

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

“Knowing, Loving and Sharing Christ”



Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 19th, 2024 | 11:00 am

WELCOME

Welcome in the Name of our Lord Jesus! We are glad to have you here today to share in God's gifts to us in Word and Sacrament. If you are a visitor and would like more information about our community, please see an usher or one of our clergy. We will be delighted to talk to you!

Holy Communion is offered to all the baptized who believe in Christ's real presence in the Sacrament. **Hearing assistance devices** are available ~ please see an usher.

Parents of Young Children:

- We offer a staffed nursery for infants through children 3 years old, if you desire. Please see an usher for more information.
- "Worship Bags" are available for younger children to use during worship. Please ask an usher for more information

PRELUDES

Matthew Noonan, Organist

Komm, Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist (Come, Creator God, Holy Spirit)
by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1749)

Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott (Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God)
by Johann Gottfried Walther (1685-1749)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

~ Please kneel as you are able ~

~ Silence for self-examination and reflection ~

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to
all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen**

~ The officiant, kneeling, prays ~

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be
cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. Through Jesus Christ,
our Lord.
Amen.

Entrance Hymn:

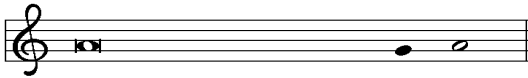
<i>Holy Spirit, Light Divine</i>

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APOSTOLIC 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.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



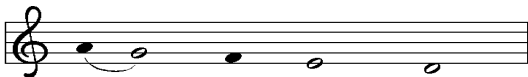
Lord, have mer - cy.



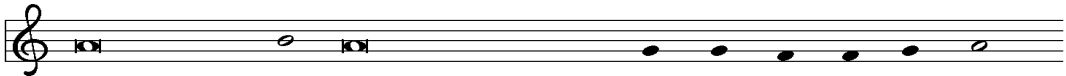
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Ⓐ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

~ Please be seated ~

WORD

THE FIRST LESSON:

EZEKIEL 37: 1-14

A reading from Ezekiel the 37th chapter.

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the LORD God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the LORD God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and

say to them, Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM:

Psalm 139



- ¹LORD, you have searched me | out and known me;*
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts | from afar.
- ²**You trace my journeys and my | resting places***
and are acquainted with | all my ways.
- ³Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,*
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.
- ⁴**You press upon me behind | and before***
and lay your | hand upon me.
- ⁵Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;*
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.
- ⁶**Where can I go then | from your Spirit?***
where can I flee | from your presence?
- ⁷If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;*
if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.
- ⁸**If I take the wings | of the morning***
and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,
- ⁹Even there your | hand will lead me*
and your right hand | hold me fast.
- ¹⁰**If I say, “Surely the darkness will | cover me,***
and the light around me | turn to night,”
- ¹¹Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright | as the day;*
darkness and light to you are | both alike.
- ¹²**For you yourself created my | inmost parts;***

you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

[¹³I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;*
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.

¹⁴**My body was not hid- | den from you,***

while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.

¹⁵Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written | in your book;*

they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was | none of them.]

THE SECOND LESSON:

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts beginning in the second chapter.

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, {the apostles} were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and 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, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to

blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE

SUNG BY THE CHOIR

~ Please stand as able ~

*Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people;
Set them on fire with your love. Alleluia.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

COME HOLY GHOST, OUR SOULS INSPIRE

We will sing verses 1-2 as the Gospel Book is carried to the middle of the nave. We will sing verses 3-4 when it is carried to the altar.



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire, and light
2 Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove is com
3 A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face with the
4 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and thee,



en with ce - les - tial fire; thou the a - noint - ing
fort, life, and fire of love. En - a - ble with per
a - bun - dance of thy grace. Keep far our foes; give
of both, to be but one; that through the a - ges

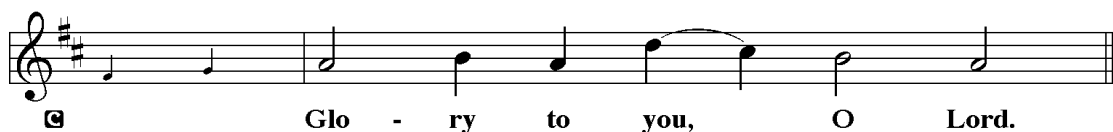


Spir - it art, who dost thy sev'n - fold gifts im - part.
pet - ual light the dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.
peace at home; where thou art guide, no ill can come.
all a - long thy praise may be our end - less song!

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

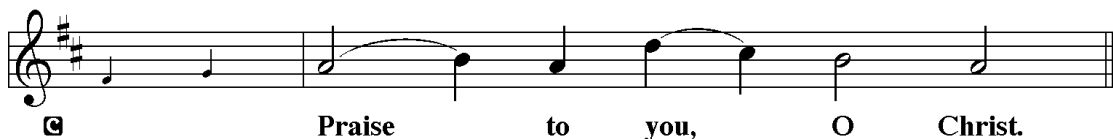
ST. JOHN 15:26-27, 16:4B-15

The holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.



²⁶{Jesus said,} “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{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, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹²I 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 authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”



THE SERMON

Seminarian Cody Carpenter

THE HYMN OF THE DAY *Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord*

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The choir will sing the first verse to introduce the hymn. The congregation will join them for the second and third verses.

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

~Please stand as able~

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

~Please be seated~

Disciples of Holy Trinity give generously and sacrificially of their first fruits to support the work of God in the world. Your offerings here allow the life-changing ministries of Holy Trinity to continue and grow. If you are a first-time guest today, you are not expected to contribute but you may do so if you desire.

OFFERTORY

The Chancel Choir

O Spirit of Life (WOV 680)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

~Please stand as able ~



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, almighty God, for you provide the true Bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood may live in him, and he in us, that we may be filled with his love and the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen.**

When our congregation gathers for the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we hear again and again the story of God's mighty acts and of God's love for us shown in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With thanksgiving we remember that,

“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.”

