The weekend of May 23, 2021

Pentecost *The Holy Spirit Comes to His Church*



"With one mind and one voice we glorify God the Father."



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Welcome to Worship!



To the friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the visitor we welcome you most sincerely; and to those seeking a church home we offer fellowship in Christ and the opportunity to actively join in sharing the Good News: Jesus Christ our Savior was born in Bethlehem, crucified on Calvary and risen from the grave for all people.

Please sign our guest register.



If you need to leave the service temporarily, the audio-video of the service is broadcast in the Gathering Room. A rest room is located in the hallway across from the elevator. As you exit the sanctuary turn to your left - go through the short hallway and turn right. The baby

Please note that the last four pews are reserved for parents with small children.



Regarding standing for hymns or readings - At various times during the worship service the congregation is invited to stand. If this gets to be too difficult - please feel free to remain seated.



We are a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body in fellowship with the WELS. We hold to the Bible as the inspired, inerrant Word of God and that we are justified before God by grace for the sake of Jesus Christ through faith.



Trinity Lutheran Congregation supports a private Elementary School (Preschool through Grade 8). We teach all subjects from a Christian perspective as we prepare children for life in this world and the next. If you desire more information, please contact our Principal, Mr. Jim Speerschneider, Email at mrjim@trinityels.org or Phone at School (262)-675-6627.



In order to maintain a reverent atmosphere for worship and praise, please make sure all cell phones and other electronic devices are put on "silent," or, better yet, turned off.

Remember Your Offerings!

Your offerings are important to YOU:

"Honor the LORD with your wealth" (Proverbs 3:9, EHV)

Your offerings are important to GOD:

"Jesus responded, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one [else] found to return and give glory to God...?" (Luke 17:17-18, EHV)



"On the first day of every week, each of you is to set something aside in keeping with whatever he gains, saving it up at home, so that when I come, no collections will need to be carried out." (1 Corinthians 16:2, EHV)

> LEAVE YOUR OFFERINGS IN THE COLLECTION AREAS IN THE ENTRYWAY OR GATHERING ROOM, OR USE THE LINK ABOVE TO GIVE DIGITALLY. ↑

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship · Pentecost

[liturgical text]

On this Pentecost day, we pray to the Holy Spirit and thank Him for bringing the light of the Gospel to His disciples in the past and creating a single family of believers: His holy Church. May we continue to receive His light in our hearts today through His Means of Grace—His holy Word and Blessed Sacraments.

"Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of Your love.

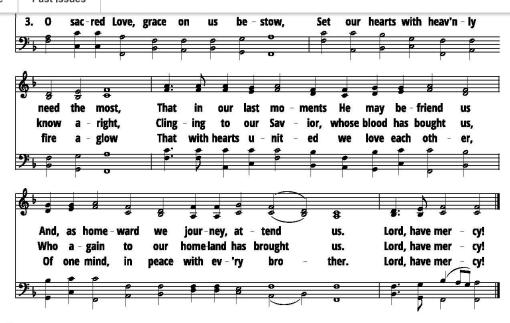
CONGREGATION: Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of Your love. Alleluia!"

First Hymn • "We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost"





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Confession and Forgiveness for Pentecost

[text: ELH 10 alt • tune: CW 177]

P Let us confess our sins and pray:



- P O Holy Spirit, continue to grant Your sevenfold gifts to the Church, even as You poured them out on Jesus Himself. Enlighten us through the light of Your Gospel, even as Jesus Himself is the Light of the World.
- As Isaiah prophesied: "The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. He will be delighted with the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, nor will he render decisions based on what he hears with his ears." [Isaiah 11:2-3, (EHV)]



- Progive us our sins, gracious Lord, for we have done the works of the sinful flesh instead of producing the fruit of the Spirit through faith.
- Though "the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control," we confess that we have not produced this good fruit. We have sinned and do not deserve to "inherit the kingdom of God."

[Galatians 5:22-23, 21 (EHV)]

Lift up your hearts. "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit." But with the Holy Spirit, we not only confess our sins, but we confess our Savior! The Holy Spirit creates a saving faith in our hearts that trusts in God: the Father who created us, the Son who redeemed us by His death and resurrection, and the Holy Spirit who creates and strengthens a saving faith in our hearts through His Word and Sacraments.

[1 Corinthians 12:3 (EHV)]

May this peace of forgiveness be with each of you today and every day, until He brings you home to Him in heaven, for the sake of our Lord Jesus + Christ.

G Amen.



Prayer of the Day · Pentecost

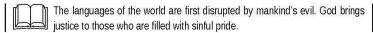
P Let us pray:

O Jesus Christ, almighty Son of God, we ask You to send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your Word and Sacraments. May He rule and govern us according to Your will, comfort us in every temptation and trouble, and defend us from every error. Strengthen us to continue firmly in the faith, increase our love and good works for our neighbor, and bring us into Your heavenly Kingdom at the end.

