Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Pentecost

11:00 AM Worship Service • May 19, 2024 *ELW Setting 3*



Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it — to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Pastorale on "Come Down, O Love Divine" Michael Daniels, cello

Frank Stoldt

GATHERING

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness
SPIRIT

ELW 396

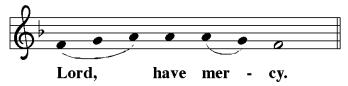
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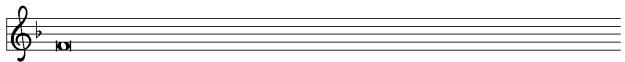
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**.

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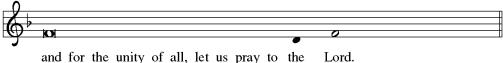


For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

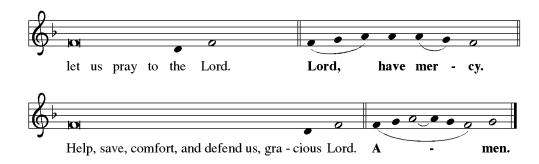


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assembly is seated.

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Hebrew word rendered as ruach means "spirit," "wind," or "breath." This reading plays on the different meanings of the word. Just as the dry bones in Ezekiel's vision are given new life, flesh, and breath (or spirit), so God will give the exiles God's own spirit and will bring them home to the land of Israel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. The Lord said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then the Lord said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and

you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then the Lord said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as I was commanded, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then the Lord said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (sung responsively)



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How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number, living things both | small and great.

There go the ships | to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

All of them | look to you

to give them their food | in due season.

You give it to them; they | gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

When you hide your face, | they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created; and so you renew the face | of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;

O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.

You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.

May these words of | mine please God.

I will rejoice | in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul.

Hal- | lelujah!

SECOND LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

O Holy Spirit, Enter In WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET; v. 1-2

Procession moves to the center of the congregation symbolizing the Word of God coming into the midst of the people. The doors are opened so that the good news of our resurrected Lord may be proclaimed to the world.

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

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th and 16th Chapters, **Glory to you**, **O Lord**.

[Jesus said,] "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, the Spirit 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 God 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 the advocate to you. And when the advocate comes, the world will be proved 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, that Spirit will guide you into all the truth, speaking for itself speaking whatever the Spirit hears and the Spirit 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 the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

O Holy Spirit, Enter In WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET; v. 3

ELW 786

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT SERMON

Pastor Tina Melusky Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come Down, O Love Divine
DOWN AMPNEY

ELW 804

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/RITE OF CONFIRMATION

ELW 234-236

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of Grace, hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow
Troeger/Jeffrey; arr. Kellner
Patricia Fielding, flute; Michael Daniels, cello

Wind who makes all winds that blow, gusts that bend the saplings low, Gales that heave the sea in waves, stirrings in the mind's deep caves, Aim your breath with steady power on your church this day, this hour. Raise, renew the life we've lost; Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn, suns around which planets turn,
Beacons marking reefs and shoals, shining truth to guide our souls;
Come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sacred flame.
Light and Power, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.

Holy Spirit, wind and flame, move within our mortal frame.

Make our hearts an altar pyre. Kindle them with your own fire.

Breathe and blow upon that blaze 'till our lives, our deeds and ways

Speak the tongue which every land, by your grace, shall understand.

