#### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1410 Rogers St Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Pastor Ted Johanson Ministers: Every Baptized Member Sunday, May 28, 2023, 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.



# **Trinity's Mission**

Bringing God's love to the world in worship, witness, and service.

## **Trinity's Vision**

A Christ and Scripture centered congregation.

- Mission centered congregation constantly evaluating its vision to accomplish its mission.
- A congregation whose members sense that they belong to the body of Christ and, in turn want to provide for the needs of others.

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# Day of Pentecost

**ELW Holy Communion Setting Four** 

## Introduction to the day

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.

# Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude: "Build My Life"

**Welcome and Announcements** 

-Special Graduate Greeting

### **Opening Litany**

P: Holy Spirit, fill us up. All: Give us strength, give us power.

Holy Spirit, fill us up. All: Make us one, sisters and brothers.

Holy Spirit, fill us up. All: Give us strength to share your truth.

Holy Spirit, fill us up. All: Send us out, to live for you. Amen.

**Gathering Song:** 

## "This Is My Song"

**ELW #887** 

1 This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

- 2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, 3 and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
  But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
  So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
- 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms, your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
  - O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you, and hearts united learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations; myself I give you; let your will be done.

# Greeting

P: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.** 

#### Song of Praise:

# "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

**ELW #671** 

#### Chorus

Shine Jesus shine Fill this land With the Father's glory Blaze Spirit blaze Set our hearts on fire.

Flow river flow Flood the nations With grace and mercy Send forth Your word Lord And let there be light.

#### Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining In the midst of the darkness shining Jesus Light of the world shine upon us Set us free by the truth You now bring us Shine on me shine on me.

#### Verse 2

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness So our faces display Your likeness Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story Shine on me shine on me.

### Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

Choir Anthem: "Come Build a Church" by Ken Medema

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

## A Sound Like a Strong Wind

- **2 1-4** When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.
- **5-11** There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were blown away. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene; Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

12 Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

13 Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

#### **Peter Speaks Up**

**14-21** That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters; Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams. When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit On those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy. I'll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, Blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red, Before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvelous; And whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## **Second Reading:**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 12:1b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

- 12 1-3 What I want to talk about now is the various ways God's Spirit gets worked into our lives. This is complex and often misunderstood, but I want you to be informed and knowledgeable. Remember how you were when you didn't know God, led from one phony god to another, never knowing what you were doing, just doing it because everybody else did it? It's different in this life. God wants us to use our intelligence, to seek to understand as well as we can. For instance, by using your heads, you know perfectly well that the Spirit of God would never prompt anyone to say "Jesus be damned!" Nor would anyone be inclined to say "Jesus is Master!" without the insight of the Holy Spirit.
- **4-11** God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful:

wise counsel, clear understanding, simple trust, healing the sick, miraculous acts, proclamation, distinguishing between spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues.

All these gifts have a common origin, but are handed out one by one by the one Spirit of God. He decides who gets what, and when.

**12-13** You can easily enough see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body. Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you're still one body. It's exactly the same with Christ. By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which *he* has the final say in everything. (This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptized.) Each of us is now a part of his resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain—his Spirit—where we all come to drink. The old labels we once used to identify ourselves—labels like Jew or Greek, slave or free—are no longer useful. We need something larger, more comprehensive.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: "Hallelujah Cohen"

Gospel: John 20:19-23

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

- **19-20** Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side.
- **20-21** The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were awestruck. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you."
- 22-23 Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

Message: "An Experience Worth Sharing" Todd Lewis

#### Hymn of the Day:

#### "Goodness of God"

(Music is in the back of the bulletin)

## **Recognition of Graduates**

#### Creed

A: 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**

A: Let us pray... God of wind and flame, blow into our lives. Ignite the fire of hope, fan the flames of possibility. Transform us into a people who share your love with a world in pain, a people who proclaim your hope into a world given to despair, a people who live as though the world can be changed into the kingdom that is to come.