We are given assurance of our Lord's presence through the holy Sacrament and through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Here we shall receive this same bread of life, that we may be strengthened through our participation in the Body of Christ.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

So now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us, and keep us in His grace. Amen.

Let us pray: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE BLESSING

May the Lord almighty bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in peace. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: *O Day Full of Grace*

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DISMISSAL

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Matthew Noonan, Organist

Magnificat VI, Gloria, Finale, Allegro con fuoco (Bright with fire)
by Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

ALTAR FLOWERS

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of the birth of Anderson Beau Mattox on April 24, 2024,
son of Mary Elizabeth & B.J. Mattox
by Nancy and Jimmy Faulkner, proud grandparents*

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- **Baby Colter**, grandson of Bob & LaVada Barnhill and son to Erin, as he has been born, but has a mass on his back which is attached to the spinal cord, and will need surgery soon.

- **Murphy Clark**, teenage neighbor of Bruce and Judy Zander, going into the hospital to await heart transplant
- **Dottie Stevens, Emily Martin, and the rest of the family of John Stevens**, uncle of Lori DeFreitas, at his death on 5/15
- **Samantha Bushu**, a friend of Frankie Lewis, praise for improving health and a return to work (part-time)
- **Pastor Ryan Henkel and family**, for their transition as they relocate to Gastonia
- **Jann Green-Webb**, daughter of James & Janet Green, healing from surgery to fuse a portion of her lower vertebrae on 5/14/24
- **Lavonne**, sister of Norman Radermacher, healing from toe amputation
- **Nicole Mote**, protection and provision while facing homelessness
- **The father of Karen Leonard**, who has recently been placed in hospice care
- **Robert Hess**, friend of Norman Radermacher, healing and recovery from several strokes
- **For friends and family dealing with cancer:** Ed Bridges, Dean Lawson, Melanie Henry, Beth Rudin, Julie Hill, Chad Barnes, Jim Higgins, Marilyn Lateulade, Lee Allen, Jackie Lybrand, Jim Siedel, Teresa Hartman, Kelly Powell, Octavia Glenn, Margo Schopper, LeaAnn Buckwell, Bob Burleson, Tina Heracklis, Artie McGlohon, Braxton Morris, Pastor Bill White
- **Homebound:** Caroline Banker, Pinkney Froneberger, Paul Kaiser, Janie Norton, Kathy Wallace, Iris Work
- **Family and friends actively serving in the military:** Brett Boyd, Logan Cape, Mae Dodd, Josh Holland, Andrew Lambert, Luke Saylor, Liam Overby, Ryan Wallace, Jacob Lawing
- **For healthcare workers and first responders:** William Niemeyer, Chuck and Bridget Niemeyer, Beth Michaels, Melodie Garrison, Kailey Hinds, Cindy Isenhour, Lynn Ledbetter, Anna Murphy, Reggie Parlier, Jennifer Sutley, Jon Michael Brackett
- **Robin Simmons**, for her health
- **Belinda Chrzanowski**, cousin of Elizabeth & Harriet Lethermon, grieving the loss of husband, Alan Chrzanowski
- **All the persecuted**, including Leah Sharibu
- **All missionaries**, including the Thorstad family and the Voice of the Martyrs

- **For those outside the Church**, that they may be brought to faith in Christ Jesus
- **For the youth and children of Holy Trinity**, for the Holy Spirit to guide them
- **For all families in distress**
- **For our ministry partner, Displaced Roses**, and for the Holy Spirit to stir us up to serve our neighbors in need
- **For the North American Lutheran Seminary System and for an increase in vocations to the ministry**
- **For our Bishop, Dan, our dean, Steven, and for all clergy and people of the Carolinas Mission Region**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Water Day Come prepared with clothes that can get wet, a towel, and a change of clothes. The fun will be this afternoon from 5pm-7:30pm.

Parents Night Out Free childcare for children ranging from 0-5th grade will be offered on 5/25/24 from 6-10pm! Contact Cody (cody@holytrinitygastonia.org) to sign up!

Veterans Soup & Sandwich Join us on 5/28/24 at 11:30am!

Installation Service for Pastor Ryan Henkel Please mark your calendars for the Installation Service for Pastor Ryan Henkel as Holy Trinity's Lead Pastor on Sunday, June 9th at 4:00pm. This will be a special service as many local pastors will be worshipping with us. A reception will follow the service.

Holy Trinity Blood Drive Holy Trinity will hold its next blood drive on Monday, June 24th from 2:00pm-6:30pm. You can sign up before and after each church service by calling Charlotte Sautner at 704-860-3399 or you can sign up online.

Upcoming birthdays to celebrate: Marsha McLamb (5/21), Amanda Godwin (5/23), Clay Mathews (5/23), John Niemeyer (5/23), and Payton Scot (5/23). **Happy birthday to you all!**

CATECHISM CONNECTIONS: TEN COMMANDMENTS, PART 2

Study the Catechism at home each week!

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not kill.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do our neighbors no bodily harm nor cause them any suffering, but help and befriend them in every need.

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that in matters of sex we are chaste and disciplined in our words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not rob our neighbors of their money or property or take from them by unfair dealing or fraud, but help them to improve and protect their property and means of making a living.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters:	Tess Gibbons
Ushers:	Jerry & LaRae Campbell
Lector:	Dennis Mercer
Prayer Leader:	Mick McMahan
Communion Assistants:	Gene Keller, Grant Sparks

Church Offering: Ray Sparks, Rick Jones
Altar Flower Delivery: Mick & Carla McMahan

HOLY TRINITY MINISTRY TEAM

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