

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Created to Praise**  
**May 24, 2026**  
**Pentecost**

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***GATHERING MUSIC***

***WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***TRINITY WELCOME***

L: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY***

*"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive."*  
**-Dalai Lama**

*"Human pride and egoism always create divisions, build walls of indifference, hate and violence. The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, makes hearts capable of understanding the languages of all, as it re-establishes the bridge of authentic communication between earth and Heaven."*  
**-Pope Benedict XVI**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)***

**L:** Come, Holy Spirit, ignite our hearts with your fire.

**C: Burn away fear, division, and indifference.**

**L:** Christ calls us to love not only in word, but in action.

**C: We will carry the flame of compassion into the world.**

**L:** We are many people, yet one body in God's Spirit.

**C: Our lives are woven together in hope and grace.**

**L:** When one suffers, all suffer. When one rejoices, all rejoice.

**C: The Spirit binds us together in sacred community.**

**L:** Come, Spirit of Pentecost, breathe through us again.

**C: Kindle in us the fire to love and serve all people.**

**PRAISE SONG**

**“Light the Fire”**

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The score consists of 11 lines of music. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics. The second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The third line of music is marked 'Chorus' and corresponds to the third line of lyrics. The fourth line of music corresponds to the fourth line of lyrics. The fifth line of music corresponds to the fifth line of lyrics. The sixth line of music corresponds to the sixth line of lyrics. The seventh line of music corresponds to the seventh line of lyrics. The eighth line of music corresponds to the eighth line of lyrics. The ninth line of music corresponds to the ninth line of lyrics. The tenth line of music corresponds to the tenth line of lyrics. The eleventh line of music corresponds to the eleventh line of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line and the instruction 'Repeat chorus 2X'.

I stand to praise You but I fall on my knees. My  
spi - rit is hun - gry but my flesh is so weak.  
*Chorus*  
Light the fire in my soul fan the flame make me  
whole Lord, You know where I've been so light the fire  
in my heart a - gain.  
I feel Your arms a - round me as the  
pow'r of Your heal - ing be - gins You breathe new life right  
through me like a might - y rush - ing wind. *Repeat chorus 2X*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Holy God,

**C: too often we live as though we are alone. We close ourselves to your transforming power. We have spoken words that wound, ignored cries for justice, and failed to love one another as Christ loves us.**

**Breathe new life into us. Forgive our sins and awaken us to your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

L: Jesus says, “Peace be with you.” Receive the Holy Spirit.

By the grace of God, all your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.

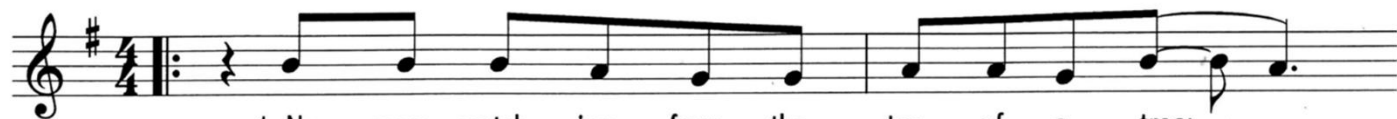
The same Spirit who raised Christ from the dead now lives in you.

You are forgiven, loved, and sent into the world in peace.

**Amen.**

**RESPONSE**

**“Changed for Good”**



1. No more watch - ing from the top of a tree;  
2. Light the lamps and let the par - ty be - gin;  
3. Time to break the chains that bound me so long.



no more watch - ing from a dis - tance to see;  
o - pen doors and let the peo - ple come in.  
There's no way that I can right all my wrongs.



love is here and love is call - ing to me;  
I am miles a - way from where I have been.  
Here I start and if it takes my life long,



I'm be - ing changed for good.

*2nd time to Bridge  
3rd time to Coda*



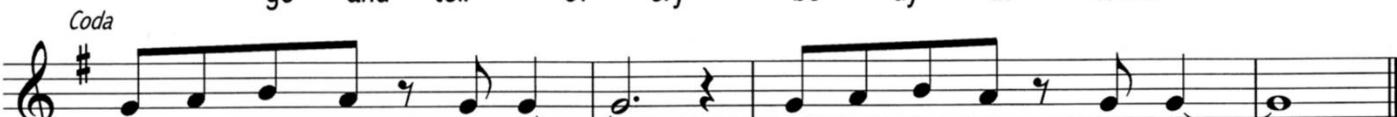
Here's my pro - mise, here's my vow, things are chang - ing,



start - ing now; I was lost, now I'm found,



go and tell ev - ery - bo - dy in town. *To Verse 3*



I'm be - ing changed for good; mak - ing a change for good.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Robb Kosky**

## **WORD**

P: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### **First Reading**

*The first reading is Acts 2:1-21*

**2** When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers gathered in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound came from heaven. It was like a strong wind blowing. It filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw something that looked like fire in the shape of tongues. The flames separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in languages they had not known before. The Spirit gave them the ability to do this.

