

**Festival of Pentecost—Confirmation Sunday**  
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**Resurrection Reality**  
**Christ Has Not Left Us Alone**

Jesus told his disciples that, though he was going to ascend into heaven, he wasn't going to leave them alone. He was going to send "the Advocate," a title for the Holy Spirit. But Jesus wasn't sending the Spirit just to keep us company. Jesus would have the Advocate give us spiritual power so that we might participate in Christ's saving work.

Here is the final resurrection reality. The Spirit gives us the ability to raise the spiritually dead to life. We see this happen on Pentecost. The festival of Pentecost was held fifty days after the Passover. (Pentecost is Greek for "fifty.") It was a time to thank God for the harvest. But on that day, through the Church at work, the Holy Spirit gathered another harvest, a harvest of souls.

Proof of the Spirit's work is evident in our Confirmation service today. Two young 8<sup>th</sup> graders will confess the faith planted in their hearts by the Spirit at their baptism. The rest of us will remember the Spirit's work in our own lives and praise God for his grace.

Grateful with you for the Spirit's power,

Pastor Stephen Luchterhand

Welcome to all—both guest and member alike! May our gracious God fill your heart with joy, peace, and hope through the message of forgiveness in our living Savior, Jesus Christ!

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## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP: SETTING ONE

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### OPENING HYMN: 585 “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your grac - es  
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, and cause the Word of  
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the will your



be out-poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart;  
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right  
work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide;



your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright - ness  
and call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror  
let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light you gath - er and in faith u - nite  
keep us free; let none but Christ our mas - ter be  
pare each heart, and to our weak - ness strength im - part



your Church from ev - 'ry land and tongue: this to your  
that we in liv - ing faith a - bide, in him, our  
that brave - ly here we may con - tend, through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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*Please stand*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just**

**and will forgive us our sins**

**and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, 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 worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**A - men.**

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## GLORY BE TO GOD

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## THE WORD

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST LESSON

**Acts 2:1-21 (EHV)**

*The Day of Pentecost was the fulfillment of God's promise to pour out his Spirit.*

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup> They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God." <sup>12</sup> They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others mocked them and said, "They are full of new wine."

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: "Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. <sup>15</sup> These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> This is what God says will happen in the last days:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR: “O Day Full of Grace” (Hymn 477)**

## **CONFIRMATION ESSAYS**

### **What comfort do we gain from the Means of Grace?**

By Oliver Ciriacks

The Means of Grace is the gospel in Word and sacraments. The gospel brings us to faith in Jesus as our Savior and should comfort us every day with the assurance that our sins are forgiven because of Jesus’ sacrifice; we learn more about this in Romans 10:17 where it says “Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ”. There are two sacraments,

Baptism and Holy Communion. Baptism is not just plain water, but water used by God’s command and connected with God’s Word, Acts 2:38 says “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”.

Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and drink; it says this in Mark 14:22-24 “While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, ‘Take it; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them ‘This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many”.

These sacraments fuel our faith tremendously, Baptism fuels our faith because when you are baptized the Word that is with the water creates faith and also strengthens faith, and without faith we cannot be saved it Ephesians 2:8,9 says It is by grace that you are saved, through faith and it's not from yourself but a gift from God and keeping on this point John 3:3-5 says “ Jesus replied ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.’ "How can someone be born again when they are old? Nicodemous asked," Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.”.

Holy Communion fuels our faith because the body and blood are connected with the bread and the wine, which spiritually nourishes us. Faith leads us to find God in the Bible and reach out to him in prayer for as it says in Jeremiah 29:12,13 “ Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart”. We gain comfort from all of these parts of the Means of Grace because they create and strengthen our faith.



## **Why is it so Important to Keep on Studying the Bible and to Know its Teachings, even after Confirmation?**

By Landon Gray-Ives

I think it is very important to study the Bible even after being confirmed. You want to grow in faith and not fall away from it. I will be going to high school soon and I know there will be a lot of temptations. And through all of them I should go to God with all of it and know that he answers me, 1 Peter 5:7 says “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you”.

