

# SERMON NOTES

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B \* January 10, 2021

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Genesis 1:1-5 \* Psalm 29 \* Acts 19:1-7 \* Mark 1:4-11

## Confirmation

**Sacrament:** Something we do on the O \_\_\_\_\_  
that represents something God does on the I \_\_\_\_\_.

**Covenant:** an A \_\_\_\_\_ between two parties in which each party does their part, whether or not the other party does theirs.

... Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made... *Book of Common Prayer 214*

In Confirmation, we C \_\_\_\_\_ the Covenant made at our Baptism.

### God's part of the deal:

John the Baptist said, "I baptize you with water, but the one who comes after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Mark 1:8

### Our part of the deal (Baptismal Covenant on BCP 304-305):

- ✦ Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- ✦ Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- ✦ Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- ✦ Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- ✦ Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

### The Sacrament:

When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. Acts 19:6

### Next Week's Lessons

1 Samuel 3:1-20 \* Psalm 139 \* 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 \* John 1:43-51

# Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. In our Baptismal Covenant, we promise to "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers." How and when do you customarily pray?
2. In our Baptismal Covenant, we promise to persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever [we] fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord." What is an evil you try to avoid?
3. In our Baptismal Covenant, we promise to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself." Whom have you served recently? And how?
4. In our Baptismal Covenant, we promise to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." How have you kept that promise recently?
5. PRAY:
  - ✦ Thanking God for listening to us when we pray.
  - ✦ Thanking God for keeping his end of the Baptismal Covenant to be with us always.
  - ✦ Asking God to help us keep our promises to him.
  - ✦ For any needs in your group.

