Day of Pentecost, Year C



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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

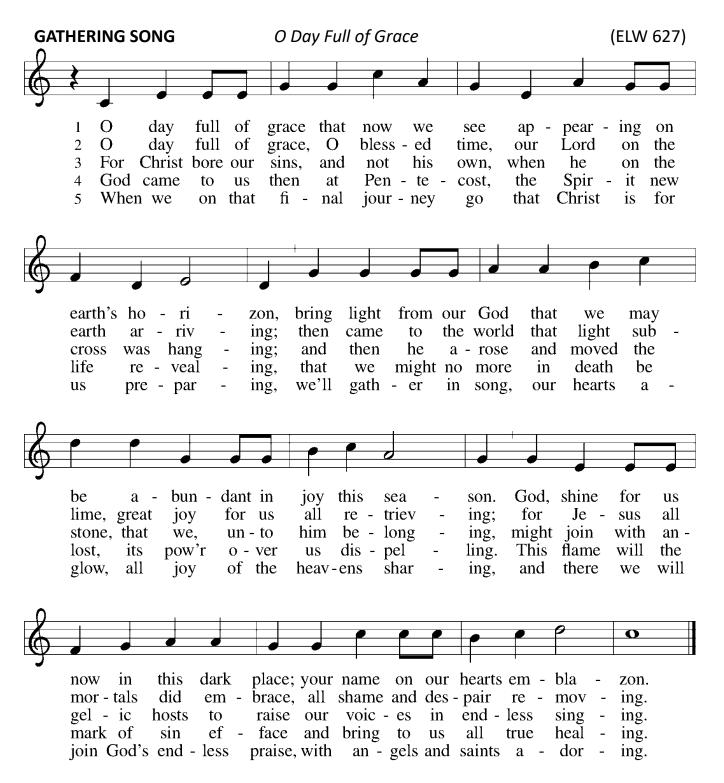
Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.



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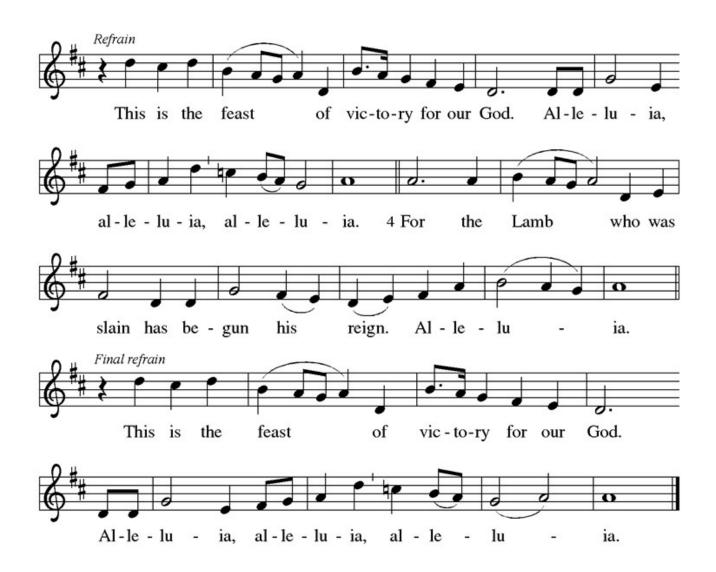
GREETING

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.**



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

¹⁴ But 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

¹⁶ No, 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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

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

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b



Send forth your Spir -it and re - new the face of the earth.



²⁴ How manifold are your ¹ works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full ¹ of your creatures.

- ²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man-¹ y to number, living things both ¹ small and great.
- ²⁶ There go the ships ¹ to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the ¹ sport of it.
- ²⁷ All of them [|] look to you
 - to give them their food | in due season. R
- ²⁸ You give it to them; they ¹ gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled ¹ with good things.