We can't go through all of the devil's temptations by ourselves, we need God. The Devil will never stop trying to get you to fall away from your faith. There are ways to keep growing in your faith after confirmation. You can go to church, go to youth group, and even just take five minutes out of your day to read the Bible. You can still have faith even if you don't do any of these things but it will be easier to fall away from God and his word if you aren't hearing his word on a regular basis. The author of Hebrews warns us that whoever has tasted the heavenly gift, and who has tasted the goodness of the word and has fallen away that it's impossible to be brought back to repentance. But if we keep on learning and studying the Bible we will grow closer to God and will remain strong in faith John 15:5 says, “I am the vine ; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.”

Part of remaining faithful to God and growing in his word is to make smart decisions, such as people you hang out with. If the people you hang out with are doing ungodly things, chances are you will do the same things they do. 2 Timothy 2:16 says “Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly”. God's word always directs us in the right path. If you're going through a hard part in your life you should go to the Bible to help you get through it. Then if you see someone else going through a hard time you can use the same Bible verses you used, on them to help. In conclusion, reading and studying the Bible is essential for our growth as Christians. It's through the Bible that we learn about God's Word and his love for us, and how we are to live our daily lives. At least make an effort to set aside time every day to read and study the Bible, and you will strengthen your faith. The Bible is the living word of God, it should be our only source of wisdom, encouragement, and hope. Let's make an effort to read and study the Bible regularly, so we can be equipped to face the challenges of life and grow in our faith.

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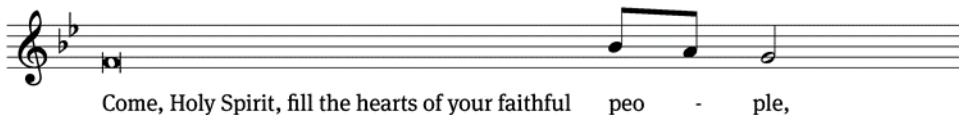
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**     *Antiphon for Pentecost*



**Refrain**



**Tone**



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**GOSPEL**

**John 15:26,27 (EHV)**

*Jesus promised he would not leave us alone but would send us the Spirit of truth to give us the courage and power to testify to the world.*

<sup>26</sup>“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father—he will testify about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also are going to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 510 "In Christ Alone"



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my  
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
 And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in  
 God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was  
 lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is  
 pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

<sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Son of man, can these dry bones live?" I answered, "LORD God, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'"

<sup>5</sup> This is what the LORD God says to these bones.

I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. <sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. <sup>8</sup> As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the wind. Prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live."

<sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, 'Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore, prophecy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. <sup>13</sup> Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD."

### Dry Bones, Spirit's Breath

*Please stand.*

### 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

## **RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

**Oliver Ean Ciriacks**

For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more. (Jeremiah 31:34b NIV)

**Landon Gray-Ives**

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV)

## FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS

*Please sign the friendship registers at the ends of the pews during the musical selection.*

*Please stand.*

## THE SACRAMENT

*We believe that God comes to us with forgiveness in very tangible means as we participate in Holy Communion. Because the Bible has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in the Lord's Supper, and that receiving this sacrament together is a public statement of complete oneness in our beliefs and commitment, we invite to the Lord's Supper members of Trinity and guests from sister congregations of the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod). If you are a member of another Lutheran denomination or another Christian church and would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with our pastor after the service and he would be delighted to explain what that entails. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before we have had an opportunity to explain them. We do look forward to any opportunity to discuss the Christian faith with you.*

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.

