



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Saturday, May 23, 2026  
Pentecost  
Rejoice in the Lord

\*Indicates please stand as you are able

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*

Robert Jackson  
arr. Mark Hayes

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### GATHER

#### \*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS\*

L: Loving God, we gather today to confess that we have failed to extend our kindness to the poor and to the hungry.

C: **We have accumulated enough wealth for our comfort and have been insensitive to the needs of the weak of our community. Forgive us, for we have comfortably closed our eyes to the cry of our neighbor. We have preached to the hungry your Word, without sharing our bread. We cling to our possessions, rather than to you. We keep a distance between Christian and non-Christian. We have failed to exercise the values of equality and justice.**

L: God, we seek your grace and mercy to forgive us. Unite our hearts to share our resources and stand for justice for all people. Through Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

#### \*GATHERING SONG\*

*“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”*

**ELW #400**

Herman G. Stuempfle Jr.

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1. 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!

2. 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!

3. 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!

4. 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!

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY\***

**God of Spirit, We give thanks that when you sent your Advocate, the apostles were empowered to speak about your deeds of power in all languages, for every people. Give us boldness to share the Spirit's power with our neighbors. Amen.**

**WORD**

## GOSPEL READING

Acts 2:1-21

L: The Gospel according to Acts 2

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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.'

L: The Good News of God.

C: **Praise be to God.**

## SERMON

Pastor Rick

## SONG OF THE DAY

*"Spirit, Open My Heart"*

**ACS #1043**

Ruth Duck

Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak

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### *Refrain*

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.

Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender. *Refrain*

2. Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory. *Refrain*

3. May I weep with those who weep;  
share the joy of friend and neighbor.  
As I live from day to day,  
love will be my finest labor. *Refrain*

**\*CREED\***

L: We believe in God

**C: who is older than eternity  
and younger than our next breath;  
who is beyond describing  
yet knows us all by name;  
who inspires faith  
yet cannot be contained by religion.**

L: We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

**C: He came in the body  
To give worth to every human life.  
He touched the untouchable,  
Loved the unlovable  
And endured slander, persecution and death.**

L: We believe that God's Kingdom comes on earth  
Through Christ's suffering love.

**C: He rose from the grave as living proof  
That what is laid down in faith  
Will be raised in glory.  
He ascended to heaven  
To be present at all times to all people.**

L: We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
C: **Who leads us into truth and freedom,  
Who gives good gifts to all God's children,  
Who works through prayer and politics,  
Through justice, care of creation  
And the healing of all nations.**

L: We celebrate the potential God has given:

C: **The life in our bodies,  
The yearning in our souls,  
The promise of good things in store  
For those who love and serve their maker.**

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**\*PRAYERS\***

P: Merciful God.

C: **Receive our prayer.**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE\***

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**\*OFFERING\***

*If you have a monetary offering, please place in the plate as you leave worship today,  
or use this code to give electronically.*



**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER\***

L: Thank you, God, for the air.  
Thank you, God, for families that we can share with in good times and bad times.  
Thank you, God, for the gifts of other families, friends, visitors, and strangers.

C: **Amen.**

**MEAL**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING\***

L: Beloveds. Beloveds. Beloveds.

We come to this Table because we are claimed in covenant  
Because we are still learning  
what covenant and togetherness means  
how it looks and moves and feels  
Because we long for liberation  
Because we thirst for justice

Because we know the need—fierce and urgent—  
for grace and freedom and nourishment in our flesh and our bones  
Because this is not a table of a Lutheran table.  
This is Christ's table  
and you are invited to bring your whole lives  
and all are welcome here. Period.

Because we remember:  
On the night he was arrested  
while the powers and principalities  
of Empire, and supremacy, and dominance raged,  
Jesus— a brown skinned, radical, healer, community organizer, insurrectionist—  
gathered people, invited their fears and longings, invited people into radical solidarity,  
justice-love-in-action, healing of and in the world to which, for which, he gave his life over  
and over and over.

Jesus took bread broke it, shared it, and said:

**C: Take and eat: this is my body.  
The bread of new life.  
Share this, and remember.**

L: Then Jesus took the cup, blessed it, gave thanks for it, and said:

**C: Take and drink: this is the power of my life-blood.  
The salve of salvation. The cup blessing.  
Share this, and remember.**

L: And so, we do.

We remember. We offer. We receive.

And we share in this nourishing feast.

Because we know how to nourish each other in ordinary and extraordinary ways.

Because we need each other

and we need this sacrament, this visible sign of life-giving grace, flowing and overflowing.

