



Lutheran Church & Christian School



Festival of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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AS WE GATHER

Pentecost proves for God's people that Jesus remains at work in our midst. As we read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2, we see that the Ascension and departure of Jesus some ten days beforehand is not the end of His work in this world. Far from it! Jesus continues His saving work through the Spirit, whom He poured out upon the lives of His earliest followers. This same Spirit of Jesus enables us to carry His message into all the world. We are the messengers who spread the Good News of Him who was crucified for us, who rose again, who reigns on high, and who will one day return to this world in His full, heavenly glory. We listen to His message today as the Spirit brings it into our midst and are assured that as we are brought to faith in Christ, we receive the fullness of who we've been called to be, a people of vision and life!

PRELUDE

DAYS OF ELIJAH (*Words & Music by Robin Mark © 1996 Song Solutions Daybreak*)

1. Solo

*Chorus: Behold, He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

2. And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh,
And these are the days of your servant David, rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world,
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord. (*Chorus*)

*Bridge: There's no god like Jehovah, there's no god like Jehovah.
There's no god like Jehovah, there's no god like Jehovah. (Repeat)*

THE BELLS CALL GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

✠ PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor: On this joyous day of Pentecost, we begin in the name of our triune God, a name placed upon us at our Baptism.
In the name of the Father,

Congregation: who created us;

Pastor: In the name of the ✠ Son,

Congregation: who redeemed us;

Pastor: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

Congregation: who sanctifies us. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: As the disciples once gathered to await the Spirit on that first Pentecost, so we gather now in expectation, confessing our sin, anticipating the Spirit-filled Word of forgiveness in Jesus' name.

A time for silent meditation and reflection.

Pastor: For our reluctance to believe all that the Lord has told us.

Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: For our proud self-sufficiency that so often fails to ask for God's help in our lives.

Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: For our contentment with silence when the Spirit would lead us to make a bold confession of our faith in Christ.

Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: For our hollow worship, routine prayers, and dulled hearing of the inspired Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord.

GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Hear the promise of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as He breathed His Spirit on the disciples: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven. If you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Trusting His promise, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

KYRIE

Pastor: O Lord, who promised to pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your people,

Congregation: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Christ, who is even now seated at God's right hand, that Name which is above every other name, who is worthy of our worship and praise, not only in this age but also in the one to come,

Congregation: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Lord, who will come again, and even now, comes by means of the "Wind," the Word and the water,

Congregation: have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit" [TUNE: *LSB 435*]

Come, oh, come, Thou quick'ning Spirit, God from all eternity!

May Thy power never fail us; dwell within us constantly.

Then shall truth and life and light banish all the gloom of night.

Holy Spirit, strong and mighty, Thou who makest all things new,

Make Thy work within us perfect and the evil foe subdued.

Grant us weapons for the strife and with vict'ry crown our life.

Guard, O God, our faith forever; let not Satan, death, or shame

Ever part us from our Savior; Lord our Refuge is Thy name.

Though our flesh cry ever: Nay! Be Thy Word to us still Yea!

Text: Henrich Held, 1620–59; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–1896, alt. Public domain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day, by the same Spirit, to have a right understanding in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BLESSING

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Numbers 11:24-30* (“Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets.”)

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit on them!” ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ...

¹⁶ This was to fulfill what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸ even on My male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Congregation: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

Women: *I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.*

Men: *With the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

Congregation: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING *John 7:37-39a*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

Congregation: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

CREED *Third Article of the Apostles' Creed*

Pastor: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed. Although not written by the apostles of the first century, it expresses the faith they brought to the nations as the Holy Spirit enlarged the Church. Today we confess the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, which testifies to the person and work of the Holy Spirit, and speak together the section of Luther's Small Catechism that explains it.

Congregation: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

Congregation: **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" (Words by Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.)*

[TUNE: LSB 850]

God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort, past these walls Your people send!
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross,
There with Christ to bear the cross!

God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks Your purpose, purge!
Through Your Church, Christ's living body, let Your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak Your truth,
Kindle us to speak Your truth!

God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder; for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord,
Make us one in Christ our Lord!

God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish, may we share Your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for Your kingdom's work,
Claim us for Your kingdom's work!

SERMON

Notes:



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: On this Day of Pentecost, we join our hearts and voices that in our Savior's name, to God the Holy Spirit, we pray:
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
Congregation: **and kindle in us the fire of Your love.**

Special petitions may follow.

Pastor: O Lord, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

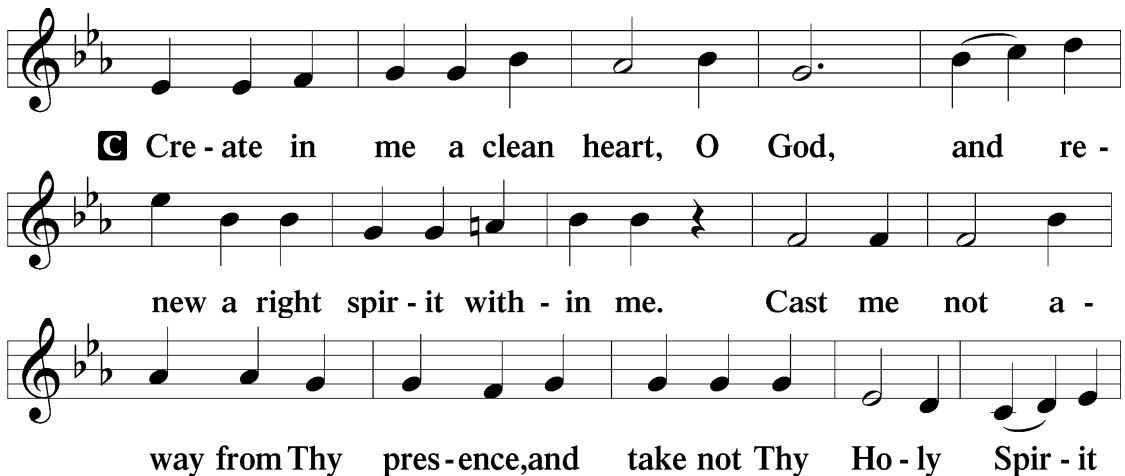
SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

