



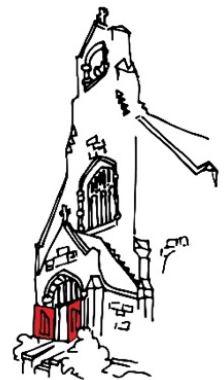
WHITSUNDAY: THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

With the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

May 19, 2024

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
Birmingham, Alabama

Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ at the Altar and in the Street



- CONCERNING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM-

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. It is a public statement of one's intentional decision to follow the way of Jesus. In the case of infant baptism, it is the parents' declaration of their intent to raise a child in the way of Jesus. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble, so baptism is only administered once. When you choose to be baptized yourself or to have your child baptized in the Episcopal Church, it means you are choosing to live out the Baptismal Covenant in the context of an Episcopal church community, taking your part in the worship, mission and ministries of the local parish. Baptism is open to all people, regardless of age or background.



If you feel called to be baptized, or to have your child baptized, the first steps are to attend a local parish regularly and to talk to the clergy about baptism. Most churches require candidates for baptism to undertake some intentional preparation. That preparation should include study of the Baptismal Covenant and what it contains, and what it can mean for your life. One should also learn about the symbol of water, about the importance of the Trinity—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in whose name the baptism is administered, and about the Scripture stories that illuminate the meaning and symbolism of Baptism.



Baptism can be regarded as the beginning of a spiritual path and not the culmination of one. It is not necessary that a candidate for baptism fully understand nor be comfortable with every word of the Christian Creeds and doctrines from the outset, but rather be ready to embark on the rich path of discovery into the way, truth and life of Jesus Christ.



If you are new to the Episcopal Church and have already been baptized in another denomination, you may wish to renew your faith life. If this is the case, you may be Received or Confirmed in the Episcopal Church, rites which your local parish can help you learn about and discern whether they are appropriate for you. Wherever you come from and whatever your faith background, the Episcopal Church welcomes you! (*Statement on Holy Baptism, The Episcopal Diocese of New York, 2024*)

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II -

10:30 am

VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & PARISH NOTICES

Please stand as the Procession enters.

- THE ENTRANCE RITE -

INTROIT

"The love of God has been poured out"
Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

BIDDING PRAYER



Let us go forth in peace.

In the Name of Christ, Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

"Hail thee, festival day"

Hymnal 225
Salve festa dies

STATION AT THE FONT *(sung)*

Celebrant The Spirit of the Lord now fills the whole world, alleluia:
People The Spirit who searches even the depths of God, alleluia.
Celebrant Let us pray.

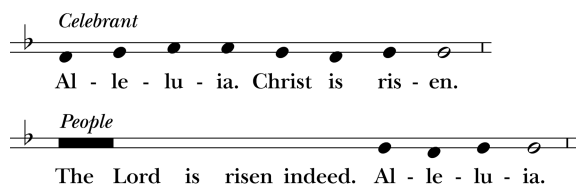
Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN IN PROCESSION

"Come down, O Love divine"

Hymnal 516
Down Ampney

OPENING ACCLAMATION



Celebrant
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is risen.

People
The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant

There is one Body and one Spi - rit;

People

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

Celebrant

One Lord, one Faith, one Bap - tism;

People

One God and Fa - ther of all.

GLORIA

Hymnal S-278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY *(sung)*

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.**

℟ Please be seated for the Readings and the Psalm.

- THE LITURGY OF THE WORD -

FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:1-21

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.'"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:25-35, 37 *(sung by the choir)*

Anglican Chant

Benedic, anima mea

Charles Frederick South (1850-1916)

O Lord how manifold are thy works;
in wisdom hast thou made them all, the earth is full of thy riches.
So is the great and wide sea also;
wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.
There go the ships and there is that Leviathan;
whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.
These wait all upon thee;

that thou mayest give them meat in due season.
 When thou givest it, them they gather it;
 and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.
 When thou hidest thy face, they are troubled;
 when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.
 When thou lettest thy breath go forth, they shall be made;
 and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.
 The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever;
 the Lord shall rejoice in his works.
 The earth shall tremble at the look of him;
 if he do but touch the hills they shall smoke.
 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live;
 I will praise my God while I have my being.
 And so shall my words please him;
 my joy shall be in the Lord.
 Praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

FROM THE EPISTLES

Romans 8:22-27

Lector A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the church in Rome.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

℟ Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Come, thou Holy Spirit bright”

Hymnal 226

Veni Sancte Spiritus

ALLELUIA VERSE

℟ The choir sings the Alleluia, after which the people repeat it twice. The Verse is then sung, followed by the Alleluia a final time.



