



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday

Announcements

Juice boxes are still needed at Street Help Shelter. The Welcome Centre Shelter for Women needs granola bars, fruit rollup-type items and another snack item for snack packs for children at the centre. Please leave donated items on the table in the Narthex.

New socks are being collected for the Downtown Mission on an on-going basis. Bring them to a Sunday service or call the office to arrange a drop-off.

Coming Up

Wednesday Café takes place on Wednesday. Come have coffee with the pastor and anyone else who happens by. Coffee, tea and juice will be available during these times of fellowship and conversation. The Café takes place from 10-11:30 a.m. in front of the main entrance (or in the Narthex if it's raining). The café is planned to run for the summer, but if successful it could be offered year-round. Come, have a chat and a nosh.

Also Happening

June 14 – Clothing Giveaway, 10 a.m – 2 p.m.

June 22 – Healing & Belonging Service

We Remember in our Prayers

In Residence: Cordelle

Members: Bunny, Donna, Ed, Joan, Susan. Connie, Brenda

Friends & Family: Anna, Asdis, Dot, Jean, Ken, Randy, Roger, Rose, Jeff

Thames Area Clergy: Rev. Sylvia Swiatoschik of St. Paul's, Leamington

Introduction to the day

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

Hymns

ELW #875 Praise, praise, praise the
Lord

ELW # 786 O Holy Spirit, enter in

ELW # 396 Spirit of gentleness

ELW # 804 Come down, O love divine



Prayer of the day

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever..

AMEN

First reading Acts 2: 1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered,



because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only

nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, 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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Psalm: 104: 24-34, 35b

²⁴ How manifold are your ^l works,
O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full ^l of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
with its swarms too man-^l y to number,
living things both ^l small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships ^l to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the ^l sport of it.

²⁷ **All of them ^l look to you
to give them their food ^l in due season.**

²⁸ You give it to them; they ^l gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled ^l with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, ^l they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return ^l to their dust.**

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they ^l are created;
and so you renew the face ^l of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the Lord en-^l dure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in ^l all your works.**

³² You look at the earth ^l and it trembles;
you touch the mountains ^l and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the Lord as long ^l as I live;
I will praise my God while I ^l have my being.**

³⁴ May these words of ^l mine please God.

I will rejoice ^l in the Lord.

^{35b} **Bless the Lord, ^l O my soul.
Hal-^l lelujah!**

Second reading: Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of

adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel: John 14: 8-17

⁸ Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him,

because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”

Sermon

Spirited

The kids always looked forward to our annual camping trip when they were young.

Each Spring, Donna and I would pick out a new campground ... or one where we had a great time the previous summer ... and we made plans for a week out in the tent.

Some years, it wasn't the greatest ... the outboard died and refused to be resuscitated ... or it would snow in the middle of August ... In some places in the North the cycle is snow ... black flies ... mosquitoes ... snow.

I remember the last summer we camped ... the last summer before university ... summer jobs and summer courses ... put an end to the family excursions.

We camped just north of Elliot Lake.

The site was on the lake and the kids plopped their chairs on a sand bar and just sat in the water enjoying the warm weather with Barney our golden lab.

There was a campfire every night ... with marshmallows, of course.

The campground was some distance into the bush, so we could see the immense beauty of the night sky without city lights interfering.

I was usually the second one awake in the morning ... the first being Barney.

After Barney had his morning constitutional, it was time to warm up some coffee on the campstove.

Sometimes, the campfire was still smouldering ... a few embers left from the night before and the chill of the morning made restarting the fire an idea worth pursuing.

All it took was a little dry grass or leaves ... a few puffs of air to get the flames started.

Anyone who has re-started a campfire knows that some deep breaths can coax the dimmest glow of an ember into strong fires that bring warmth and even nourishment.

These small gusts of winds transform dead and dry material into a bundle of kinetic energy ... an energy that marks a transformation into a new flame.

Today is Pentecost ... the day when we mark the Spirit's entrance into the life of the disciples and the world.

When the Spirit made its presence known at Jesus' baptism in John's gospel, it comes as a dove and lands upon Jesus and stays with him.

Now, Jesus tells the disciples that he is going on to the Father to make a place for them. They will have to put their faith into action.

Jesus shares agape love to the world ... a love that the disciples will carry out into the world.

Jesus tells them that he will always be a presence in their lives ... the Father will send them the Spirit of Truth ... the Advocate ... to abide with them. The

Spirit is no longer just for Jesus ... the Spirit will now come to all believers through baptism.

In the Book of Acts, the Spirit arrives with the force of a violent wind ... a force so strong that the doors strain on their hinges.

The Spirit is so powerful that it carries the disciples out of the room and into the world.

The Spirit fills the gathering and, suddenly, the people in the room could speak and understand languages from across the region ... from Galilee to Syria to Libya and even Rome.

Suddenly, they were able to share the word of God and be understood. The differences between people would still be present, but the divide would be crossed through understanding.

The Holy Spirit is the interpreter of Jesus' words and Jesus' abiding presence makes us able to live in peace because of the love and respect that comes through understanding the call to love.

The story of the Tower Babel in the book of Genesis saw God create division and confusion among the people by creating different languages because the people wanted to gain glory for themselves.

The Spirit provides the possibility to overcome this confusion and division by introducing a common language for people to come together and share and proclaim God's love.

The Spirit calls us to do just things ... to work for justice and mercy in the

world. To raise up others ... to do great works.

Pentecost is also the churches birthday and a time of renewal through the Spirit.

How does Jesus' abiding Spirit move us ... like a violent wind or the light touch of a dove? ... a little of both? Does it blow open the doors of our hearts and of the church ... carrying us out into the world?

To boldly proclaim and love?

The Spirit of Truth is what guides us here ... it is what guides the church ... at least it should.

This Spirit calls us into a place of love ... a place to be embraced ... protected ... nourished ... and it calls us to be such place for others.

Jesus tells the disciples that if they believe in him ... and allow the Spirit to journey with them ... that they will do "greater works" than those who do not believe.

What greater works can we do?

Let's dream a while this morning. Let's consider where the Spirit calls us ... where the Spirit can move us. What are the greater things we can do?

Our congregation ... like many congregations ... finds itself in a time of renewal ... of rethinking how we serve others and how we interact with the world. We are looking outward ... making new connections ... having the Spirit move us into new directions.

So, for the next few moments I invite you to dream God-sized dreams for our congregation? ... What can a Spirit-led

community do? ... What great things can we do if we truly allow the flames of the Spirit to burn off the dry, lifeless stuff and guide us in love?

There are index cards and post-it notes on the tables before you ... write down those dreams ... write as many dreams as you want and then pin them to the bulletin board behind us.

Now, let us dream...

AMEN

Lord's Prayer

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

Blessing

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and give you + peace.

AMEN