**5** Godly Jews from every country in the world were staying in Jerusalem. **6** A crowd came together when they heard the sound. They were bewildered because each of them heard their own language being spoken. **7** The crowd was really amazed. They asked, "Aren't all these people who are speaking Galileans?" **8** Then why do we each hear them speaking in our own native language? **9** We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites. We live in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia. We are from Pontus, Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia. Others of us are from Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene. Still others are visitors from Rome. **11** Some of the visitors are Jews. Others have accepted the Jewish faith. Also, Cretans and Arabs are here. We hear all these people speaking about God's wonders in our own languages!" **12** They were amazed and bewildered. They asked one another, "What does this mean?"

**13** But some people in the crowd made fun of the believers. "They've had too much wine!" they said.

**14** Then Peter stood up with the 11 apostles. In a loud voice he spoke to the crowd. "My fellow Jews," he said, "let me explain this to you. All of you who live in Jerusalem, listen carefully to what I say. **15** You think these people are drunk. But they aren't. It's only nine o'clock in the morning! **16** No, here is what the prophet Joel meant. **17** He said,

"In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Holy Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions.

Your old men will have dreams.

**18** In those days, I will pour out my Spirit on my servants.

I will pour out my Spirit on both men and women.

When I do, they will prophesy.

**19** I will show wonders in the heavens above.

I will show signs on the earth below.

There will be blood and fire and clouds of smoke.

**20** The sun will become dark.

The moon will turn red like blood.

This will happen before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

**21** Everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The second reading is 1 Corinthians 12:3-13*

<sup>3</sup> So I want you to know that no one who is speaking with the help of God's Spirit says, "May Jesus be cursed." And without the help of the Holy Spirit no one can say, "Jesus is Lord."

<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts. But they are all given to believers by the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> There are different ways to serve. But they all come from the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different ways the Spirit works. But the same God is working in all these ways and in all people.

<sup>7</sup> The Holy Spirit is given to each of us in a special way. That is for the good of all. <sup>8</sup> To some people the Spirit gives a message of wisdom. To others the same Spirit gives a message of knowledge. <sup>9</sup> To others the same Spirit gives faith. To others that one Spirit gives gifts of healing. <sup>10</sup> To others he gives the power to do miracles. To others he gives the ability to prophesy. To others he gives the ability to tell the spirits apart. To others he gives the ability to speak in different kinds of languages they had not known before. And to still others he gives the ability to explain what was said in those languages. <sup>11</sup> All the gifts are produced by one and the same Spirit. He gives gifts to each person, just as he decides.

<sup>12</sup> There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. <sup>13</sup> We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body. It didn't matter whether we were Jews or Gentiles, slaves or free people. We were all given the same Spirit to drink.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

P: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

***The Gospel***

**John 20:19-23**

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, "May peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> Then he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were very happy when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "May peace be with you! The Father has sent me. So now I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> He then breathed on them. He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

***The Gospel Response:***

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE RESPONSE "Send Down the Fire"

Send down the fire of your jus - tice.  
 Send down the rains of your love. Come,  
 send down the Sp;ir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and  
 we shall be peo - ple of God.

1.Call us to be your com - pas - sion.  
 2.Call us to learn of your mer - cy.  
 3.Call us to an - swer op - pres - ion.  
 4.Call us to wit - ness your king - dom.

Teach us the song of your love. Give us  
 Teach us the way of your peace. Give us  
 Teach us the fire of your truth. Give us  
 Give us the pres - ence of Christ. May your

hearts that sing. Give us deeds that ring. Make us  
 hearts that feel. Give us hands that heal. Make us  
 right - eous soul, 'til your jus - tice rolls. Make us  
 ho - ly light keep us shin - ing bright, ev - er

ring with the song of your love.  
 walk in the way of your peace. (Chorus)  
 burn with the fire of your truth.  
 shine with the pres - ence of Christ. (Chorus)

**THE PRAYERS** (Please stand as you are able)

P: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

(Each petition ends: "Merciful God". The congregation responds: "Receive our prayer")

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## MEAL

P: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



### ***THE OFFERING*** (You may be seated)

Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to “share the love and promise of God” through its ministries.