(sung by the choir)

“Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love.”

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “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. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. 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. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 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. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

℟ A period of silence for meditation follows the sermon. Then, please stand and join in singing the hymn.

HYMN

“Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire”

Hymnal 504
Veni Creator Spiritus

- THE LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM -

℟ The Celebrant, facing the Congregation, says

PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE FOR HOLY BAPTISM

BCP 301

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

℟ The Sponsors, facing the Celebrant, respond

Sponsors **I present Mikaela Taylor McGucken to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

℟ The Celebrant asks the Candidate

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate **I do.**

℟ The Celebrant then asks the following questions of the Candidate.

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

Candidate **I renounce them.**

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

Candidate **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidate **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Candidate I do.
Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Candidate I do.
Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Candidate I do.

℟ Once the Candidate is presented, the Celebrant addresses the Congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?
People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with Mikaela who is committing themself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP 304

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 the 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 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 Christ 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.

℟ At the following words, the Celebrant blesses the water, dividing the water in the sign of the cross three times

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that this person who here is 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 forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

Celebrant Mikaela Taylor McGucken, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

℟ The Celebrant places a hand on the head of the Candidate, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, using Chrism, saying

Celebrant Mikaela, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

℟ The Celebrant presents the Candidate with a votive candle lit from the Paschal Candle, a symbol of the light of Christ's life-giving Spirit. The Celebrant then says the following prayer over the Candidate.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant 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.**

℟ The Celebrant then says

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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 Celebrant addresses the Congregation, saying

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-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.

℣ Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

℣ The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. After the Words of Institution, please join in singing the Memorial Acclamation.

Celebrant

...we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

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

℣ The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, concluding with

Celebrant

... 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.

