



# 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 24, 2026

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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.

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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. We invite you to join us in our commitment to being an anti-racist, LGBTQIA+ embracing, community- loving congregation.*

***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

Parents/caregivers of children who are six or younger are welcome to take their children to the children's room during the worship service for childcare. If you are new or visiting Trinity, please see a greeter who will show you where the children's room is located. You are welcome to bring them back for a blessing during communion or pick them up at the conclusion of worship.

## ↓ PRELUDE

### ✠ GATHERING ✠

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

## ↑ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water is poured to refill the baptismal font*

Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ,  
you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit,  
you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ↑ HYMN *O Day Full of Grace* #627 vs. 1,4,5

- 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.***
- 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.***

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001, alt. Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## ↑ 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

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- 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.***
- 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.***
- 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

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**

<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 people 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, "Fellow Jews 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 (read responsively)

<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 many 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 endure 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. Hallelujah!**

### ↓SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the

Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For 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. <sup>13</sup> For 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**      **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.***

**↑ GOSPEL**      **John 20:19-23**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If 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.**

**↓ CHOIR**      *We Are Not Alone*      Pepper Choplin

**↓ SERMON**

**↑ 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.

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your

name. Today we pray especially for *the family of Valerie Nehus, Sister Pat Nagle, Bonnie Levo, Chris Laine, Elizabeth Madaras, Lyla Hanson, Dennis Assid, Juliane Pew, Tracie Rasmussen, David Wentz, Harry Olsen, Jose Hernandez, Tanas and his parents, Henry G., Paul M., Sonya, Michelle Koka, Nevi Zabilski, Ann Kenyon, Ginny Parsons, Lou O'Connell, Ryan Simpson, Peter Dow, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Constance Farber, Alan Petersen, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Tricia, Deanna Madarasz, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Michael Rasmussen, Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, and Dorothy Wingire.* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, Trinity's Transition Team, the priesthood of all believers, St. Barnabas Roman Catholic Church in Alameda, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We give thanks for the fullness of the lives of Mary James, Danielle Montoya, and Matt Montoya as they celebrate their birthdays this week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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*

You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### ↑ SHARING THE PEACE

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

### ↓ OFFERING

## ↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.**

### ↑ 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. 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:

### ↑ 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, 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.**

### ↓ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. **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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***O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; 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 away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.***

## ↑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. Holy One,  
**through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

## ↑BLESSING

↑HYMN *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit* ACS #942

### Refrain

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

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**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. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## ↑ POSTLUDE

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 38

### IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 5/25 *Trinity offices closed in honor of Memorial Day*  
9:30am Craft Group

Wed 5/27 7:30am Tuesday Morning Bible Study (meets on Zoom)  
10:00am Women's Bible Study (meets on Zoom)  
7:00pm Transition Team meeting

Thurs 5/28 7:30pm Council Meeting (on Zoom)

Sun 5/31 8:45am Pop-up Choir Rehearsal  
9:30am Worship

**TRINITY's BI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will take place next Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> immediately following worship. The primary agenda item at this time will be an update on the work of the Transition Team. We do not have any Council members vacating their position this year, but we ask that you consider whether you might be willing to be on Council in 2027, when we will have multiple vacancies to fill.

**LETTER WRITING-TODAY** With deep concern about the serious cutbacks in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and proposed reductions in WIC (Women, infants, and children) for 2027, Mary James is again going to DC to ask our congresspeople to protect and preserve these needed benefits for vulnerable people. Sadly the current cutbacks in SNAP are expected to affect millions of Californians.

Last year all the letters that you wrote for her to deliver received a very warm welcome at the offices of Senators Schiff and Padilla and Representative Simon. Mary is hoping to deliver a lot of letters again this year to encourage them further in their efforts to prevent unnecessary suffering. We will have letter writing after church this morning, May 24th (which is also Pentecost and, by the way, Mary's birthday.)

**Assisting in Worship:**

Assisting Minister:  
Reader: Stan Booker  
Greeters: Chuck Bangert & Alan Peterson  
Children's Attendant: Kaye Fitzsimons  
Coffee Hour: Marvera Kline  
Altar Guild: Simon Harris

**Worship Assistants for 5/31**

Assisting Minister: Meg Brogan  
Reader: Kristin Moeller  
Greeters: John Kofranek & Marilyn Ohm-Smith  
Children's Attendant: Jessica Fleischman  
Coffee Hour: Candace Gutleben  
Altar Guild: Marvera Kline

**Next Week's Scripture Readings:**

Genesis 1:1—2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20