Raise, renew the life we've lost; Spirit God of Pentecost.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

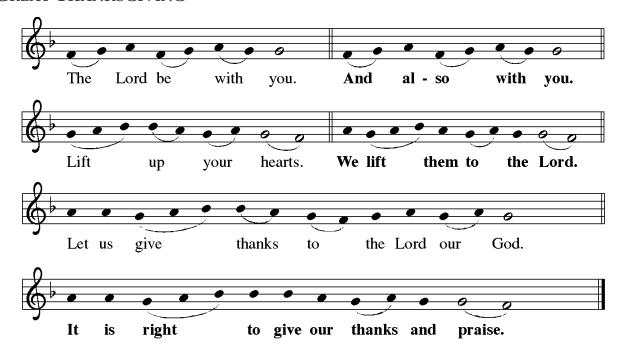
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

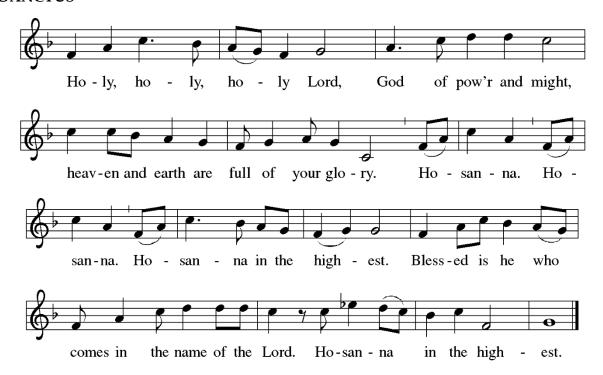


PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation. 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



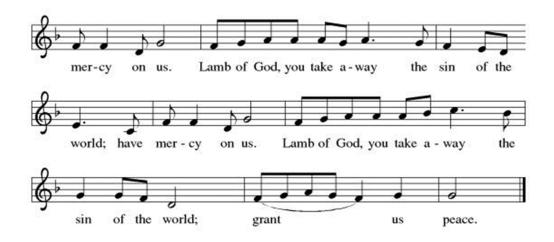
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI





COMMUNION

Communion is held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a *clear* cup with wine or a *purple* cup with grape juice from the tray. Recycling baskets for your plastic cups are located outside the doors of the sanctuary. Trinity has an open table – all are welcome to come to the feast.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

TION As the Wind Song
WAIRUA TAPU
Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
BRIDEGROOM

ACS 943

ELW 403

The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW 204

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. Amen.

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind CWM RHONDDA

The assembly turns to face the recessing cross.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Cwm Rhondda

Paul Manz

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER — Sean Murphy
ACOLYTES — Luke and Samantha Harry
TORCHBEARER — Andrew Rummel and Karina Stevens
BIBLE BEARER — Patrick Spisak
KITE — Nathan Rummel
LECTOR — Bill Solomon
USHERS/GREETERS — Dave and Judy Hunt
CAMERA/LIVESTREAM — Kelly Rummel

We welcome Michael Daniels, cellist, who will be accompanying our music in worship today. He is the principal cellist of the Virginia Symphony as well as a founding member of the Adagio Trio. We also extend a huge thanks to our own Patricia Fielding for accompanying us on flute today!



The flowers are to the glory of God and in honor of Jeannette Cantrell's 99th birth-day and in honor of Elliott Jay's confirmation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy 99th Birthday Jannette Cantrell; The Chesapeake 955 Harpersville Road, AL 302, Newport News, VA 23601.

<u>RED FOOD BOX</u> Thank you so much for your continued donations to the Red Box! We are in need of water and food donations. A reminder that if you donate fruit cups, please be sure they are applesauce cups only– other fruit cups attract critters! This is an important ministry for our community members, receiving a gift that reminds them that they are valued children of God!

Prayerfully remembering Dr. Philip Hefner, distinguished emeriti faculty member of the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, who passed away on April 27, 2024 at the age of 91. Dr. was an innovator in the field of systematic theology and religion and science and was a former weekend theologian in residence at Trinity.

Vacation Bible School: Hometown Nazareth Where Jesus Was a Kid

Last summer's revival of Hilton Vacation Bible School was a great success. Before it ended, many participants were already looking forward to this year's session. This summer, the Hilton area churches will again be hosting VBS --HOMETOWN NAZ-ARETH WHERE JESUS WAS A KID.