So, come. Come. Come.

rev. anna bladel, *Enfleshed*

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER\***

**Creator God in heaven, holy 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.**

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION & COMMUNION\***

### **COMMUNION**

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING\***

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\***

Holy, holy, holy, in the wine and in the bread, in every open table, in solidarity. Holy in each embrace that heals and brings peace. Amen.

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING\***

L: May the abundant and unending grace of God, the love of God that doesn't tire, that was shown to our forebearers and the whole generation of the whole clan, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon you forever.

C: Amen.

**\*SENDING SONG\***

*"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*

**ACS #942**

African American spiritual;

arr. Melva W. Costen

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*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*

**\*SENDING\***

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

## Prayer List

### Members

Carol Arnold  
Mary Ann Miller  
Jack Hautaluoma  
Mary Ann Armstrong  
Marilyn Hartig  
Polly Sersen  
Tim Anderson  
Eric Biedermann  
Jean Purath  
Shirley Garvin  
Madyson Hopkins

### Friends & Family

Immigrants detained by ICE  
Bob Cushatt, friend of Patty Telleen  
Julia Watkins and family, friends of Dan Merz  
Robert Musselman, father of Sarah Sanchez  
Luke Crosby, relation of Katie & Tasha Barron  
Wendy Thomaschow, sister of Amy Jo Martinson  
Tae, family of Clinton Ellerbe  
Amy Oduor, daughter of Clinton Ellerbe  
Jennifer & Dale Barnett, friends of Marilyn Morrissey  
Susie Kragmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben  
Beth Barnett, daughter of Carolyn & Eric Biedermann  
Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

**To all who gather:** We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

*From Pastor Rick:* This community affirms its welcome by accepting me in this place. Diagnosed with Huntington's (HD), my progressing symptoms and neurodiversity are displayed publicly. The uncontrolled movements (chorea) may limit my functionality, or appear in other ways; yet, it is an opportunity to learn and love alongside one another. HD is part of me, but I am not defined by the diagnosis. As for all of us, I am defined as child of God.

**Guests and Visitors:** All are invited to receive the gluten free bread and wine of Holy Communion (juice is also available). Your offering is your presence in worship. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Don't forget your 'Sweet Treat' plate from the welcome desk!

**Worship Note:** The red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. If you have any questions about worship or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

**Parents and Caregivers:** God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table. On Sunday, if needed, we offer a fully trained Nursery; staffed by Tiffany K. and Zoe K.

**Special needs:** Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs.

**In Ministry Today**

**Worship Assistant:** Vicki Volbrecht  
**Communion Prep:** Vicki Volbrecht  
**Welcome Table Host:**  
**Fellowship Host:** Ron Bend  
**Prayer Writer:** Jo Anne Gearhart  
**Bread Baker:** Dan Merz  
**Flower Arrangement:** Volunteers from  
St Paul's Episcopal

**Trinity's Clergy Leader:**

Pastor Rick Reiten & Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt

**Trinity's Staff:**

Carrie Hansen	<b>Music Coord. &amp; Organist</b>
Tessa Espinosa	<b>Chancel Choir Director</b>
Clinton Ellerbe	<b>Saturday Worship Leader</b>
Austin Naylor	<b>Bells of Trinity Director</b>
Brenda Harju	<b>TLC Preschool Director</b>
Jessy Gee	<b>Financial Manager</b>
Deana Andrist	<b>Office Administrator</b>
Amanda Backsen	<b>Director of Communications &amp; Volunteer Coord.</b>
Chad Carpenter	<b>AV Technician</b>
Jennifer Reeve	<b>Shared Children's Minister</b>
Tiffany Klijewski	<b>Nursery Coord.</b>
Zoe Klaman	<b>Shared Nursery Attendant</b>

*\*Staff Emails are available on our website\**

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:**

**Monday (May 25) Memorial Day**  
Offices Closed

**Tuesday (May 26)**  
9 am 301FP Admin Mtg-Fireside  
5:30 pm JET Eco/Justice-Room 2

**Thursday (May 28)**  
6 pm Chapter 2 Readers-Fireside  
7 pm Immigration Social Justice-Zoom

**Friday (May 29)**  
10 am Quilting-Room 2

**Saturday (May 30)**  
5 pm Saturday Worship

**Sunday (May 31)**  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Fellowship

**Coming Up:**

**Sunday, June 7**  
Outdoor Worship

**June 8-11 9am-12pm**  
VBS-Step Right Up!

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So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

Visit our website at [www.trinitylutheranfc.org](http://www.trinitylutheranfc.org)

Consider joining us for worship or one of our ministry events.

Contact one of our clergy for a chat.

We believe we are not a complete community, and that God is calling new people to join us and to find their place at Trinity.

We invite you join us on the journey of faith!

Saturdays at 5p.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Sundays 10:30 a.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

**Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.**



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