit to share God’s love with all people you meet. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can share the Good News in both what we say and what we do, and be a prophetic voice of God’s goodness and mercy.



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## Pray

Guiding Holy Spirit, you have given us unique voices to share God’s love with the world. Help us to be bold as we share the Gospel in our words and actions, and point to Jesus in all we do. Amen.



## Act

The Holy Spirit is sometimes depicted as fire, like at Pentecost. Remember your baptism today with fire — Cook dinner (or roast marshmallows!) on the grill, enjoy a fire in the backyard, or light a candle during a meal or devotions. May the Holy Spirit burn in you like fire!

# SERVE ALL PEOPLE, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS



## Read

“For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.” John 13:15

We are called in our Baptism to serve all people, following the example of Jesus. God uses our gifts, our time, and our resources to help those in need. Acts of service in the name of Jesus point to what God has done for the world, and who came not to be served but to serve.



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## Pray

Faithful God, you sent your Son to be servant of all. Where there is a need, direct us to be helpers. Where there is a job to be done, help us to be workers in your kingdom. Guide us as we live out our baptismal promises by serving our neighbors. Amen.



## Act

The Holy Spirit is often depicted as a dove, like your fine feathered friend that you have been carrying around with you this week! How many flying things can you see today? Planes? Helicopters? Fireflies?

# STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE IN ALL THE EARTH



## Read

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”  
2 Corinthians 3:17

Lately, our world has felt like it needs a little more justice and peace. In our baptism we are called to speak God’s love and truth in all situation, to stand up for what is wrong, and to work to bring healing and wholeness in the world. Remembering that all are created in God’s image, we work to treat all people as beloved children of God.



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## Pray

Reigning God, your kingdom comes through us as we work for justice and peace for all people. Help us to be bold bridge builders and loving peace makers as we live out our baptism. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



## Act

The Holy Spirit is often referred to as the Wisdom of God. Try to memorize the baptismal covenant (they are in a list on the front of this booklet), so that you are able to remember and daily recall the promises you made with God in your baptism.



## Full Spirt Snap list of pictures

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