



2nd Sunday after Pentecost

7th June 2026

Baptism of Sophia & Ava Brandse

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the triune God, the Creator of heaven and earth and God's ownership of all things (Psalm 24:1). In God's sovereignty, God has allowed other groups to migrate to these shores. We acknowledge the cultures of our First Nations Peoples and are thankful for the community that we share together now.

Cantor: Thank you for joining our Service today, as we celebrate the second Sunday in the season of Pentecost. We especially welcome the friends and family of Tamara and Daniel who today bring their daughters, Ava and Sophia, to be baptised. We also welcome those watching via livestream. I invite you to stand to sing our opening hymn.

Opening Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord:
she is his new creation by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord,
one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder,
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,

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yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give to us the grace
like them, the meek and lowly,
in heaven to seek your face.

Minister's Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age. Praise the Lord of our salvation, according to the will of God our Father **to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Sentence

It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners. (Matthew 9: 12-13)

Prayer of Approach

Assistant: Let us pray the prayer of approach,

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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.

Minister:

Collect of the Day

O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

The first reading will be from the first book of Genesis, chapter 12 verses 1-9.

¹The Lord had said to Abram,

“Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

²I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;

and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶Abram travelled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

⁸From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

⁹Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm of the day is Psalm 33, verses 1-12.

¹Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

²Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

³Sing to him a new song; play skilfully, and shout for joy.

⁴For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

⁵The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

**⁶By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.**

⁷He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.

⁸Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him.

⁹For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

¹⁰The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

¹¹But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance. Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as in the beginning, so now and forever. Amen.

The second reading is from Paul's letter to the church in Rome, chapter 4 verses 13-25.

¹³It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

¹⁸Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²²This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness."

²³The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, ²⁴but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song: Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear:
in Him no sin is found-
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour He is crowned:

how awesome is the sight-
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace-
no work too hard for Him.
In faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

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Hearing the Gospel of our Lord

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 9, verses 9–13, then 18-26. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹²On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

¹⁸While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

²⁰Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. ²¹She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

²²Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

²³When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, ²⁴he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. ²⁵After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. ²⁶News of this spread through all that region.

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon: A Faith that can say 'It is well'

The Offertory Hymn: When We Walk With the Lord

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way
While we do His good will
He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey

Not a shadow can rise
Not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.
Trust and obey ...

*Trust and obey.
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey*

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet
Or we'll walk by His side in the way
What He says we will do
Where He sends, we will go
Never fear, only trust and obey
Trust and obey ...

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Giving and Offerings

An Explanation of Baptism

The minister explains the role of baptism within the faith journey of a disciple of Christ.

The Confession

Assistant: Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image,
forgive us when we turn away from you. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant: Please stand to hear God's promise of forgiveness.

Minister:

Almighty God have mercy on you. Forgive you your sins and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

Presentation of Sophia and Ava

The minister speaks to those who bring their children for baptism.

Declaration of Decision

The minister speaks to the parents and godparents calling them to declare their faith.

The minister says to the congregation:

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

We will.

The minister now prays for Sophia and Ava and addresses the parents and godparents and congregation.

The minister comes to the baptismal and begins the thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The minister prays for Ava and Sophia.

Affirming our Faith

Sophia and Ava have been brought here for baptism. Let us all join Sophia and Ava's parents and godparents in affirming the faith into which they are to be baptised.

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, God's Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived of 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 from the dead;

**he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there 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. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith: We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Then the minister pours water on each child saying,

*Sophia and Ava, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

The minister makes a cross on the head of each child saying:

Sophia and Ava, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever. Live as disciples of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

The congregation joins in responding,

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

The assistant lights a candle from the Pascal Candle for the child.

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The minister says to the congregation,

God has called you into his church.

**We therefore receive and welcome you as a child of the body of Christ,
of the same heavenly Father, and as an inheritor in the kingdom of God.**

*Jenny Dacombe, as representative of the Mother's Union will pray for Tamara and present her
with a welcome gift from Mother's Union.*

Rod Thomson will pray for Daniel and present him with a Bible for his role as father.

The Presentation of Sophia and Ava to the Congregation

Let us welcome our newest members, Sophia and Ava and their family to our community.
God has called you in to his Church.

**We therefore receive and welcome you,
As members with us of the body of Christ,
As children of one heavenly Father,
And as inheritors of the kingdom of God.**

Certificates of Baptism are presented, and Sophia and Ava are presented to the congregation.

The Prayer of the Week

O Lord, from whom alone all good things come: grant that by your holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guiding may perform them; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers for the world and our community

*The intercessor on the roster will prepare prayers for:
the world and for all in authority, the church, our community, and those on our prayer list ...
Let us pray together,*

**Thank you, Father for hearing our prayers. Grant that what we have asked in faith we
may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We say together the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:

**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 forever. Amen.

Assistant: Please stand to hear God's promise of forgiveness.

Greeting of Peace

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Thanksgiving and Communion

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 thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, Lord God of all creation, for you have done great things.

We trust in you, because you have sent to us your Word, the Lord Jesus,
who bore away our sin and shame and condemnation when the day turned to night,
the earth quaked and the heavens trembled.

You raised him from death and poured out your Spirit to make your dwelling place with us and to
restore the fortunes of your people.

You visit your people, and at the sound of the trumpet you call us to turn from all our sins.
You give to the fruit trees their full yield, making the dry places green, and blessing us with new and abundant life.

Therefore, we lift our voices to praise you, saying,

**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.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and this wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

'Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples saying,

'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

We eat this bread and drink this cup **to proclaim the death of the Lord.**

We do this until he returns. **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Father, as we recall his saving death and glorious resurrection, may we who share these gifts be renewed by your Holy Spirit and united in the body of your Son.

When he comes, the mountains will drip with sweet wine, and the hills with milk.

A fountain shall come forth from your house, O Lord,
and we shall never again fear or be dismayed or discouraged.

Until that time, we join with all creation's praise, crying out:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**

Let us draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in our hearts with thanksgiving.

Announcements: Please refer to the church newsletter for notices.

Commitment to live out our worship of the Lord

Father of all we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others, we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us in his hope that we have grasped; so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

The Blessing

Almighty God, you have redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ, and raised us to newness of life. You brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom. May the eternal God give you joy

and peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance; and the blessing of God Almighty; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you all ever more. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: At the Name of Jesus

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of Glory now:
Tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures
To the central height;
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast
Filled with the glory, of that perfect rest.

Surely this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train.
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

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