

Triune Lutheran Church



Day of Pentecost



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

*We thank you for joining us here
at Triune Lutheran Church, a
family united by our Risen Lord,
Jesus Christ!*



In order to make you feel more at home, here are a few notes about the service. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We hope to make your time here as meaningful as possible!

Worship

- The * by the headings throughout the service indicate when we invite you to stand, as you are able.
- The light print will be spoken by the pastor or another worship leader, while we encourage you to speak the **bold print**.
- The hymns are chosen from our *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnal, which is the red book directly in front of you in the pews. You will find the hymns in the last two-thirds of the book with the bold numbers on the top of the pages.
- We welcome all the baptized to join us in the Lord's Supper, where we believe Jesus is present "in, with, and under" the bread and wine as his body and blood. After the organist and assisting minister commune, you will be invited to come forward up the non-organ side aisle to the pastor, who will give you bread (gluten-free wafers also available upon request). You are encouraged to keep the bread in your hands and then dip it into the chalice of wine for intinction. You may also come forward to receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded. You may return to your seat up the center aisle. If you are unable to come forward, the elements will be brought to you.
- For visitors, if you so choose, we encourage you to fill out a card available at the center-aisle end of the pew to learn more about us.

PRELUDE

Spirit Song

Carter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who calls us beloved children,
who gathers us into one flock,
who guides us into all truth. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins,
trusting that God will forgive us and set us free.

*You are invited to kneel or remain standing. Silence is kept
for reflection and self-examination.*

Faithful and just God,
**we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We have not loved our sisters and brothers
as you have first loved us.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
As the Holy Spirit, work in us
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the abundant life
given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.**

In this is love,
not that we loved God but that God loved us
and sent the Son to set us free from our sins.
In the name of † Jesus Christ,
I announce to you that your sins are forgiven.
Let the perfect love of God cast out fear,
fill you with joy,
and inspire you to live for others.
Amen!

***GATHERING HYMN**

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

ELW 400

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and, as the Holy Spirit, you bring truth to the world. Transform us by your truth, and give us the language of love to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“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.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious
day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved.'”

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

PSALM

Psalm 104:24-34,35b

²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of
your creatures.

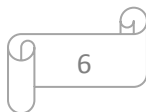
²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its
swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷**All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good
things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and
return | to their dust.**



³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;**
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;**
I will praise my God while I | have my being.

³⁴May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.**
Hal- | lelujah!

SECOND READING

Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!



*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16 4b-15

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord!

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to

you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The is the Holy Gospel of our Lord!
Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

ELW 398

***NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

A brief silence

Lord of life, you baptize your people with the fire of the Spirit. Grace your whole church with your visions and dreams. Continue to raise up faithful leaders to guide your church throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the earth. Bring to birth new life in the earth's land forms and waters. Awaken us from the slumber of neglect to show tender care for our home. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Spirit, you swept over the waters and you created the human family. We are often divided, scattered like dry bones. Connect the nations with your sustaining strength, so that all will live in hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Spirit, you sigh with our every need. Guide us in honoring the dignity of everyone and opening our lives to others. Pour your healing mercies into the lives of all who need your care especially for Hazel Schwab, Trudy Weidman, Gary Weiss, Mardell Weiss, Dave & Clara Wilcox, Ed Uhler, Jenny Bennett, Richard Jakubcin, and all those we name in our heart...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Spirit, you have called and gathered this family of Triune into life in Christ. Help us in our weakness, teach us to pray, search our hearts, and intercede for us, your beloved saints. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Spirit, you have called and gathered people from every nation under heaven. Gather us with all the saints at the heavenly banquet that has no end. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

By the sure guidance of the Holy Spirit, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving to you, o God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen!

***PEACE**

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always!

And also with you.

OFFERING

Duetto

Corelli

***OFFERING HYMN**

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

Verse 1

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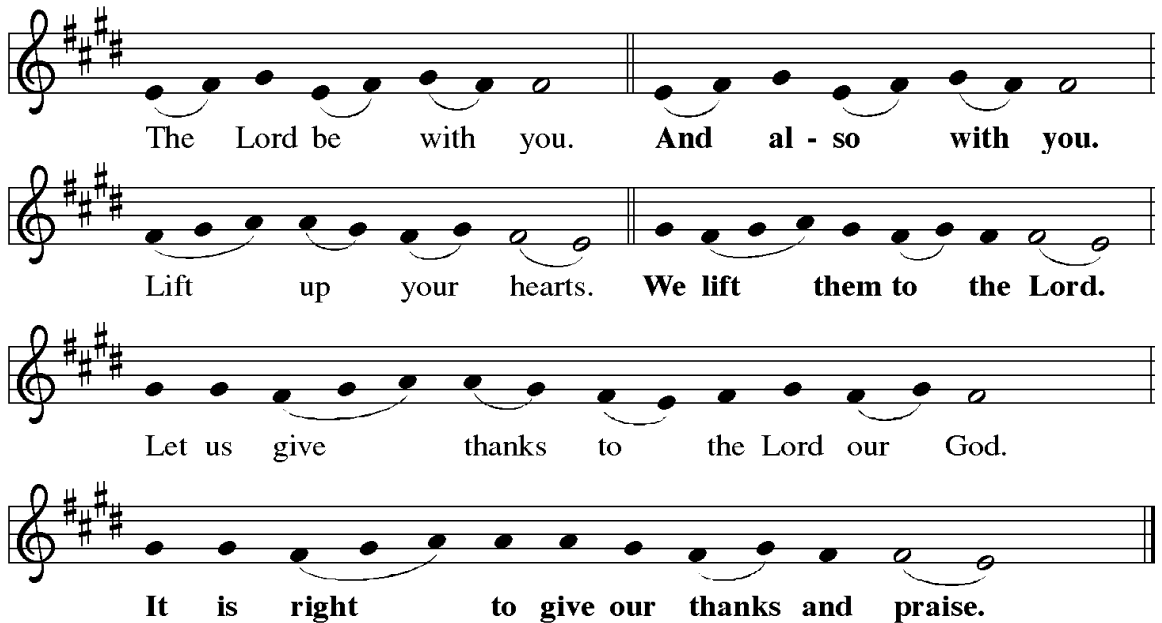
***OFFERING PRAYER**

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as you were made known to the disciples.

Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,
that we may be your risen body in the world.

Amen!

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff has a double bar line after the second measure. The third and fourth staves are continuous lines of music.

*PREFACE

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.
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



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



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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**

Holy God, Breath of life and Fire of love:
with a mighty wind you brought creation into being,
and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.
We praise you for the gift of your Son,
who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and
nation.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his death, resurrection,
and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit,
we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.

Holy Spirit, you are among us and upon this meal:
anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love,
that, with thankful hearts,
we may be witnesses to your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
both now and forever.

Amen!

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

The table of life is spread before you.
Feast on the goodness and mercy of God!
Thanks be to God!

*COMMUNION HYMN



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

*COMMUNION PRAYER

Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world;
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen!**

***BLESSING**

May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy!

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever!

Amen!

***SENDING HYMN**

“Spirit of Gentleness”

ELW 396

***DISMISSAL**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world!

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Recessional of Joy

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The Spirit-Led Path

Today is a day that the church sets aside to pay particular attention to the work of the Holy Spirit. And truth be told, most of us are probably kind of hoping that today will satisfy the Spirit's need for attention for another year.

When I was ordained, the preacher said to the relatively large group being set apart that day; "Sisters and brothers in Christ, I am afraid I must tell you that, if you stay in the ministry long, the Holy Spirit will lead you somewhere you do not wish to go. If you wanted to go there, the Holy Spirit would not be necessary." I found that to be a very frightening thought.

In the first years of my ministry, I went on a retreat in the mountains of southwest Virginia. I have never forgotten something the minister leading the retreat said one evening, "We are afraid of the Holy Spirit in the mainline church. Listen to the way we baptize; in loud, clear tones we say, 'I baptize you in the name of the **FATHER**, and the **SON**,' then we almost whisper, 'and the *Holy Spirit*.'"

Given the Scripture lessons we read today, this reticence and fear is totally understandable. A visit from the Holy Spirit is likely to be at least unsettling, if not downright scary.

In the John's Gospel, Jesus appears to be trying to assure his followers by telling them that a ghost, a specter, an amorphous presence will come to them after he is gone. If I had been them, already unsure what he meant when he talked about leaving, and dying and going to the Father, all this talk of an Advocate, and a Spirit of Truth would have given me the "hibbie jibbies."

And the lesson from Acts? My goodness, the disciples are in their room, minding their own business, not bothering anybody, and then—the Holy Spirit comes in and "busts up the meeting." Tongues of fire, everybody talking at once in different languages, getting thrown out into the street, being expected to talk to complete strangers, and not only that, talk to complete strangers about Jesus? It's, it's, it's disturbing. I mean, all that guitar music at the contemporary service is one thing—I got used to that—but this too much. I think once a year is plenty of attention to be paid to something as uncontrollable and upsetting as this Holy Spirit business.

And that is a perfectly reasonable response for people who are perfectly satisfied with the way things are, for whom religion is a matter of paying appropriate attention to God and God's way, at least once a week before going about one's ordinary daily business of

living. For such folk, the unpredictable power and influence of the Holy Spirit is more of an annoyance than a help.

And, here's a word to comfort to these people—don't worry about it! Most of the time, the Holy Spirit leaves such folk alone. With that attitude, if you don't bother God, God is unlikely to bother you. But if things are not working out so well for you in life, or if you are aware that things are not working out so well for others—well the promise of the Spirit becomes the promise of hope, the promise of life, the promise that God is with us always.

Jesus was talking to a confused and frightened group of followers. They had left all to get on the gospel train. And now it appeared the train was running off the track. What was going to happen to them when Jesus was no more? Jesus' words about the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, were a promise that when he was gone God would still be with them.

And in Acts, the Spirit comes upon a group of folks who just can't seem to get moving, can't get their gospel act together. Over and over again, they've been told things like, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19), and "repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47), and "I have sent them into the world" (John 17:18), and "You will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Yet, after all that "going," and "proclaiming" and "sending" to the ends of the earth, here they sit, huddled in a room, waiting for the promised Spirit—still frightened, still wondering, still unsure of themselves and God. And the promised Holy Spirit came upon them, not only giving them a jump-start on their mission and ministry plan but also making it very clear to them that they were not alone, that God was very much with them, that the Holy One was leading them into God's future.

And here we sit, in our room, waiting—for God knows what. And the question is: Are we satisfied with the way things are? In our lives, in our world, in our church? If so, the Holy Spirit is very likely to leave us alone. We can safely read these lessons and say a few kind words about spirituality and be safe for another year.

But if we are aching and yearning for something more, if we look upon our lives and upon our world and upon our church with a combination of fear and hope, fearing that things won't get better and hoping in our heart of hearts that they will, then we had best watch out. It is entirely likely that the Holy Spirit will soon burst upon us, leading us somewhere we did not know we wanted to go.

Amen and amen.

- The Rev. Delmer Chilton