

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday
May 24, 2015
8:30
Pentecost Weekend

Love God,
Love our neighbors,
Serve the World

*You are invited to stand if able

Welcome

*Confession & 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 cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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. Let your 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 atone for 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.**

***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.

***Memorial Day Litany**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

PEOPLE: **WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

PEOPLE: **WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their comrades:

PEOPLE: **WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

PEOPLE: **WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

Leader: Eternal God, we give thanks for all those who have shown the greatest love by laying down their lives for others. We especially thank you for those in our military throughout history who have sacrificed their lives for their fellow citizens and for us who came after. As we remember their service, keep us mindful of all those for whom this day is a burden, and send your spirit of comfort to them. Be present with all the women and men who are serving in the military today. Let them live for the peace known only from you. Help us to be worthy of their legacy, and keep us mindful of their service, that in all things we may live our lives in praise and thanksgiving to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PEOPLE: **AMEN**

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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:

¹⁷In 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 many 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 endure 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. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

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 Acclama-

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel:** The holy gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

When speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and described the difference the Spirit would make in their lives and in the world.

Chapter 15

²⁶When 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.

Chapter 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.

¹²I 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 gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Sermon

Pastor Erik Feig

Hymn of the Day

"Spirit of Gentleness"

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***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 into hell. 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.

***Prayers of Intercession**

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

***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.

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please extend a greeting of peace to those around you.)

(Please be seated.)

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

***Blessing**

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death,
lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

Amen.

Jesus Christ, the Word of life,
bless you and send you to be his witnesses.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth,
refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

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***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

Service

News & Announcements

Northside Large Item Cleanup Day

As a way to help out our neighborhood, we are inviting you to help us with the 2nd annual Northside Large Item Cleanup Day. On Saturday May 30 we will again provide a location for dumpsters as the Logan-Northside Neighborhood Association helps folks dispose of large items that are no longer picked up for free. (No electronics, refrigerators, motors, etc. allowed.) We could use your help loading the dumpsters, as well as people with a truck to go pick up items for those who are unable to get here. We would love to see you and welcome any help you can give. Please contact Mark Mitchell with any questions, at 608-386-5669.

Feed the Kids

The Salvation Army provides lunches to children in need during the summer months. Could you help us pack lunches on June 17 and July 15 from 9:45-11:45? Call Mary Lathrop @ 781-8999 or email maryL0906@gmail.com

Summer Fun for Foster Kids

We are collecting summer fun items like toys, beach towels, sunscreen through HALO, for children in foster care. You may drop off items in kiddy pool in the narthex.

The **Love Thy Neighbor** jar for May is for **From the Heart Food Pantry**, which provides basic needs to families or communities. This is a unique giving opportunity provided at each weekend worship service. Children from the congregation gather money during the worship service and put in the jar up by the altar. The money is given to a different ministry outside of the church each month.

From the Heart Food Pantry is part of the excitement at Trinity every Monday evening. This food pantry, located in the fellowship hall, is open to the public every Monday 5:30-7:30, to help our neighbors who need a little help getting through the month. To donate food, simply drop it off in the bin in the narthex. They especially need **cereal**. Stop by Monday at 5 for a meal, sponsored by **Monday Meals** and meet your neighbors!

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Loggers Baseball game, Wednesday, June 17. Tickets will go on sale May 30 & 31 through June 13 & 14 before and/or after services. Watch for details on a poster in the narthex, the June newsletter, future bulletins, Trinity's website and Facebook page.

Other summer events planned include a **Concert In The Park, Wednesday, July 8**, with a rain date of July 15, and **Golf, cards, bowling and refreshments, Sunday, July 26**

Reverend Roger Grow, a former interim pastor here, is being honored for the 50th anniversary of his ordination into the Lutheran Church as of June 6. He is presently doing his 10th interim at Joy Lutheran Church in Prescott, WI. He also served 5 other churches as lead pastor. If you would like to send him a card, the address is:
Joy Lutheran Church, 1435 St. Croix St, Prescott, WI 54021

Loggers Baseball tickets go on sale next week, May 30-31 through June 13&14 for the Trinity family and friends night at the Loggers game !

Memorials

General Fund:

In memory of Hazel La Fleur & Jean, given by Mary Dannhoff

Endowment Fund:

In memory of Marvin Slater, given by friends

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Mike Sanding, Hilda Melde, Pat Bogie, & Military Members Austin Bekkum & Justin Boardman

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April Giving

\$21,563

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April Budgeted

\$36,376

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Year to Date
Giving: \$

Unavailable at
time of print

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Budgeted giving

through May; \$146,823

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2015 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

YOU ARE INVITED!

Friday Evening & Sunday Morning are open to ALL MEMBERS of the synod!

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Riverside Park, downtown La Crosse

*(Rain venue – La Crosse Central High School,
1801 Losey Blvd, auditorium)*

6 pm – Come early, bring a picnic, follow the "Walk the Word" trail to encounter assembly theme.

7 pm – **"Lost and Found" Concert**, band shell at Riverside Park
(bring blanket or chairs for additional seating)

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Lunda Center, Western Technical College, 319 7th St N

(Park in ramp off 8th St or in available lots on campus)

8:15 am – **Opening Message** by Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman, ELCA Rep.

9 & 10 am – **BEST SUNDAY SCHOOL EVER** - Workshop Sessions
(each workshop session presented twice)

Festival Sending Worship – done by 1 pm

"Sunday School" Workshops will focus on How Congregations Do Advocacy – how to "Walk the Word" in your unique setting.

Presentations include: doing food truck ministry, environmental advocacy, the politics of water, how to have civil conversations, immigration reform, how to have conversations w/ community leaders and take issues back to your congregation, and MORE!

COME "Walk the Word" with us!

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:30

Bulletin deadline: Noon at Wed.

Service Times

Saturdays 5:30pm

Sundays 8:30 & 10:30

Radio Broadcast Sunday morning at 8:30

WKTY 580 AM

This Week at Trinity

SUNDAY, MAY 24

MONDAY, MAY 25

TUESDAY, MAY 26

7p Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, May 27

THURSDAY, May 28

FRIDAY, MAY 29

SATURDAY, May 30

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