

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, May 28, 2023 — Day of Pentecost

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 28

Day of Pentecost (wear red)

Diapers and Undies Appeal continues

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief band), 9:15 a.m.

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Private Party, 3 p.m.

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day Holiday—Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

LWR Quilters, 9:30 a.m.

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

GriefShare, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31

Coffee & Donuts, 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Kari's Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

JOYful Days Luncheon & Speaker, 11:30 a.m.

Pack 3015 Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 1

Fitness Classes, 10 a.m.

Friday, June 2

Fit4Mom, 9 a.m.

Saturday, June 3

Habitat for Humanity Build, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 4

The Holy Trinity

Diapers and Undies Appeal continues

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Spiritual Gifts Assessment, 9 a.m.

Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 9:15 a.m.

High School Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Spiritual Gifts Assessment, 10:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Spiritual Gifts Assessment, noon

CPR Training, 1 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.



Happy Memorial Day!

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Elaine Rongey

Lector: Carolyn Johnson

Communion Assistants: Kim Brock, Betty Hall

Ushers: Bob Carwell, TBD

Acolyte: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Beyond Belief band leading worship

Sacristan: Kathy Noble

Lector: Kathy Noble

Communion Assistants: Carol Butler, Janet Genow

Ushers: Steve and Nate Bennett, Brad & Pam Burkle, Bill

Bush, Tim Lundgren, Karen Nagle, Pat Radloff

Acolytes: TBD

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Kate Bredwell

Sacristans: Dolly Lowe

Lector: Steve Heacock

Communion Assistants: Kristin Bradley, Kara Day

Ushers: Kara Day, Gene Gunderson, Carol Hendricks,

David Kuecherer, Chris Kutschinski,

Jordan Wiseman

Acolytes: TBD

Bread Baker: Rebecca Linstrom

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery:** Dan Babin, Sue Bailey, Dale and Lisa Barkema, Bob Beaudry, Jim and Sue Boyse, Bryan Bredwell, Bill Brock, Pat Bruin, Ellie Buggeln, Cheryl Bushman, Mike Danielski, Beth Engstrom, Donna Erickson, Joyce Fick, Diane Field, Elena Griewahn, Mark Hahn, Beth Hall, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Patricia Johnson, Roy Lamprich, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Kristin Linkfield, Ken Lown, Tess Lundgren, Judy Mallen, Tom Mannisto, Rebecca Mattison, Gail Mazurek, Marcia McClimans, Jill and Peter McKinney, Stephanie McLeod, Marilyn Mellema, Charmayne Mulligan, Jo Murphy, Craig Mutch, Toni Peterson, Jesse Platt, Dorothy Postema, Rick Radke, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Michael Smith, Patricia Stevens, Dale Volkerding, John Walls, Fred and Kathy Wilcox, Robert Williams, Marge Willman, Rick and Michelle Wolner, David Young, Kay Zeaman, Kathryn Zielinski and Cindy Zientarski.

We also lift up **Trinity families mourning the loss of loved ones:** Kelli and John Basher, Greg and Rachele Battreall, George Bauer, Jennifer Brown, Bill and Patricia Bruin, Morgan and Jaci Cole, Jack Danielson, Julie Earhart, Pastor Donna Erickson, David and Pastor Kari Fast, Diane Field, Sharon Fourcha, Bob and Nanci Guigue, Jill and Curtis Hahn, Linda Holm, Brad and Gayl Kessel, Mike and Molly King, Terry and Susan Knoll, Beth Krueger, Kent and Kristin Linkfield, Mark and Rebecca Mattison, Matt and Lisa Mead, Dave and Julie Murray, Craig and Patti Mutch, Kris Racek, Bruce and Joyce Schlanderer, Doug and Joan Start, Linda Taffs, and Phillip Youngman.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Alex Aivars and the people of Christ United Church in Dewitt, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for May 28

Numbers 11:24-30

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Acts 2:1-21

John 20:19-23

#888 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (red book)

#944 O Spirit, All-Embracing (purple book)

#886 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (red book)

MAY 28, 2023
PENTECOST SUNDAY



The Holy Spirit breathes new life into us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 20:19-23	Jesus appears to his disciples
Monday	Acts 2:1-21	The coming of the Holy Spirit
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	Spiritual gifts
Wednesday	Acts 2:37-42	The first converts
Thursday	Ephesians 3:14-21	Christ's love for us
Friday	1 John 4:13-21	God is love
Saturday	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	God the creator
Sunday	Matthew 28:16-20	Sending of the disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." John 20:22-23 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, we thank you for Jesus and the Holy Spirit that sends us out as the body of Christ with the power to forgive in Jesus' name. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food; when you open your hand, you fill us with good things through the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ. Amen. (Psalm 104:28)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Holy Spirit fill you with new life, and abundant joy.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Spirit of Gentleness



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What gets in the way of forgiving someone or asking for forgiveness from someone?
- How does forgiveness breathe new life into bruised relationships?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 20:19-23.

This story is sometimes called "the Johannine Pentecost" and different from the Pentecost story in Acts 2. In John 20, Jesus gives his Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit, on Easter Day during his first appearance following the resurrection. The giving of Jesus' breath (same word as spirit in the original Greek) is the culmination of the promise of the Holy Spirit since the time of Jesus' baptism and referred to throughout the Gospel of John. The critical point is that "the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16-17) will teach Jesus' followers everything they need to know and remember from Jesus' own teaching (14:26). The Spirit glorifies Jesus (16:14) by creating the community that is sent out into the world to love the world in Jesus' name. The Holy Spirit creates a new community to love the world by forgiving others and breathes new life into relationships. This glorifies Jesus by doing the ministry of his resurrection right now with love, hope, and forgiveness.

Discuss: In what ways do you and the larger faith community spread Jesus' message of forgiveness and peace to others?

Pray: Dear God, for the gift of the Holy Spirit that empowers us with the ministry of Christ for the world, we give you our thanks and praise. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve and show forgiveness toward others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the church. The miracle of the story of Pentecost is that the apostles were "filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability" (Acts 2:4). It represents the birth of each person hearing the gospel in their own language. Celebrate as you would any other birthday. Consider using red candles and balloons (the liturgical color for Pentecost Sunday) for decorations. Make a cake and place red candles on the cake. Light the candles as a reminder of the fiery tongues that descended on the apostles and sing Happy Birthday to the church. As you are enjoying the cake, think or talk about who taught you about the church.



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