HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, May 31, 2020
Day of Pentecost
Celebrating our 142\textsuperscript{nd} Anniversary

Thanksgiving for Baptism 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Holy Trinity!
Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us. We proclaim ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation to all of God’s people; welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We believe that our openness will allow us to grow in our faith through Christ’s teaching to love one another as God loves us.

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INTRODUCTION
In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While we cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God, give thanks for gifts of life and love, and hold each other in prayer.

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God’s presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God’s presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God’s redeeming love to all the world.
PRELUDE
Prelude on Restoration
George Shearing
(1919-2011)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we gather from our homes, we invite you to place a bowl or cup of water in front of you, to remember our baptism.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus’ wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.
We praise you for your salvation through water, 
for the water in this font, 
and for all water everywhere. 
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. 
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. 

(At home, dip your finger into a bowl or cup of water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.)

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord 
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.
PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray together.
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.

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN
The Rev. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21
The first reading for the Day of Pentecost is recorded in Acts, the 2nd Chapter.
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.”
All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

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

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

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
It is well for you, you chosen souls, 
whom God has designated for his dwelling. 
Who could choose a greater bliss? 
Who can count the throng of blessings? 
And this has come from the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
The second reading for today is recorded in 1st Corinthians, the 12th Chapter. 
3bNo one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. 
4Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10to 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. 11All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 12For 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. 13For 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.
The Word of the Lord. 
Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: John 7:37-39
The holy gospel according to Saint John
Glory to you, O Lord.

37 On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, 38 and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” 39 Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON
The Rev. Brenda Maynor
HYMN OF THE DAY
Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove “Komm, Gott Schöpfer”

ELW 578
Vs. 1-4

1 Creator Spirit, heavenly Dove,
   descend upon us from above;
   with graces manifold,
   your love in every heart;

2 To you, the Comforter, we cry;
   true fount of life, the almighty hand behold;
   while you with tongues of fire proclaim
   to all the world God’s holy name.

3 In you, with graces sevenfold,
   we God’s might supply to strengthen our infirmity.
   Fold restore your creatures as they were before.
   Fire of love, the soul’s anointing from above.

4 Your light to every sense impart,
   and shed your creatures as they were before.
   Fold restore your creatures as they were before.
   Fire of love, the soul’s anointing from above.

5 Keep far from us our cruel foe,
   and peace from your own hand bestow;
   upheld by you, our strength and guide,
   no evil can our steps betide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
   and you, of both, to be but one;
   that through the ages all along
   your praise may be our endless song.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. composite
Music: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER, J. Kling, Geistliche Lieder, 1543
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
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 with the response, “Come, Holy Spirit!”

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the globe: For the Eastern Orthodox churches, for the Roman Catholic church, for protestant and Anglican churches, for Pentecostal and independent churches; for our ecumenical partners in Voice Buffalo, the Network of Religious Communities, and the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Community of Good Neighbors - Resurrection Village, and Holy Trinity, 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 peace. For all women and men serving in the armed forces and their families, we pray:
Come, Holy Spirit!
Visit all who are suffering, all who feel hopeless, and all who face death. We especially pray today for the family of George Floyd and for all who have died at the hands of injustice and oppression. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you, 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. Send healing and hope to those we name before you out loud, or from the silence of our hearts. 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. 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 Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

*Share a sign of peace with someone in your home, or share a message of peace via text, tweet, or post (or call someone after worship.)*
THE OFFERING

Thank you for your gifts and offerings which make our ministry possible. You may share your offering by clicking the “Contribute Today” link below this Livestream and on our Homepage, or by mailing your gift to the church office. Thank you!

THE SOLO

You'll Never Walk Alone from Carousel

Richard Rodgers (1902-1979)
and Oscar Hammerstein II (1895-1960)

Maria Parker, alto

In some areas of the UK and Europe, "You'll Never Walk Alone" became the anthem of support for medical staff, first responders, and those in quarantine during the COVID-19 pandemic.

