

People from all over the land gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Weeks—a celebration of early spring harvest and God’s gift of sustenance. It was a prime experience for celebrating diversity and the unity brought by the gift of God’s Holy Spirit.

May 23, 2021
9:30 Worship
Pentecost



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
“Participating in God’s mission of life”
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*We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation
(All are welcome here)*

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The mission of God is life. Hope replaces despair. Faith replaces fear. Life replaces death. How are you participating in God’s mission of life?

WELCOME

AM: Welcome and good morning to you. Trinity is a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We welcome and affirm all persons into the life of our faith community and extend a special welcome to those watching who are new to our faith community. We invite you to explore our ministries by visiting our website at trinitykenosha.org, or contacting Pastor Tom by email at ptom@trinitykenosha.org. For those present in the sanctuary, you are invited to speak the responses and hum to the music but please refrain from singing.

Welcome to worship.

GATHERING SONG

♪ *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* #401

Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.

It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ.

Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.

Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty;

Turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure.

Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure.

*Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.*

FORGIVENESS AND CONFESSION

P: We gather in the name of Holy Triune God-Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.

Trusting in the abundant mercy and everlasting love of God, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Risen Lord,

C: ...we admit that we are slow to believe, and even slower to follow where you lead us. We doubt your promise, divide your people, and fail to proclaim the power of your resurrection. We choose to live small lives when you have given us the biggest gift of all: your eternal life. Forgive us. Raise us up to a place where we can serve you faithfully.

P: Christ is arisen, bringing gifts of life, mercy and pardon for sin! Believe that you are forgiven, and go out and live in the joy of your Lord's resurrection in the power of God's Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day. Uniting God,

C: ...You have gathered your children from every corner of the earth and called us your own. Continue to bring us together as the body of Christ, for the purpose of living your love and spreading the gospel of our risen Lord. Amen.

WORD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

AM: The Gospel Acclamation welcomes the gospel and prepares our hearts to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

♪ (Setting 10 Gospel Acclamation)

*Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.*

AM: Let us pray... Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you. Bless Linda Dubaniewicz, who will read to us the scripture. Make us hunger for the Word of life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Through the proclaimed word of God, the Holy Spirit moves to instill and deepen faith.

A reading from the gospel of Luke. (Luke 11:11-13)

¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-4)

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.

A reading from Galatians. (Galatians 4:1-7, 5:16-18)

My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; ²but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. ³So with us; while

we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world.
⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Tom

A moment of silence follows to allow the Holy Spirit to instill and deepen faith in Jesus Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

♪ Gift of Christ from God Our Father

Gift of Christ from God our Father, come, Spirit, come!

Well of life and generous giver, come, Spirit, come!

With your light our minds enlighten, with your grace our talents heighten,

With your joy our worship brighten, come, Spirit, come!

Gift of Christ to guide and teach us, come, Spirit, come!

Counselor so swift to reach us, come, Spirit, come!

Christ is Lord, so may we name him, never fearfully disclaim him,

But to all the world proclaim him, Come, Spirit, come!

Gift of Christ to help us praying, come, Spirit, come!

Advocate beside us staying, come, Spirit, come!

*In the work of intercession, in the healing of confession,
In success and in depression, come, Spirit, come!*

Gift of Christ for our salvation, come, Spirit, come!

Bring to birth your new creation, come, Spirit, come!

All the devil's work undoing, Christ's own ministry pursuing,

Glory in the Church renewing! Come, Spirit, come!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

AM: Please take a moment to text prayer concerns to 262-287-8098

AM: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: Holy Spirit...**"Hear our prayer"**

AM: As the fire of your gospel filled the disciples long ago, so ignite us and unite us for the work of your justice. Holy Spirit,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: As students, educators, administrators, and staff begin to see the end of another academic year, we celebrate all that has been accomplished and release all that could not be fulfilled during these past nine months. Bring us into a season of rest and rejuvenation, thankful for all the blessings of our shared experience and hopeful for the future of each new generation. Holy Spirit,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Bring relief from fires burning out of control, and bring new life from scorched earth, as we continue to find ways to mend this damaged planet. Holy Spirit,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Heal divisions in our world and bring people to the essential awareness that we are all one, born of one creator. Bless those who need your healing this day, especially... Holy Spirit,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: For those who grieve and those who are approaching the end of their lives, we pray for your peace and acceptance of the changing seasons of life. Keep us close to those we love, whether in this world or in the next, through the uniting love of Christ. Holy Spirit,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: (Here other petitions may be offered.) Holy Spirit,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Incline your ear to our prayers and fill us with power to begin living out our faith, by the power of your Son our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PEACE

AM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

AM: If you are gathered with friends or family, share a word of peace with one another.

OFFERING

AM: During this season of “together while apart” your financial gifts given to the glory of God are especially precious and needed. There are three ways to give:

1. Mail a check to Trinity, 7104 - 39th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142
2. Text a dollar amount with dollar sign (i.e. \$20) to: 262-429-9785
3. Select the “Giving” button on our homepage,
www.trinitykenosha.org

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AM: Let us pray:

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. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS - Pastor Tom

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,

you pour out the fire of your Spirit,

uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and
on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with
your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

With your Holy Ones of all times and places, we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AM: As we pray together the Lord's Prayer, please use the version that
best nurtures your faith.

**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.**

**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**

P: 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.

ALL: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father +Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

C: Thanks be to God!

SENDING HYMN

♪ *Hope of The Nations*

Doerksen

Jesus, hope of the nations, Jesus, comfort for all who mourn.

You are the source of heaven's hope on earth.

Jesus, light in the darkness, Jesus, truth in each circumstance.

You are the source of heaven's light on earth.

In history, You lived and died. You broke the chains. You rose to life.

You are the hope living in us. You are the rock in whom we trust.

You are the light shining for all the world to see.

You rose from the dead, conquering fear,

Our Prince of Peace drawing us near.

Jesus our hope living for all who will receive. Lord, we believe.

Jesus hope of the nations, Jesus, comfort for all who mourn.

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DISMISSAL

AM: Go. Proclaim the good news. Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**