



Holy Trinity
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Church
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HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sunday, May 23, 2021
Day of Pentecost
Celebrating our 143rd Anniversary

Service of the Word 8:30 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 creatures welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status.

We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions, interpersonally and structurally.

We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

We invite you to share your story and your worship experience!

Check-in and share on any of our social media platforms using #poweroftrinity.

*You can find us on Facebook @holytrinitybuffalo,
on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff*

INTRODUCTION

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

PRELUDE

Komm, heileger Geist, Herr Gott BuxWV 199

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637 - 1707)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
Renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

**We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.**

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

**To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.
Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

“Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott”

ELW 395

(vs. 1 & 3)



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, with all your
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, now cause the
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the



grac - es now out - poured on each be - liev - er's
word of life to shine. Teach us to know our
will your work to do and in your ser - vice



mind and heart; your fer - vent love to them im - part.
God a - right as lov - ing Fa - ther, our de - light.
to a - bide; let tri - als turn us not a - side.



Lord, by the bright - ness of your light in ho - ly
From ev - 'ry er - ror keep us free; let none but
Lord, by your pow'r pre - pare each heart and to our



faith your church u - nite; from ev - 'ry land and
Christ our teach - er be, that we in liv - ing
weak - ness strength im - part, that brave - ly here we



ev - 'ry tongue, this to your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:
faith a - bide, in him, our Lord, with all our might con - fide.
may con - tend, through life and death to you, our Lord, as - cend.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

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.

THE 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.” 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:

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.

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.

THE SOLO

The Holy City

Stephen Adams (1844 – 1913)
arranged by Donald Hunt (1930 - 2018)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair; I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there. I heard the children singing, and everywhere as they sang, me thought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang: Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing: Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your king!

Then me thought my dream was changed the streets no longer rang, hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang. The sun grew dark with mystery; the morn was cold and chill, as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Hark! how the angels sing. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your king.

And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be. I saw the holy city beside the tideless sea; the light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide, and all who would might enter, and no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night or sun to shine by day. It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass a way. Jerusalem, Jerusalem sing for the night is o'er!
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna forever more.

GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The holy gospel according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When 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.

^{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.

¹²“I 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.

SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

SERMON MEDITATION

Veni Creator

Wannes Vanderhoeven

(b. 1971)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit's creative work. We pray for our ecumenical and inter-faith siblings in VOICE Buffalo, the Network of Religious Communities, and the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Community of Good Neighbors, and Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so that they exercise your gracious will in the lives of people. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day. We pray for those impacted by injustice, those on the front line of the pandemic, and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, fill this congregation with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Adrianna and Ryan. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus 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!

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

I Got Me Flowers
from *Five Mystical Songs*

R. Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958)
Text by George Herbert (1593 – 1633)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

I got me flowers to strew thy way; I got me boughs off many a tree: But thou wast up by break of day, and brought'st thy sweets along with thee. The Sun arising in the East, though he give light, and the East perfume; If they should offer to contest with thy arising, they presume. Can there be any day but this, though many suns to shine endeavour? We count three hundred, but we miss: there is but one, and that one ever.

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 our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Day Full of Grace "Den Signede Dag"

ELW 627

(vs. 1 & 4)

1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.
Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Veni Creator Spiritus

(Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire)

Paul Manz

(1919 - 2009)



The flowers on the altar are given In gratitude for the Music Program, a bright star in this era of Covid by Pat Lonergan; In Loving Memory of Dan Schlosser, Josh Sweers, Daniel Shedd and John Camilleri Jr. from John and Gail Camilleri; and In Honor of Patricia MacDonald's 75th birthday with love from Uli and Ethan.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Adrianna Wareham and Ryan Wolf.



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to Adrianna Wareham and Ryan Wolf who are celebrating their Affirmation of Baptism today. We hope that you will keep these young people in your prayers.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, the following date has one vase available- June 6th. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for these or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$40.00 each.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP Happy Hour – Join us each Friday via Zoom at 5:00pm. We'll meet together through safe physical-distancing while being able to check in with each other and enjoy the company. Bring your favorite beverage to the computer. Zoom Meeting ID: 285 453 435. Password 299123.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Each week via Zoom at 9:30 at
<https://zoom.us/j/427428740?pwd=Y1BZdUdLL3l4YU5QWnJUUTdkRlk4Zz09#success>. Join via Zoom ID 427 428 740. Password 849195.

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.

CAREGIVERS: This is the final weekend to participate in the Caregiver Intensity Score. If you are a caregiver, or caring for a loved one with an advanced illness, please fill out the survey. The survey closes Monday, May 24. Holy Trinity has been invited to participate in a pilot program evaluating the needs and support of caregivers in our community. If you are (or think you are) a caregiver, please take a minute to find out your intensity score. Caring for a loved one is an honor...it can also be really hard. Often, we don't think of ourselves as caregivers – we just see ourselves as sons, daughters, neighbors, friends just helping out however we can. And in taking care of others, we forget to check in on ourselves, especially when things are feeling intense. That intensity around caregiving can be measured – we all have a score. Take a minute and get your Caregiver Intensity Score by clicking here: <https://www.archangels-cii.me/flobny2/>. You can see where things are going well, where you could use more support, and even get connected to things that can help. We have also included a place for you to share with us what would be helpful to you as a caregiver (**look for the big purple box at the bottom of the page, after you get your score**). We want to hear from you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS is July 26-30! As we are planning this year's VBS "River of Life" we are looking at whether we can hold VBS in-person/hybrid safely or whether we will hold VBS fully remote as we did last year. We are asking you to fill out the following surveys so we can gauge interest and willingness/comfortability with attending in-person VBS. For those with younger ones (completed Pre-K through 6th grade) we ask that you fill out this survey: <https://forms.gle/kyNxoDxK4kNEs8Du9>. For those who would be willing to serve as volunteers please fill out this survey: <https://forms.gle/2q5J4vYA2earRUrB8>. Please know that we will be following the CDC Guidelines for Summer Youth Day Camps (updated 4/2021). Please contact Pastor Brenda with any questions or concerns.

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