When you walk through a storm
Keep your chin up high
And don’t be afraid of the dark
At the end of a storm is a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark

Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Tho' your dreams
Be tossed and blown
Walk on
Walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone
You'll never walk alone
THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD
Let us pray together.
O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.

BENEDICTION
May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.
RECESSIONAL HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind “CWM Rhondda”

Text: Herman G. Stempfel Jr., b. 1923
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1933

1. God of tem-pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen-te-
cost de-scend! Drive us out from shel-tered com-fort;
past these walls your peo-ple send! Sweep us in-to cost-ly ser-vice,
there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!

2. God of blaz-ing, God of burn-ing, all that blocks your
pur-pose, purge! Through your church, Christ’s liv-ing Bod- y,
let your flam-ing Spir-it surge! Where de-ceit con-ceals in-just-ice,
kin-dle us to speak your truth, kin-dle us to speak your truth!

3. God of earth-quake, God of thun-der, shake us loose from
leth-ar-gy! Break the chains of sin a-sun-der,
for earth’s heal-ing set us free! Crum-ble walls that still di-vide us;
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!

4. God of pas-sion, God un-sleep-ing, stir in us love’s
rest-less-ness! Where the peo-ple cry in an-guish,
may we share your heart’s dis-tress. Rouse us from con-tent with e-vil;
claim us for your king-dom’s work, claim us for your king-dom’s work!
**DISMISSAL**
Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE**
Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott BuxWV 199

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)  
July 27 – 31. Registration is now available online. The link for online registration is  
https://forms.gle/Jk8euKKHTwLZaSAT7  
A hybrid VBS through Google Classroom and a take-home kit provided by Holy Trinity. Internet/Google Classrooms not required, class materials including the lessons and supplies are included in the take home kit. You may also call the church office for a paper copy of the registration form.

SAVE THE DATE! Kristen Pomietlarz will be presenting an ORGAN RECITAL on our beloved and mighty Margaret L. Wendt Memorial Organ, which will be aired on our MUSIC at Holy Trinity Facebook Page **Thursday, June 11th at 7:00 PM**.  
The half-hour program will include:  
*Toccata Brevis* by Daniel Gawthrop  
*Sonata No. 1* in F Minor, Op. 65, No. 1 by Felix Mendelssohn  
Two works from "Sacred Sounds" by George Shearing  
*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*  
*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*  
*God of Grace, God of Glory* by Paul Manz

CRISIS SERVICES: For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed, Crisis Services is working around the clock to respond to and combat the impact COVID-19 has on our community. Their hotline number is 834-3131 and are available 24-hours a day. If you are looking for counseling services, we share a partnership with Pat Greene, LMHC, and he may be reached at 716-361-4615.
FOOD DONATIONS: To support those in need of food from our NRC food pantry and from the emergency bags our Pastors provide, if you are able to donate, these are the items most needed. For our pastor's bags: The pop top canned easy meals, ex. ravioli meals. For the Food Bank: Canned tuna, soups and canned meals such as ravioli. Items may be brought to the church. Please call ahead to alert the staff that you are planning to donate and arrange a convenient time.

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR: The reading schedule for May and June can be found on the church website or you can call the church office to have a paper copy mailed to you.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP ZOOM HAPPY HOUR: Join us every Friday at 5pm to link to a virtual Happy Hour by Zoom technology. We'll meet together through safe physical-distancing while being able to check-in with each other. Bring your own favorite beverage to the computer.
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Office Staff may be reached by phone daily Monday – Friday. Please call the church office should you need anything. As always, the Pastors are available by appointment. We will continue to share information regarding life and worship at Holy Trinity. You can always check out the website for up-to-date information.
Pierogi Sale

Stop by for an easy and safe way to pick up great meals for your week ahead.

Wednesday, June 3
4:00 – 6:00 pm

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