- ²⁹ When you hide your face, ¹ they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return ¹ to their dust.
- ³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they ¹ are created; and so you renew the face ¹ of the earth.
- ³¹ May the glory of the LORD en-¹ dure forever; O LORD, rejoice in ¹ all your works. R
- ³² You look at the earth ¹ and it trembles; you touch the mountains ¹ and they smoke.
- ³³ I will sing to the LORD as long ¹ as I live;
 I will praise my God while I ¹ have my being.
- ³⁴ May these words of ¹ mine please God.
 - I will rejoice [|] in the LORD.
- ^{35b} Bless the LORD, [|] O my soul.

Hal-[|] lelujah! R

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17

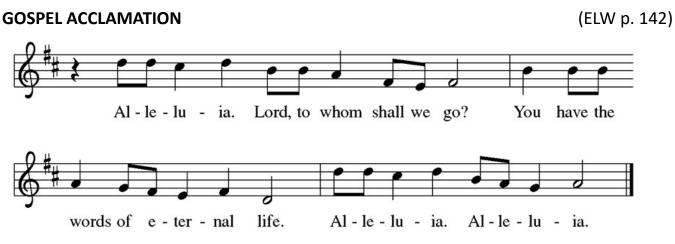
A reading from Romans.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand



GOSPEL: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁸ Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and

he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

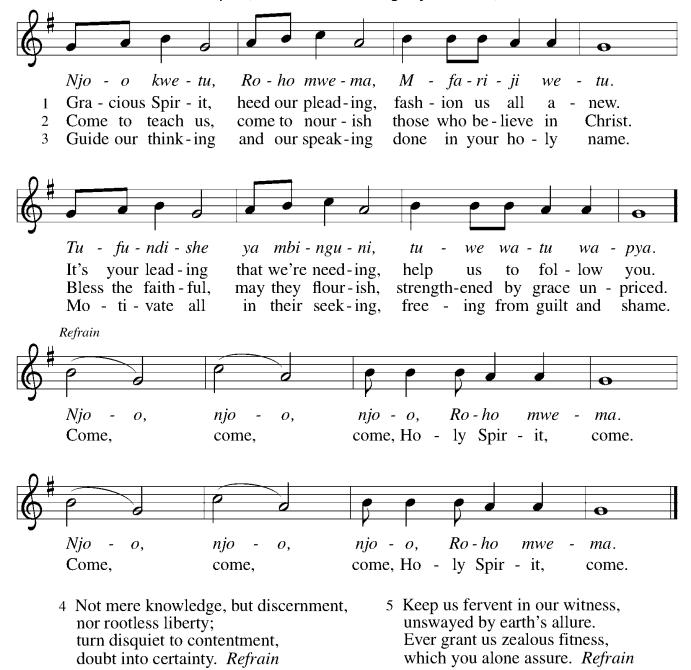
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SERMON

Rev. Ingrid Chenoweth

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading: Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema (ELW 401)



Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

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

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray. We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit especially Barb, Shirley, Louise, Stephen, Paul, Hadley, Nikki, Michael, Jeff, Monica, Lauren, Nancy (worshippers may add names silently or aloud).

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this congregation. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

MEAL

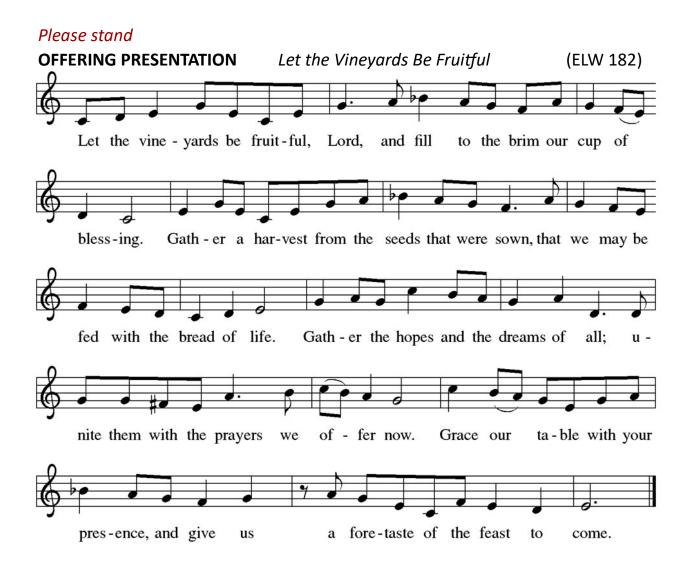
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Arranged by Lloyd Larson (1653-1706) Trinity Chime Choir



Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail.

We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923 Text and music © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

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.

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,

through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,

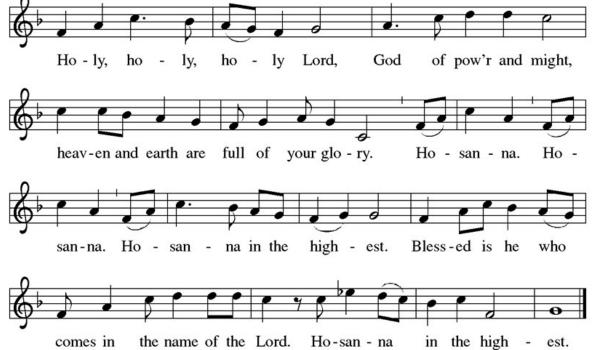
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,

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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With all those who were once among us and have passed from this life and all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

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 banquet, for all is now ready

For those communing at home, have your package ready to open. The pastor will acknowledge your presence and request that you consume the elements at this time.

Please be seated

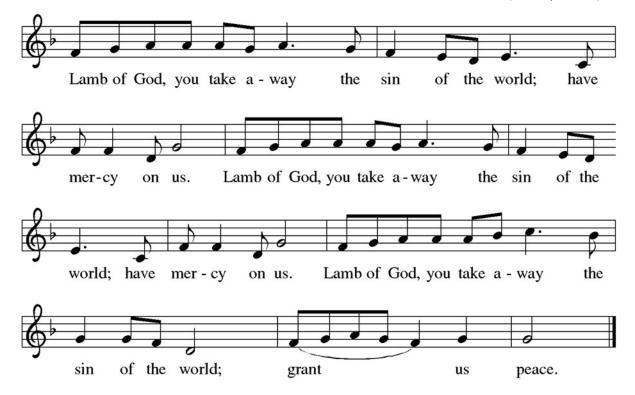
COMMUNION

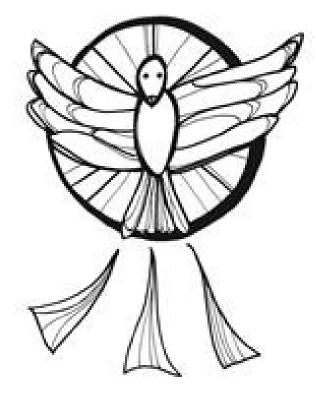
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