At this time, we share the Lord's peace with each other.

OFFERTORY "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

LSB p. 192-193



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor:	The Lord be with you.	<i>2 Timothy 4:22</i>
Congregation:	And also with you.	
Pastor:	Lift up your hearts.	<i>Colossians 3:1</i>
Congregation:	We lift them to the Lord.	
Pastor:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	<i>[Psalm 136]</i>
Congregation:	It is right to give Him thanks and praise.	

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor:	It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. We bless You that in Jesus Christ, You have come among us, sharing Your forgiving and limitless love. By the working of the Holy Spirit, grant us grace to hear Your Word with grateful hearts, remaining steadfast in hope throughout our earthly lives as we await the joys of heaven, where we will join in the eternal chorus of angels and archangels, giving You unending praise.
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HYMN OF PRAISE “Father Most Holy”

LSB 504, St. 1, 4

1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our
4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to Thee be glo - ry, One in three

Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,

ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;
praise Thee and a - dore Thee, Now and for - ev - er.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

See PowerPoint or back cover of the hymnal

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Congregation: Amen.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us Your peace,
Grant us Your peace, grant us – Your peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

For those desiring to receive the LORD’S SUPPER today, please refer to the laminated card in the pew racks. Those not receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head to receive a blessing.

At the time of Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered for those who wish to commune in that manner.

All who are communing are encouraged to review the Sacrament of the Altar on pp. 326-327, and the Questions on pp. 329-330, in the front of the hymnal. Once again, we thank God for all who worship here today!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB 821

For the words to this hymn, please see PowerPoint slides or the hymnal.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Breathe into us, O Spirit of God, so that we may live as Your active messengers, boldly declaring the triumph of the cross, the victory of the empty tomb, and the blessed hope of everlasting life. May we eagerly share our faith in the risen Christ, and, by Your wise guiding, may the hearts of all be turned to trust in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, with whom You and the Father reign now and for eternity, one God forever.

Congregation: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
Congregation: **and kindle in us the fire of Your love. Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

Congregation: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “There Is a Redeemer”

LSB 971

1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.
Refrain
Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,
And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING “On What Has Now Been Sown”

LSB 921, St. 1

♪ On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow’r is Thine alone to make it sprout and grow.

Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, and Thou alone shalt have the praise! Amen. ♪

Pastor: Redeemed and restored,
Congregation: **We are rejoicing in Jesus.**

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Trinity Calendar for May 28—June 4, 2023

Sunday	9:00 am	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
Monday		<i>Memorial Day: School & Offices Closed</i>
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study: <i>New Study beginning</i>
Wednesday	8:45 am	TCS Chapel
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study: <i>(The Book of Matthew)</i>
Friday	6:00-7:30 pm	TCS Middle School Dance in the Gym
Saturday	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: <i>"The God's Have Returned"</i>
Sunday	9:00 am	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion

ATTENDANCE 5-21: 78

Families of the week: *The Abel, the Abert and the Allen families*

Birthdays:

- 28 May—Tom Abert
- 28 May—Eileen Nelson
- 1 June—Tianna Martin
- 2 June—Carol Kay
- 2 June—Beth Kelleher

Anniversaries:

- 1 June—Tom & Sharon Ricks

* Debi Weidler would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts and support over the last few weeks. Her surgery went well, and after one short set back, is doing very well. She could feel all your love and support and appreciates it very much.



The flowers this morning are given by
Tom & Sharon Ricks in celebration of their 60 Years of Marriage!
CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORE!



The LWML Convention is in Milwaukee in June. Eileen will be attending and taking all the items that we have made to distribute to the different Ministries. The next LWML work-day, will be in the Fellowship Hall to tie the blankets. Also, remember to bring in your mites. Thank you.



Pregnancy Resource Center
of the Monadnock Region

Come meet our staff
Monday-Thursday 12-4pm

Our thanks to everyone participating in the annual **Baby Bottle Blessing**. If you are making out a check, please make it out to **The Pregnancy Resource Center or PRC and notate from Trinity Lutheran Church**. If you need a receipt for cash, please include a note with your name, complete mailing address and telephone number and place it in the baby bottle. Remember, the campaign ends, Sunday, June 18, 2023. For information contact Helen Poisson, Liaison for Trinity Lutheran Church at helensillanpaa82@gmail.com or 603 355 7939.



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Donation Alert

*We continue to collect food to be taken to the food bank. It is a true blessing to deliver the food to them. Thank you.
*We are also currently collecting grocery store gift cards to be given to those in need. We do currently have a local need and would find it a joy to share these gift cards with them. Thanks.

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