## **Special Music**

**“With Us”**

### **Offering Prayer** (Please stand as you are able)

P: Merciful God,

**C: accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## ***THE COMMUNION SENTENCES***

P: Receive the gifts of God for the people of God.

**C: The Spirit fills us with courage and joy.**

P: Come, for the banquet of heaven is ready.

**C: We gather at Christ’s table and are sent to serve.**

P: 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.”

## ***THE LORD’S PRAYER***

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed 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***

P: Come to the table. Feast on God’s goodness and mercy. All are welcome.

## THE DISTRIBUTION (You may be seated)

All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.  
We commune by intinction. When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer  
in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice  
Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.  
(We also have celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine in the first pew.)

## COMMUNION SONGS

### "Spirit Running"

1. Care for your neigh - bor. Care for your - self.  
2. Care for the earth and all it con - tains. We  
3. Care for the for - est, the prai - rie and pond. For

Care for the strang - er and ev - 'ry - one else. Love both your  
share the same sun - shine, the wind and the rains with all  
your lit - tle cor - ner and what lies be - yond, care for the

friend and your en - e - my for we are  
crea - tures on land and sea. Pro - tect wild  
o - cean, the at - mos - phere, too, for this good

all one hu - man - i - ty. There is this  
plac - es where they run free.  
earth takes good care of you.

great big love that links us all with - in one web of life. There is this

Spir - it run - ning like a riv - er through cre - a - tion. *Repeat chorus last time.*

# "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

*rearr*

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the  
 wil - der - ness call - ing and free; Spir - it,  
 Spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from  
 plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea. *Song ending.*

2. You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand
3. You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4. You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a  
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was  
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tive dream

land; and when they were blind - ed with  
 still; and down in the cit - y you  
 dreams; our wom - en see vi - sions, our

i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your  
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your  
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de -

proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
 ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

## "His Banner Over Me"

His ban - ner o - ver me is love, His  
ban - ner o - ver me is love; And He  
takes me to His ta - ble of love  
and He takes me to His ban - quet - ing  
ta - ble of love. *Song ending.* Sure - ly His  
good - ness and mer - cy shall fol - low me,  
all of my life I will dwell in the  
house of the Lord, of the Lord.

### **THE COMMUNION BLESSING** (please stand as you are able)

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** Holy One,

**C:** through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

### **SENDING**

**P:** The Holy Spirit is upon you to bless and empower you to keep the fires of God's love and justice burning wherever and whenever you can. Keep that spark burning in your heart and soul as we are sent to live in unity, mercy, and hope among our neighbors. Go with courage and joy.

**C: Amen.**

# THE SENDING SONG

## "Ubuntu"

(pronounced "oom-BOON-too")

*Chorus*

U - bun- tul U - bun- tul  
shar- ing our vi - sions and dreams. U - bun- tul where  
jus- tice flows like a life giv - ing stream. The  
peo- ple to - geth- er join - ing our hearts and our  
hands to wel - come the strang - er and cher - ish the friend and to  
work for the peace of the land and so we do lifel

### *Verses (echo song leader)*

1. ... Sisters and brothers ... made for communion ... bound to each other ... one holy union  
... Drawn by a vision ... drawn by desire ... drawn to the circle ... round God's holy fire,
2. ... Called now we follow ... Jesus our brother ... Who gathers his children ... just like a mother  
... Tenderly holding ... this new creation ... Making and molding ... a new holy nation,
3. ... This is our vision ... life's in the sharing ... Holding back nothing ... dreaming and daring,  
... To live this communion ... that breaks us and binds us  
... Holds us and heals us ... frees us and finds us

*Bridge*

1. Made by God's po - wer to live as God's own;  
2. Marked by the wa - ter and giv - en our name,  
3. God, give us cour - age to do what we say,  
made to be seen and be heard and to be known!  
moved by God's Spir - it, re - vived by hol - y flamel  
Christ, give us strength for the liv - ing of these days.

## ***THE DISMISSAL***

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stay for a coffee hour following the worship service.*

### **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Pastor:** Pastor Robb Kosky

**Worship Assistant:** Cheryl Scaffidi

**Reader:** Paul Bauman

**Communion Set Up:** Jill Hasenstein

**Communion Servers:**

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Ruthann Dorn, Rick Gilbertson

**Keyboard:** Hazel Griffin

**Drum Set/Percussion:** Henry Anderson

**Ushers:** Daniel Schmidt, Jim Klatt

**Video:** Heather Peters **Audio:** Sue Gilbertson

**Counters:** Tammy Nelson, Cyndee Bruder

**Coffee Hour:** Hazel Griffin, Sandy Poenitsch, Candy Sarauer

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