### God of many languages.

You sing the language of joy with us, you join us in the dance of life. Hear all of your children who sing and dance and praise this morning, those who celebrate new life with all the possibilities of the future, those who celebrate relationships, both the new and exciting and the long-term yet still exciting, those for whom the wonder of life fills their being to the limit, may they hear your voice joining in the singing and the shouting...

And yet, God of life,

you also speak the languages of pain, of sorrow, of fear, of despair.

Hear all your children who speak, who wail,

who whisper in these languages this day:

those who find themselves in hospital beds, or waiting anxiously beside those beds, those who gather to say farewell to one who is traveling, or one who is moving, those who gather at graveside to say that longer farewell,

those who worry about where the next meal, or the next rent cheque, will come from, those who live in places where peace is just a word, a faint hope, a distant dream, May all those whose language is rent by pain hear you lamenting with them,

God of Pentecost,

God who speaks with many tongues,

God who makes God-self known in many ways,

fill us with Your Spirit this and every morning,

hear the prayers we share using many different languages,

we pray in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, the one we call Christ, whose life, death and resurrection show us the path to the Kingdom.

We pray as people of the Spirit, who lights our fires, who fills our lungs with air, who blows us out into the world to live and serve. Amen.

#### **Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

# Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## Offering/ Graduate Video

#### **Offering Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P: 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.

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,

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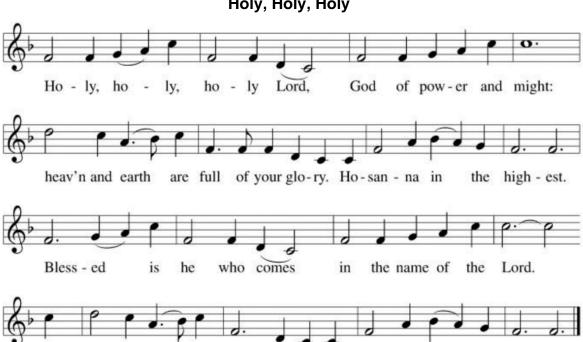
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

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:





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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.

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## **Communion Songs:**

# "Baptized and Set Free"

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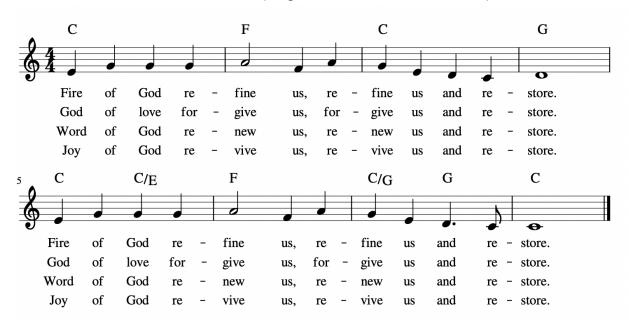
We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more.
Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need,
God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.

3 We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.

4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free!
From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

## "Fire of God" (sing verse 1 2x, then as written)



## **Communion Blessing**

## **Prayer after Communion**

A: Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

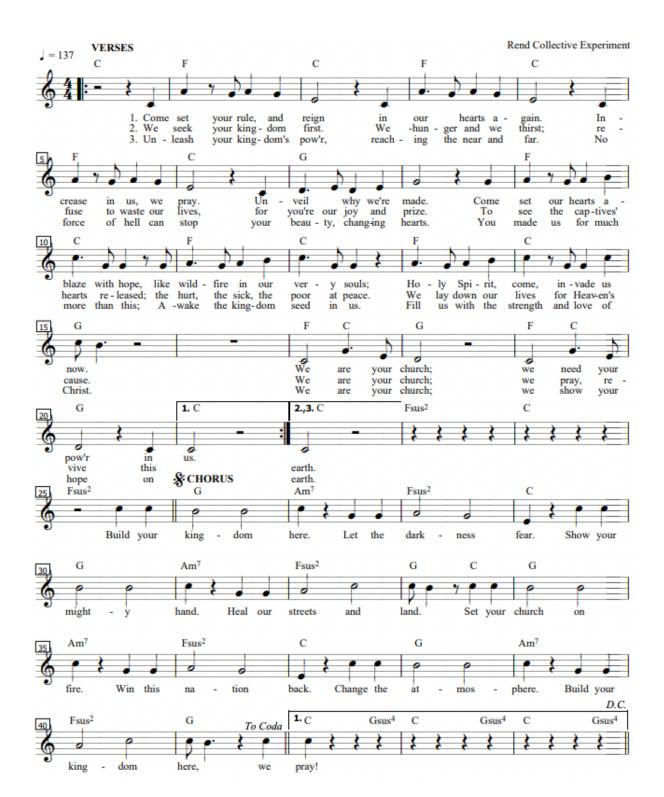
# Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## **Blessing**