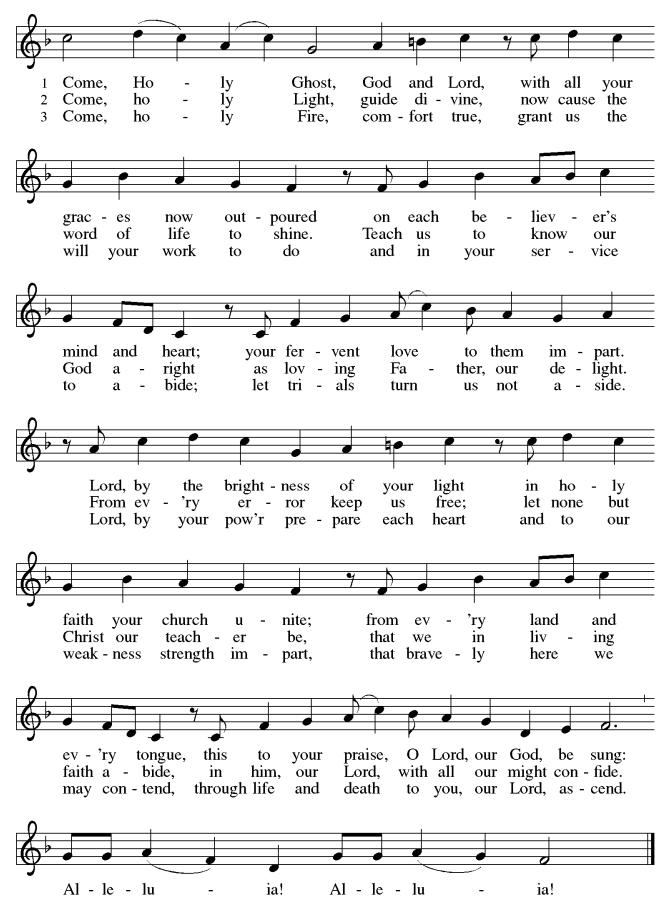
For those who prefer not to partake of the wine there are cups filled with grape juice in the center of the communion tray.







Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



Text: German hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite Music: KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT, *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524

Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

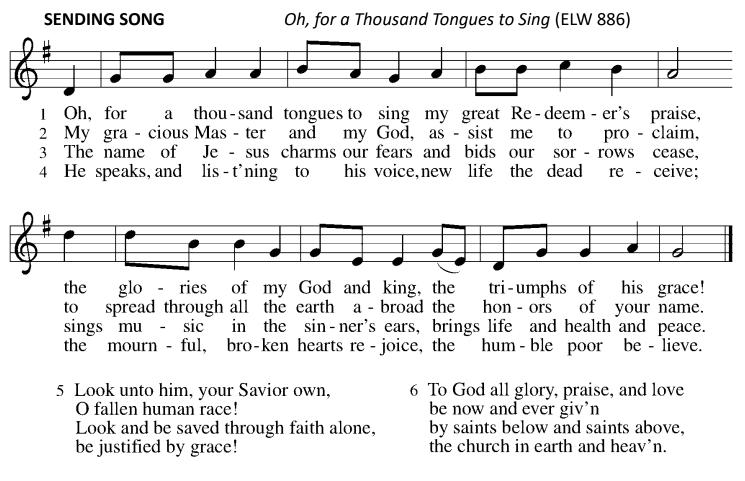
Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.





Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Адмол, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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

POSTLUDE Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Arranged by Paul Manz (1919-

2009)

Reminders

Help us celebrate Louise Poffenberger's 100th birthday! A special card box is in the Parish Hall (small table by the double doors) for anyone who would like to send birthday wishes. If you don't have a card, feel free to take one from the folder provided.

More details about the celebration can be found in the *Save the Date* section.

With Gratitude, We Welcome Our Guest Preacher

Please join us in offering a heartfelt thank you to **Rev. Ingrid Chenoweth** for leading today's special Pentecost service. We are deeply grateful for her presence and the gift of her ministry as we celebrate the Spirit's movement among us and within our community.

Summer Hymn Sing Returns in June!

We will begin our Summer Celebration hymns that you picked starting June 15. There is still time to make your selections until the end of June. Browse the ELW, With One Voice, and the Worship & Praise Songbook, then fill out a suggestion slip (located at the organ console) and drop it in the nearby basket.

Ricky will review all submissions and do his best to include every request. Let's fill our summer mornings with the music that moves your spirit!

Please place used bulletins in the recycling basket located under the table in the Narthex entryway, where you picked them up.

Thank You

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Patty and Martha, who are serving as voting members representing our congregation at the upcoming ELCA Synod Assembly alongside Pastor Closter.

