



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Anchored in Faith. Serving Our Neighbor. Singing God's Praise.

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

Pentecost Sunday May 28, 2023

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Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

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 ✠

CHOIR PRELUDE *As the Wind Song*

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931-2020

Music: Lim Swee Hong, b. 1963

✠ GATHERING ✠

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

↑ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

↑ HYMN *O Living Breath of God* #407 vs.1-3

- O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters;***
O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth;

Refrain

Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us

as we pray.

- O living Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth among us;***
O living Breath of God, who to the creation gives life anew; (Refrain)
- O living Breath of God, bearing us to life through baptismal waters;***
O living Breath of God, sighing with creation for freedom's birth; (Refrain)

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
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↑ GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

↑ CANTICLE OF PRAISE Page 169-170

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia. (repeat)

- Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. (refrain)***
- Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (refrain)***
- For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (refrain)***

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

↓ FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

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 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 men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, 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.'"

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

↓ Psalm 104:24-34,35b

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 many 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.**

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 endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

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. Hallelujah!**

↓ SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

↑GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

↑GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th
chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

↓SERMON

↓CHOIR *Abba, Abba Hear Us* ACS #1072 vs. 1, 3

1 *"Abba, Abba, hear us," we cry;
God's Spirit cries in us,
names us adopted and beloved heirs,
the heirs of God.
All creation waits, eager and longing,
for the glorious freedom of God's children
soon will be revealed.*

3 *As we pray, the Spirit breathes sighs,
sighs far too deep for words;
God, who searches hearts and knows the Spirit's
mind,
hears all our prayer.
All creation waits, eager and longing.
As we live in hope, we know that in all
things God works for good.*

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951 Music: Korean traditional

↑APOSTLES' CREED

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Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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.)*

You may choose to sit or stand as you are
comfortable.

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us
pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the
gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the
disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good
news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and
destruction throughout the world. We pray for
those who work with wind energy, for migratory
birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire,
for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the
face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is
great.**

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send
your spirit of understanding to immigrants,
refugees, and any experiencing language barriers.
Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers,
ambassadors, and international peace
organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and
danger. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless
nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors,
and hospice workers as they care for those in need.
We pray for all who seek your comfort, especially

*Chuck Bangert, Chuck LaBel, Peter Dow, Jane
McDermott, Mary Goglio, Wes & Marla Anderson,
Elena Sweet, Constance Farber, Barry Toomajian,
Alan Petersen, Vincent Maloney, George Lyon,
Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Ann Kenyon,
Tricia, Pam Clisham, Deanna Madarasz, Craig
Anderson, Pastor Craig, Michael Rasmussen, Jackson
Bohm, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Gail Cromack,
Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce,*

Willie Prewitt, Christine Winberg and Dorothy Wingire. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the Strategic Exploration Team, the priesthood of all believers, Calvary Christian Church in Alameda, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We give thanks for the fullness of the life of Fern Stern as she celebrates her birthday this week. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

At this time, you are invited to pray the prayers of your heart, either silently or aloud.

A moment is offered for prayers from the congregation

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

↑ SHARING THE PEACE

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

↓ OFFERING

↑ 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.

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↑ PREFACE FOR THE DAY

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, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into 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, Lord God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest,

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

↑ 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 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

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you. **Thanks be to God!**

↓ DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

*The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. **Gluten-free wafers are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

↓ LAMB OF GOD

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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.
Amen.

↑PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being. With
your word and this meal of grace, you have
nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show
your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.
Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

↑BLESSING

The God of all, who raised ✠ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in
the new creation. **Amen.**

↓ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑HYMN *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* ACS #942

Refrain

*Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.*

*Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.*

1 *Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke. Refrain*

2 *All around me looked so fine,
asked my Lord if all was mine. Refrain*

3 *Jordan river, chilly and cold,
chills the body but not the soul. Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

↑DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Njoo kwetu, Roho Mwema*

(Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading)

Tune: Wilson Niwagila, Tanzania Arr. Anne Krentz Organ
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THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 33

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 5/29 *Trinity offices closed to observe Memorial Day*
 9:30am Craft Group
Tues 5/30 7:30am Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Wed 5/31 10:00am Women's Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Sat 6/3 3:30pm Family Mingle
Sat 6/4 3:00pm Make a Joyful Noise Trinity Concert

COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UPS Help! The clipboard with coffee hour sign-ups has been misplaced. We have recreated a new one. Please take a look at the sign-ups, and if you had a date already picked please fill in your name. If you are willing to host coffee hour, please take a look at the open dates for one that works for you!

AAPI HERITAGE MONTH Our God is Lord of the universe. People all over the world worship God in their own languages with their own music, so it makes sense that the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal contains hymns from many different countries which allow us to feel a part of this broader church. In the month of May, Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we will sing or listen to hymns from our Asian sisters and brothers.

SAVE THE DATE- Trinity Choir Concert- Sunday, June 4th 3pm-Make a Joyful Noise

Come hear two instruments that have probably never before been played in the Trinity sanctuary! Refreshments follow. Come and bring your friends to this free concert.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN-SAVE THE DATE! Trinity will host a Family Mingle for families with young children on Saturday, June 3rd from 3:30pm-5:30pm.. *Family RSVP's are requested* by contacting Jessica in the office either by email or call/text: trinityalameda@gmail.com, (510) 812-4752.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthdays this Week:

Fern Stern (5/31)

Visits from Pastor Stephanie

If you would appreciate a visit from Pastor Stephanie, she is available by phone, text or email to make an appointment. She is happy to visit with you in your home, at her office, or a location of your convenience.

Pastor's Office Hours

Mon-10:00-Noon; Tues. 9am-Noon; Thurs.-10:00-Noon

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