P: May God's breath stream within you. May God's breath renew you. May God's breath invigorate you. Walk with confidence into this day. **Amen**.

Sending Song with Band and Choir: "Build Your Kingdom"

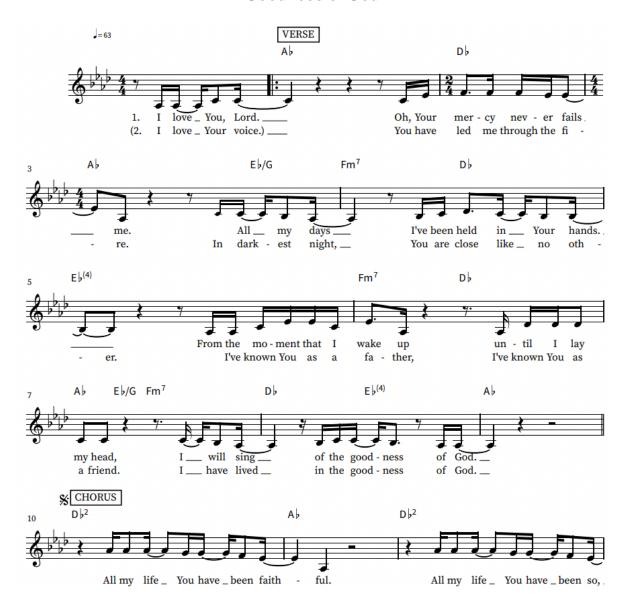


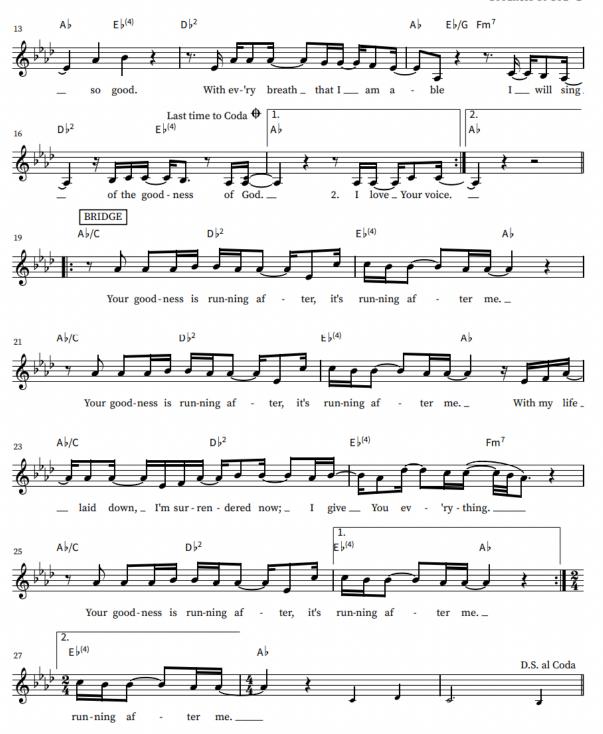
#### **Dismissal**

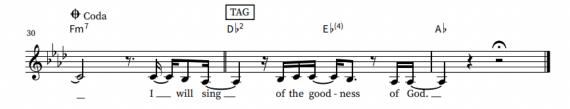
A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

#### "Goodness of God"







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