



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 23, 2021 - 10:00 AM



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their daughters and their families by Tad and Becky Boland.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister & Preaching

Susan Crowell

Pianist

Jim Parham

Cantor

John Park

Lectors

Jennifer Moorefield

Jerry Salley

Video Direction and Production

Henry Wilcox

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Toccatà in C Major (BWV 564) by J. S. Bach
(premiered May 31, 2020)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the life beyond all death,
the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

Amen.

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death,
let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,

by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new.

Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear.

We have not listened to voices that challenge us.

We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions.

Our hearts are slow to believe your promises.

Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear

the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power.

Through the waters of baptism

you have been born anew by the living word of God.

Know that your sins are forgiven in ✚ Jesus' name

and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you

both now and forever.

Amen.

**O day full of grace that now we see appearing on
earth's horizon, bring light from our God that we may
be abundant in joy this season. God, shine for us
now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.**

**O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the
earth arriving; then came to the world that light sublime,
great joy for us all retrieving; for Jesus all
mortals did embrace, all shame and despair removing.**

**For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
cross was hanging; and then he arose and moved the
stone, that we, unto him belonging, might join with
angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.**

**God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new
life revealing, that we might no more in death be
lost, its pow'r over us dispelling. This flame will the
mark of sin efface and bring to us all true healing.**

**When we on that final journey go that Christ is for
us preparing, we'll gather in song, our hearts
aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing, and there we will
join God's endless praise, with angels and saints adoring.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men and women of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:¹⁷"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 people shall see visions, and your elders shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my servants, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The refrain is introduced by the cantor.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.

*Psalm
Refrain*

Send forth your Spir - it and re -
new the face of the earth.

*Psalm
Tone*

- ²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.
- ²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.**
- ²⁶There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.
- ²⁷**All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season. R**
- ²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.
- ²⁹**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**
- ³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.
- ³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R**
- ³²You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.
- ³³**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**
- ³⁴May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.
- ^{35b}**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah! R**

A reading from Romans

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise 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. ²⁷And 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS' SERMON

God Delights in YOU!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

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

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶“When the Paraclete comes, the Spirit of Truth who comes from Abba God, whom I myself will send from my Abba – she will bear witness on my behalf. ²⁷You too must bear witness, for you’ve been with me from the beginning. ^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to the One who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I will send her to you. ⁸And when she comes, she will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to Abba God and you will see me no longer ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all the truth; for she will not speak on her own, but will speak whatever she hears, and she will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴The Spirit will glorify me, because she will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that Abba God has is mine. For this reason I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Why We Need Pentecost and Why We Need it Now

HYMN OF THE DAY

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

#401

**Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.**

Refrain

***Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.***

**Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced. *Refrain***

**Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame. *Refrain***

**Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty. *Refrain***

**Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. *Refrain***

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Today is Pentecost, the fiftieth day of Easter, and we ask God to send the Holy Spirit on the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

God of life, we pray for the church around the globe:
for the church in Africa,
for the church in Asia,
for the church in Australia and all the islands,
for the church in Europe,
for the church in North, and Central, and South America,
for our congregation Trinity Lutheran Church,
and for all who search for you, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Bless the lands, the seas, and all your creatures, too numerous to count. Send your lively Spirit to renew the face of the whole earth. For the earth we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Inspire the leaders of nations to strive for justice and equality for all. Bring peace to Jerusalem, to Israel, and to Palestine. Provide a home for refugees.

For the nations of the world we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Instill in our legislators and judges a passion for truth. Grant your Spirit to all who make political decisions in our land, that they discern and walk the way of righteousness.

For our government we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Unite all peoples around the globe into one humankind of cooperation and care. Teach us respect for those whose language or skin color or culture is different from our own.

For the end of prejudice we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Bring an end to the pandemic. Restore those who have contracted the virus. Uphold healthcare workers, and supply vaccines to all countries and peoples.

For worldwide health we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Visit all who are suffering, all who feel hopeless, and all who face death. Feed all who hunger. Grant jobs to those who are unemployed. Send healing to those we name here before you. . . .

For all who are in need we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Breathe your life into each of us, and receive the cries of our own hearts.

For ourselves we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Receive our praise for all the faithful who have gone before us, from the first Pentecost, throughout Christian history, and up to this week.

That at the end we join with all the saints to rejoice in your presence, we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit!

With confidence in your love and with trust in your mercy, glorious God, giver of life, we offer these prayers through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Peace be with you.

☒ **Peace be with you.**

*Worshippers are invited to use their phones to text now or make a call later today
to extend a message of peace to someone you love and care about.*

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

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or by following the link on the homepage of the website, www.trinitylutheran.ws.
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Holy Spirit, Truth Diving
Text: Samuel Longfellow; Music: Jim Parham

Adult Choir

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

#535

Refrain

***Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.***

**Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. *refrain***

**Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. *refrain***

Let us pray. God of love,
**you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.

Worshippers who gather with family at home are invited to share the bread and wine with each other using these words spoken directly to each person,

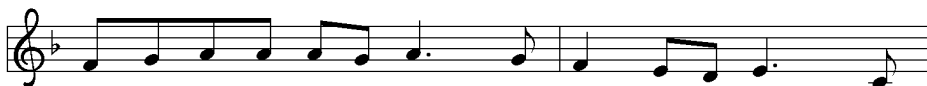
"The body of Christ given for you," and "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Worshippers who are gathering with the community from their individual homes

are invited to receive the bread and wine while saying these words,

"The body of Christ given for me," and "The blood of Christ shed for me."

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Refrain

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness
calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” *Refrain***

**You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain***

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain***

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain***

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the Holy Spirit stir up new life in you.
May the Holy Spirit rage in your heart like a fire,
blow in your mind like hurricane gales,
and speak through you with the tongues of angels and mortals.
May the Holy Spirit work in your life to change you, to bless you, to comfort you, to guide
you, to strengthen you, to call you forth from old ways of seeing, doing, and being,
to empower you to work for peace and justice in our community and in the world.
The God of life,
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

#400

**God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost
descend! Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls your people send! Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!**

**God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your
purpose purge! Through your church, Christ's living Body,
let your flaming Spirit surge! Where deceit conceals injustice,
kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth!**

**God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from
lethargy! Break the chains of sin asunder,
for earth's healing set us free! Crumble walls that still divide us;
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!**

**God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's
restlessness! Where the people cry in anguish,
may we share your heart's distress. Rouse us from content with evil;
claim us for your kingdom's work, claim us for your kingdom's work!**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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