

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Pentecost**  
*Sunday*



**BACCALAUREATE  
SERVICE**

## **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.

# DAY OF PENTECOST

## ELW COMMUNION SETTING THREE

### 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.

*\*Indicates stand*

**Prelude: "King of My Heart"  
"Reckless Love"**

**McMilan  
Asbury**

### Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship:** Holy Spirit Medley

Trumpet - Drew Rust

arr. By Jack Schrader

### \*Gathering Litany

On this day of wind and flame,

**We gather in the presence of the Holy Spirit.**

On this day of many voices and many gifts,

**We celebrate the God who calls each of us by name.**

The Spirit moved over the waters of creation.

**The Spirit filled the disciples with courage and hope.**

The Spirit still moves among us today,

**In our worship, in our community, and in our lives.**

Today we give thanks for graduates, for learning, and for new beginnings.

**We celebrate the gifts God has nurtured within them.**

Some are stepping into new schools, new work, and new callings.

**God goes before them with wisdom, strength, and peace.**

Young and old, dreamers and visionaries, seekers and servants.

**The Spirit is poured out on all people.**

Come, Holy Spirit.

**Kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Come, Holy Spirit.

**Renew your church and renew the world.**

Come, let us worship God as we gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Song: God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind**

**ELW 400**

### **Greeting**

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.**

### **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**

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.*

<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.’ ”  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Choir Anthem: “Come Build A Church”**

**Ken Medema**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*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.*

<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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Message: “It Only Takes A Spark”**

**Todd Lewis**

**\*Hymn of the Day: Amazing Grace**

**ELW 779**

## **Presentation of Graduates**

### **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**

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

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

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

# MEAL

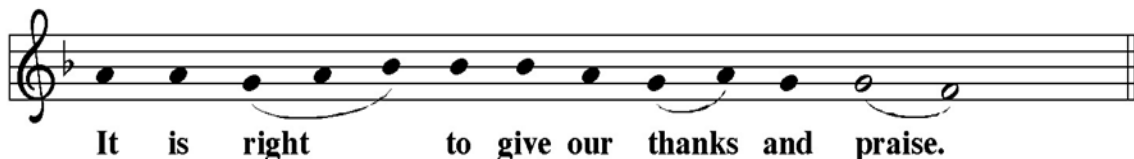
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## Offering: Video of Graduates

### \*Offering Prayer

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.**

## Great Thanksgiving



## Preface



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.  
Ful - filling the promise of the res - ur - rec - tion,  
you pour out the fire of your Spir - it, uniting in one body people of ev'ry  
na - tion and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter  
and all the witnesses of the res - ur - rec - tion  
with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,  
and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 new life. All are welcome to receive the risen Lord.

## Communion Song:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



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



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Song: Spirit of Gentleness

ELW 396

# Communion Song: Oceans



1. You call me out up - on the wa - ters, the great un - known where feet may fail.  
2. Your grace a - bounds in deep - est wa - ters, Your sov - 'reign hand will be my guide.



And there I find you in the mys - t'ry, in o - ceans deep, my faith will stand.  
Where feet may fail and fear sur - rounds me, You've nev - er failed and You won't start now.



And I will call u - pon Your name and keep my eyes a - bove the waves. When o - ceans



rise, my soul will rest in Your em - brace for I am Yours and You are mine.



Spi - rit lead me where my trust is with - out bor - ders, let me walk u - pon the wa - ters where -



ev - er You would call me. Take me deep - er than my feet could ev - er wan - der and my faith



will be made strong - er in the pre - sence of my Sav - ior.

## **\*Communion Blessing**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

**Sending Song: Oh, Beautiful for Spacious Skies**

**ELW 888**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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