This annual gathering brings together leaders from Lutheran churches across our region to worship, learn, and make important decisions about the shared mission and ministry of the church. Patty and Martha's willingness to attend and participate reflects their deep care for our congregation and its role in the wider church. Please join us in praying for their time at the assembly—that it may be spirit-led, fruitful, and a blessing to all involved.

~The Trinity Times~ Church & Community NEWS

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY Here's what's happening at a glance:

- 📰 Sunday, June 8
- Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM | Pentecost with Rev. Ingrid Chenoweth
- Coffee Hour | Parish Hall All are welcome!
- Chime Choir Practice | Contact: Ricky Gearhart, Music Director
- 📰 Monday, June 9

📰 Tuesday, June 10

- Sewing for the Savior @ 9:30 AM | Room 204
- LCW (Lutheran Church Women) @ 11:30AM | Contact Deb Wickboldt
- Congregational Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM | Parish Hall
- 📰 Wednesday, June 11
- 📰 Thursday, June 12
- 誧 Friday, June 13
- 2025 Virginia Synod Assembly (13th-15th)
- 📰 Saturday, June 14

 Dementia Matters \ Dementia Friendly Blue Ridge (DFBR) information meeting @ 10AM-12PM Parish Hall | Contact Jayne Seymour ~ Certified Dementia Practitioner, Certified Dementia Trainer 540-535-9775

<u> BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK</u>

Happy Birthday to:

🎉 👘 June 11-Michael Lambert

(Did we miss your birthday? Contact the church office to update your info!)

• 🕼 Thursday Choir Rehearsals Are on Summer Break! 🧼

The choir wrapped up their regular Thursday rehearsals on June 5th and will now enjoy a well-deserved break.

But the music doesn't stop! Starting Sunday, June 15th, there will be mini rehearsals at 8:30 AM each Sunday morning.

Interested in singing with the choir this summer?

This is the perfect opportunity to join in—no midweek commitment required. Just come on Sunday mornings and help us make a joyful noise together! We'd love to have your voice join ours. 🔮 🎜

• Prayer Team Table

Located just inside the sanctuary entrance. Submit a card with your prayer request, or contact **Mistie McPadalin** to add a name to the Prayers of Intercession.

Hospital Visitation

Pastor Closter is registered with Valley Health for hospital visits. Due to HIPAA laws, the hospital cannot notify us when someone is admitted.

To request a visit, contact the church office at **540-869-4019**, or after hours, call Pastor Closter at **540-848-5325**. You may also reach out to **Mistie McPadalin** or **Martha Cooley**.

June Food Pantry Donation Request: Spaghetti Sauce

Save the Date

NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE

<u>Mark your calendars – JUNE is here!</u> June Food Pantry Donation Request: Spaghetti Sauce

June 15 – Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM | Father's Day

– The Noisy offering will benefit the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Homeless Program

– Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall

June 20 – Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 10 AM | Parish Hall

- Happy 100th Birthday to Louise Poffenberger! 🎉

June 22 – Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM- Celebration for Louise's 100th Birthday!

Bible study and discussion of the book of Acts @ 11 AM | Parish Hall

 $Continued \rightarrow$

June 24 – Sewing for the Savior @ 9:30 AM | Room 204

-<u>Young at Heart Dinner</u> " A Taste of Tuscany" @5:30pm Parish Hall | RSVP by June 15th to Maxine Rogers 540-869-2012 or Christine Cornwell 540-869-2727

– 24th - 30th Pastor Closter will be on Vacation

June 25 – Community Meal @ 5:30 PM | Parish Hall

(Fried Chicken, Greens or Carrots, Baked Beans & Dessert)

– Together in Prayer @ 7:00 PM

June 28 – Newtown History Center - Presentation on military uniforms of Frederick County VA soldiers of 1775 @ 10 AM- 12PM Parish Hall | Contact Byron C. Smith 540-869-7102

June 29 – Sunday Service @ 9:30 AM with Rev. Heidi David- Young

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📞 540-869-4019 | 🕒 Tuesday–Friday, 8 AM–1 PM