

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**PENTECOST AND GRADUATION SUNDAY**  
**MAY 31, 2020**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Alleluia. Come Holy Spirit.

**P: Fill the hearts of your people**

L: Kindle in us the fire of your love.

**P: Come Holy Spirit come. Amen.**



**GATHERING SONG: “Holy Spirit You Are Welcome Here”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMJne6wUoag>

**A READING AND REFLECTION based on Acts 2:1-21**

*<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.*

L: Holy God, we may not be able to gather in one place on this Pentecost but we still come, gathered as one body in Christ.

*<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.*

L: Holy Spirit come like a rush of a violent wind, awaken us to a new awareness of your presence. Fill our homes where we are sitting. Let your fire rest on each of us. Fill us with the Holy Spirit and give us abilities to speak and hear in new ways.

*<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation 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 Jewish-born 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, “You Judeans 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.*

L: God too often we doubt your ability to work in and through community. We are bewildered at the ways you come and who you come to. Your works amaze and astonish and we scramble to find explanations that box you in or explain you away. We are perplexed when we hear about your deeds of power and hear them spoken on tongues foreign to our native ear. Give us memory of your promise and a renewed awareness of your Spirit at work in people of all nations.

<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 youth shall see visions, and your elders 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: Holy Spirit you come as God declared. Give youth visions and the elders dreams. Your Spirit does not discriminate but fills all flesh. Rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue. Give us eyes to see the signs of your promise all around us and to respond in praising you in joy and thanksgiving.. Make us witnesses of the good news: The Lord saves.

### **BREATH PRAYER:**

Holy Spirit: Fill me....Use me...

### **SONG: "Spirit of the Living God"**

[https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search\\_query=spirit+of+the+living+god](https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search_query=spirit+of+the+living+god)

### **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.**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME: CELEBRATING THE MILESTONE OF GRADUATION:**

**SONG: “I Was There to Hear your Borning Cry”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYCZmiJqrWU>

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
To see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
With a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
To find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living God,  
To whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
And you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
From dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,  
Not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
Complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in,  
And you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
With just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
To see your life unfold



**GRADUATION INTRODUCTIONS/SLIDESHOW: Alex Fink and Taylor Torrance**

**BLANKET BLESSING AND PRAYER:**

As Alex is wrapped in this blanket we pray: God of creation, pour out your Holy Spirit on Alex as he enters a new period of life and faith. Be with him, surround and hold him in your care as he begins new ventures. Bless and guide him. Help him discover and live into the gifts you have given him for the good of the others and the world you created in love. Give him hope and joy through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As Taylor is wrapped in this blanket we pray: God of creation, pour out your Holy Spirit on Taylor as she enters a new period of life and faith. Be with her, surround and hold her in your care as she begins new ventures. Bless and guide her. Help her discover and live into the gifts you have given her for the good of the others and the world you created in love. Give her hope and joy through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

### **CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING**

L: Alex and Taylor, as you go on your way, may God go with you.

*(Congregational actions)*

May God go before you to show you the way.

May God go behind you to encourage you,

beside you to befriend you,

above you to watch over you,

within you to give you peace.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit.

**Amen.**

**SONG: “My Lighthouse”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NocNKrD2UOc>

### **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O Lord!

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

<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

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

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

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

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the Lord.

<sup>35b</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians: 12:3b-13**

<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 them 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 miracles, 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.

## **GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-23**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

**SERMON: “No One Can Control the Spirit”**

**Pastor Jerome Evavold**

**SONG: “This is the Air I Breathe” Michael W. Smith**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEDcKZB7r2A>

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES’ 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.**

## **THE OFFERING**

*Looking for a way to give to support Trinity ministry? We have now launched our Text to Give program. Simply text the amount you'd like to give to 833-610-0635. Kathy will also continue to check the mail and make deposits weekly Thank you for your generous giving that enables continued ministries.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

**Generous God, you have given us life, this community and the gifts of the earth. Move into our hearts, that we might use these gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we are, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## OFFERING SONG: *“Light the Fire”*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwYFm9B0AdY>

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this day of Pentecost we unite in prayer, asking God to send the Holy Spirit on the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church around the globe: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

For our own congregation, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

And for everyone who searches for you, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Restore with your breath the whole creation, especially the lands and waters laden with pollution and the animals whose habitats are threatened.

For your earth, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Send your Spirit on the leaders of nations, on legislators, and on judges, that the people of the world will benefit from your justice and your peace.

For the nations of the world, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

We pray for racial justice. We remember before you George Floyd. When there are not words to express our prayers, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Visit all who are suffering, all who feel hopeless, and all who face death. Send healing to those we name here before you (*especially*)

For all who are in need, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Restore to health those who have contracted the virus. Uphold health-care workers, grant jobs to those who are unemployed, and assist researchers in discovering a vaccine.

For all who are confronting the coronavirus, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Bless those who are graduating from schools and universities. Give our youth hope for their future. For our graduates we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Show our nation and our churches how to connect with those whose language we cannot speak. For the speakers of every language under the sun we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Hear also the cries of our own hearts.

*A longer time of silence.*

For ourselves, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Receive our praise for all who for centuries have gone before us in the faith, from the first Pentecost, throughout Christian history, and up to this week. We remember Donna Shepherd and ask your presence with her family.

That at the end we and all the saints will rejoice in your presence, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered together 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.**

### **BLESSING**

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. The God of all grace ✠ bless us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: “Build Your Kingdom Here” Rend Co.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbdJXKqVgtg>

### **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Send forth your Spirit, O God,  
**and renew the face of the earth.**

People of God, go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SONG: “Spirit of Gentleness” instrumental**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMGEBbTMOO0>