The VBS Steering Committee is hard at work planning for an exciting four-night program July 29-August 1 (Monday through Thursday) from 5-8 p.m.

This is a marvelous outreach opportunity to bring the Good News to families in our churches and community and to cultivate a lifetime faith for the participants. There will be numerous volunteer opportunities for kitchen staff to help prepare and serve simple dinners, shepherds to lead the groups to their activities, as well as leaders and helpers in crafts, recreation, and music. Please consider your talents and how you can contribute to a successful VBS. When we have a volunteer roster, we'll know the number of students we can accept. We're hoping to accept more kids this year!

NEW ORLEANS YOUTH TRIP Help send our kids to New Orleans AND CELEBRATE our new TLC logo!!!

These are the shirts our youth will be wearing at Sunday morning worship in New Orleans. Share your love for them and TLC with a shirt of your own! Cost: \$20/ shirt.



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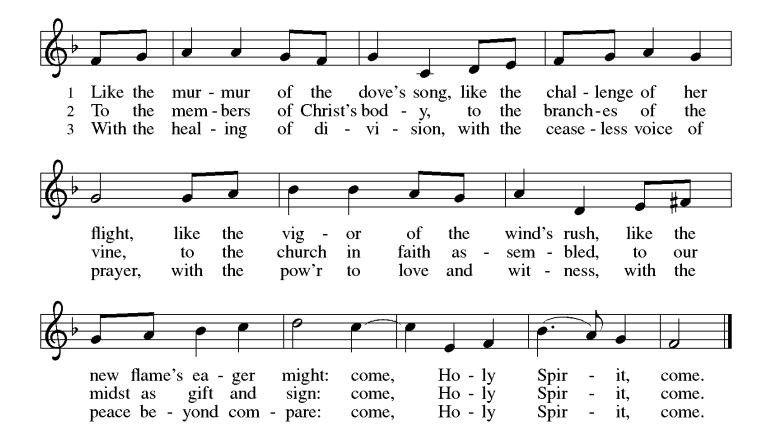


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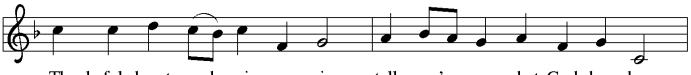
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Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

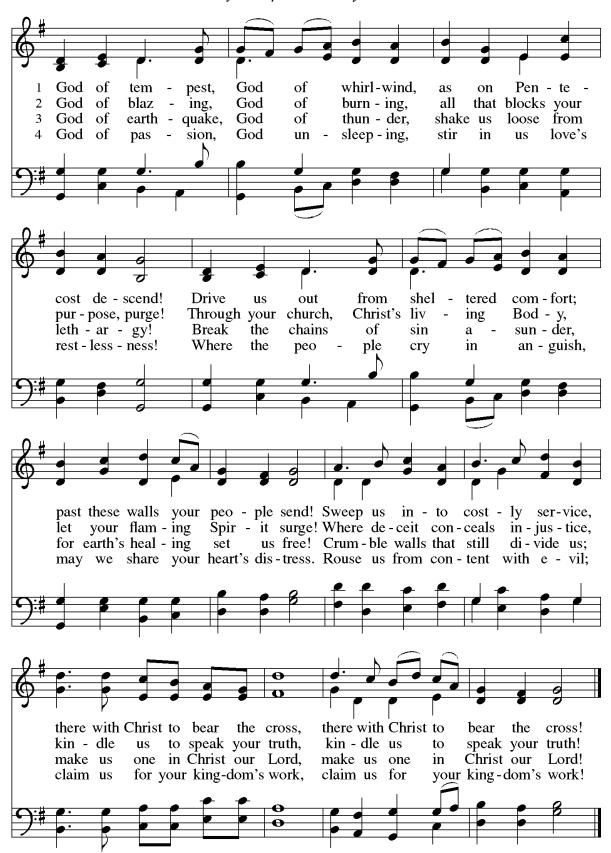


Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



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