@ We pray this because You are our living Lord, who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

-Be seated-

First Lesson · Genesis 11:1-9



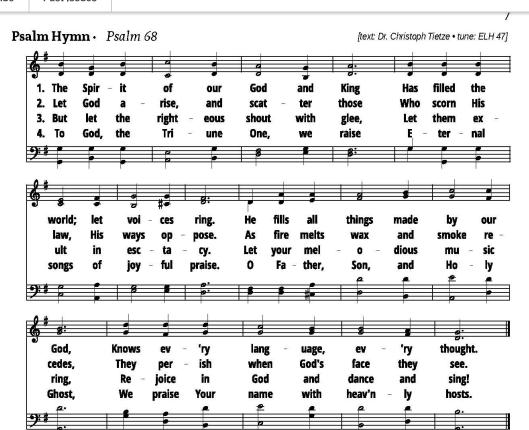
The whole earth had one language and a single vocabulary. As people traveled in the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they settled there. They said to one another, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used mud brick instead of stone for building material, and they used tar for mortar. They said, "Come, let's build a city for ourselves and a tower whose top reaches to the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves, so that we will not be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

⁵The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the people were building. ⁶The LORD said, "If this is the first thing they are doing as one people, who all have one language, then nothing that they intend to do will be too difficult for them. ⁷Come, let's go down there and confuse their language, so that they cannot understand one another's speech."

⁸So the LORD scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹It was named Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth. (EHV)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

☐ Thanks be to God!



Second Lesson · Acts 2:1–13

Jesus' promise to His disciples is fulfilled at Pentecost: The Holy Spirit is given to them to confirm their ministry. The power of the Holy Spirit is shown to them through the wind and fire, but God's power is truly evident in His Word!

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God." ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocked them and said, "They are full of new wine." (EHV)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

■ Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation • Pentecost

[Liturgical text • ELH2]

P Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.



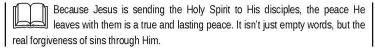
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Gospel • *John* 14:23–31



[Jesus said,] "If anyone loves me, he will hold on to my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴The one who does not love me does not hold on to my words. The word that you are hearing is not mine, but it is from the Father who sent me.

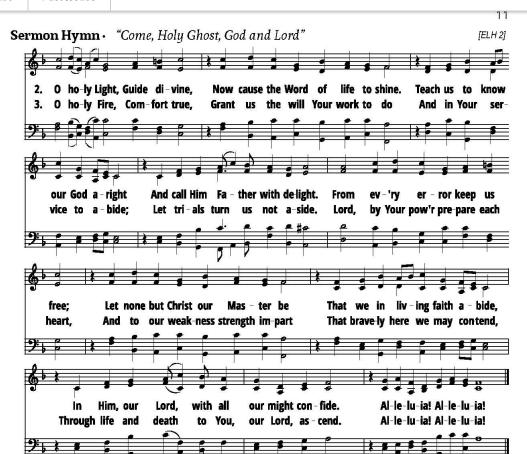
 25 "I have told you these things while staying with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.

²⁷"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

²⁹"I have told you now before it happens so that, when it does happen, you may believe. ³⁰I will not speak with you much longer, because the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me. ³¹But I want the world to know that I love the Father and that I am doing exactly what the Father has instructed me. (EHV)

- P This is the Gospel of our Lord.
- Praise God for His good news of salvation.

-Be seated-



Sermon • Genesis 11:1–9

The People Are One

- 1. All People By _____
- 2. God's People By the _____

Confession of Faith · The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

- P What does this mean?
- I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Reception of Offerings and Prayer



Offerings are brought by those who are thankful to God for saving them through Jesus. Before the service starts we collect the offering in the designated areas in the entryway and Gathering Room. For those who wish to give digitally, please use the link to our PayPal account to the left, or consult our Church Website: www.trinityels.org

Prayer of the Church for Pentecost

- Lord God, heavenly Father, who together with Your Son and the Holy Spirit created the universe and every living being, we, Your creatures, praise You for Your mighty works.
- We thank You for sending Your Son, who died as a righteous man for our unrighteousness.
- P Accept the gratefulness of our hearts for also sending Your Holy Spirit.
- He has created in us the faith to believe that Your Son is our Savior.

- P We sing Your praises for His visitation and for Christ's resurrection and ascension.
- On this anniversary of the founding of Your Church on earth, we thank You for revealing to us the power of Your Holy Spirit.
- P As You once manifested Your power by curbing man's ambition at the tower of Babel with a confusion of tongues,
- We praise You that on Pentecost You enabled everyone to hear in his own language about Your mighty works.
- P O Lord, we have seen Your wonders in the heavens and have witnessed Your power on earth.
- Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us, O Lord, that He may help us persevere in the faith through Your Word and Sacrament.
 - -Special prayers may be offered here-
- P Hear us Lord, as we bring to you our private petitions.
 - -Silence for private prayer-
- P Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.
- @ Amen.

Lord's Prayer

[Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4]

- P Hear us as we pray, O Lord:
- 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.

-Be seated-

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Let us pray:

O God, You taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the Light of Your Holy Spirit. We thank You for sending that same Spirit to us today through Your preached Word and holy Sacrament. May we always be strengthened by You—our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier—through these Means of Grace.

We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

Final Blessing

[2 Thessalonians 3:16 (EHV)]

■ "May the Lord of Peace

Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with you all."

@ Amen.



-Be seated-