People

A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

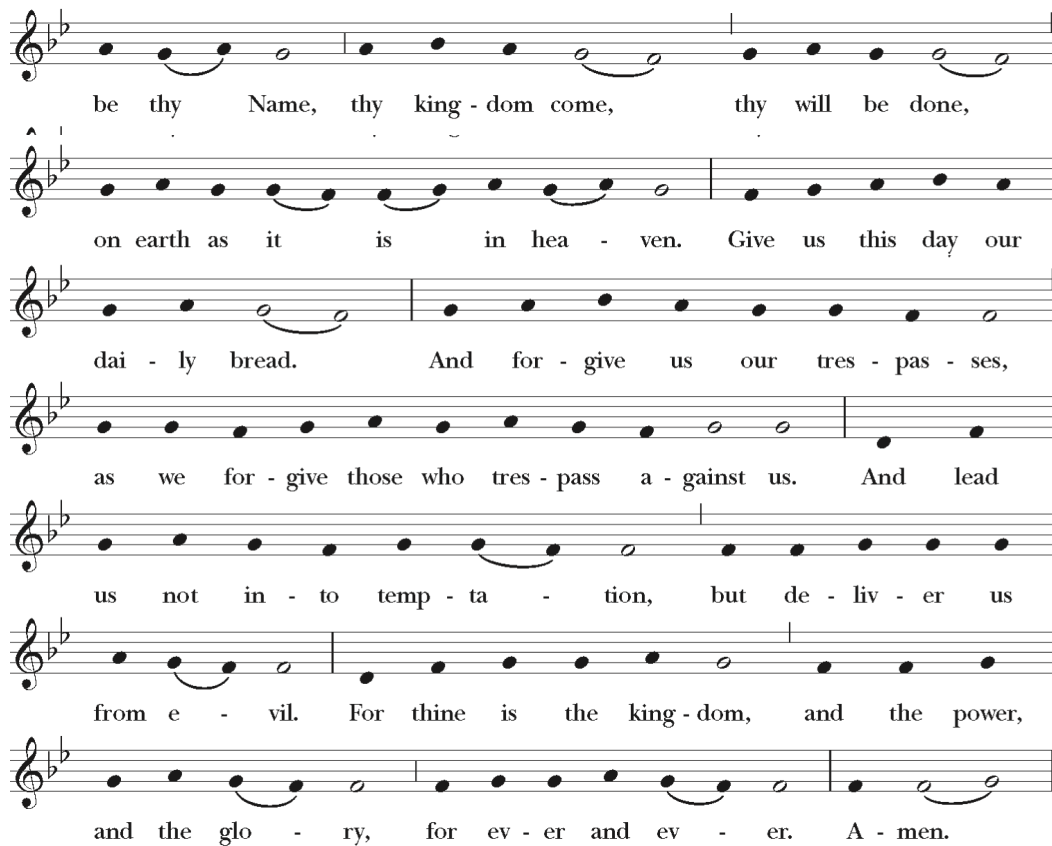
BCP 364

Celebrant

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

All

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed



be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

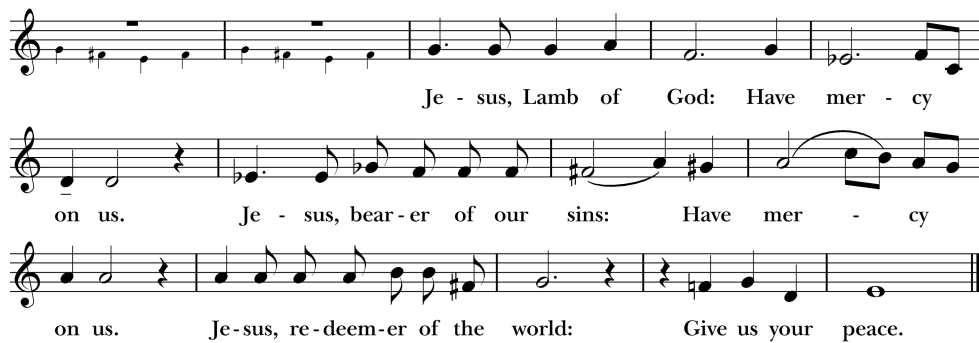
☞ The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and a period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore, let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI *(sung by choir)*

Hymnal S-165



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of the 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

☞ All are welcome to come forward at the time of Communion. The standard practice in the Episcopal Church is that all those who are Baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

If you choose not to receive communion or are unsure, you are more than welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you have a food sensitivity that requires a low-gluten Communion Wafer, simply mention that to the clergy person administering Communion. The receptacle containing the low-gluten Hosts will be brought to you, and you may help yourself to a Host (to avoid cross-contamination).

You may either drink from the common Chalice or intinct (partially dipping) the Host into the Wine. For those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, you have the option of receiving Communion in your seat. Simply notify an usher, or ask a parishioner seated near you to notify an usher for you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *(sung by choir)*

*“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”
Harold Friedell (1903-1958)*

COMMUNION HYMN

“O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God”

*Hymnal 505
O heiliger Geist*

After the Hymn and all have received Communion, please stand or kneel as you are able to pray the Post-Communion Prayer.

- THE CLOSING RITE -

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Please kneel as the Celebrant gives the Blessing and stand for the Dismissal

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People

Thanks be to God.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

“Put forth, O God, thy Spirit’s might”

*Hymnal 521
Chelsea Square*

VOLUNTARY

Please join us after the service in Trinity Commons for Coffee Hour!



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Saint Andrew's has a Pastoral Care Line to help when you are faced with a pastoral emergency. When you face an emergency, please call (205) 509-9590 at any time of the day or night. Some examples of an emergency are being near death or in the hospital, having a crisis of faith, experiencing significant loss, or having a mental health crisis. This line is answered at all hours of the day or night. Do not hesitate to call if you or someone you care about is having an emergency or crisis and needs to talk with someone. Should you need immediate medical support or face another crisis that requires professional assistance, always call 9-1-1 first. There are also help lines that specialize in certain crises, such as mental health, suicide, domestic violence, substance abuse.

After contacting one of them, then call the Pastoral Care Line at (205) 509-9590. If you call the Pastoral Care Line regarding an emergency, and no one answers, leave a message and someone will return your call first thing.

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