

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.*

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On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

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**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.** *You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community for all who enter here. You are received as a friend . . .*

- *just as you are, created by God.*
- *whatever your color, culture and customs, your age, abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.*
- *wherever circumstances find you... in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope, or in search of spiritual fullness and friendship.*
- *whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts or do not believe, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name.*

*You are embraced as an expression of the diversity and beauty of the creation God has given us. **You are welcome here!***

*The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our youngest brothers and sisters and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

## ✝ THE SERVICE ✝

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** Song 13 (Holy Spirit, Truth Divine)

Aaron David Miller b. 1972

‡ **GATHERING** ‡

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)

↑ **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain, for the waters that surround us.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.**

P: We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

**C: We give you thanks for your salvation through water.**

P: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for those newly baptized; for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

**C: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.**

P: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

**C: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

↑ **GATHERING**

**O Day Full of Grace**

**#627**

↑ **GREETING**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## ↑ HYMN OF PRAISE

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**1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth; we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**2. Glory to be Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

## ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

**C: 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.**

## ↓ CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Following the Children's Sermon, parents of children who are six or younger are welcome to take their children to child-care and retrieve them for communion. (10:30 worship service only)*

## ‡ WORD ‡

## ↓ FIRST READING

**Acts 2:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were

amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>'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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ↓ **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your | works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,  
living things both | small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them | look to you  
to give them their food | in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;  
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;  
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God.  
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.  
Hal- | lelujah!**

## ↓**SECOND READING**

**Romans 8:22-27**

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

<sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ↑**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Page 205

***Alleluia. Lord and Savior; open now your saving word.***

***Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.***

***Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.***

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## ↑**GOSPEL**

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“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.

<sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.  
<sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you  
going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.  
<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>And  
when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and  
judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness,  
because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment,  
because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

↓ **SERMON**

↑ **HYMN**

*Spirit of Gentleness*

**#396**

↑ **APOSTLES' CREED**

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)*

Prayer Leader: Hear us, O God.

**Congregation: Your mercy is great.**

✠ **MEAL** ✠

↑ **SHARING THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:*

**Peace be with you.**

↓ **OFFERING**

*Spirit, Sing*

Choir Anthem

by Mary Martin and Joseph M. Martin

↑ **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

Hymn

***Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow***

**#885**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***praise God, all creatures here below;***

***praise God above, ye heav'nly host;***

***praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

## ↑OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Be known to us, O Lord,

**C: in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

## ↑GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## ↑PREFACE FOR THE DAY

P: 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## ↑HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna, in the highest.***

***Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Ho-sanna in the high-est, ho-sanna in the high-est.***

## ↑JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### ↑LORD'S PRAYER

*You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### ↑INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

### ↓DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. Dip the bread into the cup (intinction). If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

## ↓ LAMB OF GOD

*O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.*

*O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.*

*O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.*

## ↓ Distribution

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

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*Veni Sancte Spiritus*

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## ↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

## ↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Life-giving God,

**C: in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

## ↑ BLESSING

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## ↑ HYMN

*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

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## ↑ DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## ↓ POSTLUDE

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

Paul Manz 1919-2009

*Many worshippers choose to stay in the sanctuary to listen to the musical postlude (3-4 minutes).*