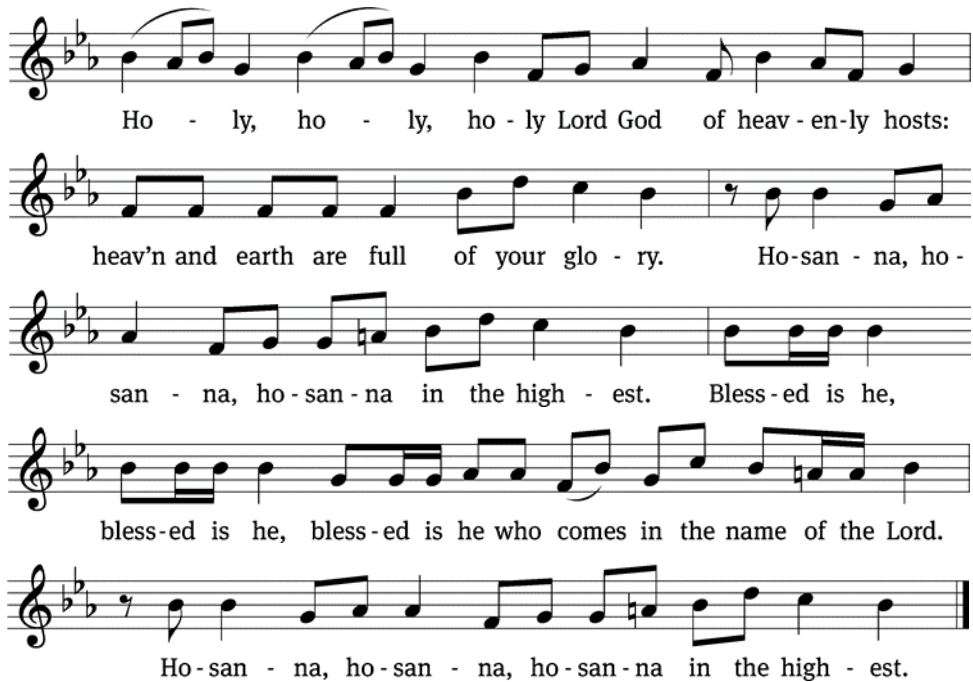


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,  
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

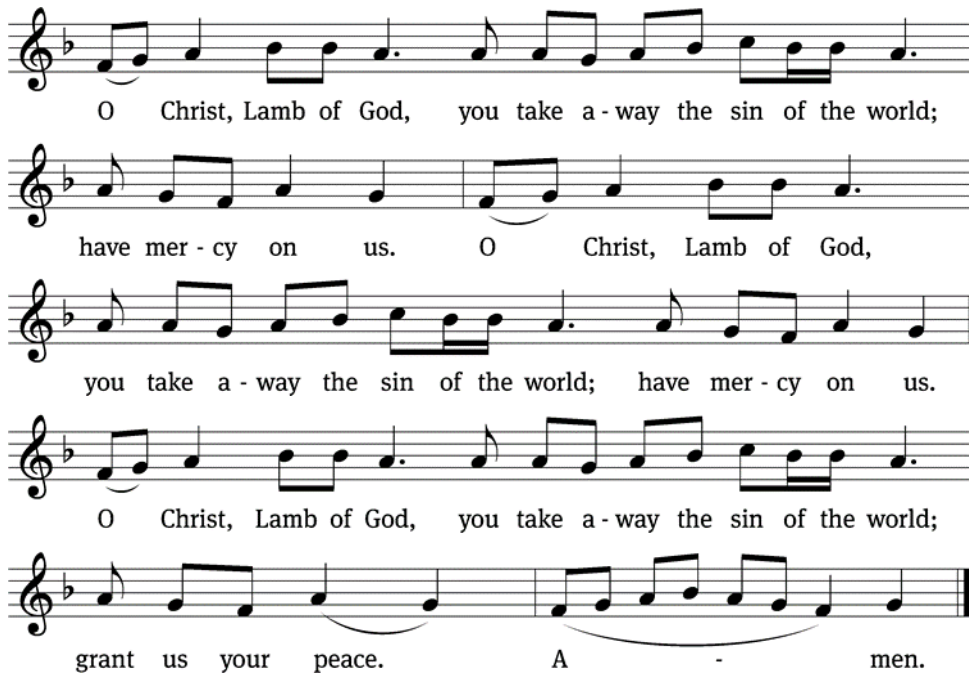
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*Please be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION



HYMN: 715 “Let Me Be Yours Forever”



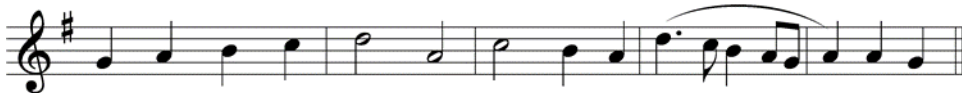
1 Let me be yours for - ev - er, my faith - ful God and Lord;  
2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, my light, my life di - vine,  
3 O gra - cious Ho - ly Spir - it, my com - fort - er and guide,



let me for-sake you nev - er nor wan - der from your Word.  
my on - ly con - so - la - tion, to you I all re - sign,  
grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver but give me stead-fast - ness, and  
for you have dear - ly bought me with blood and bit - ter pain. Let  
him to the end con - fess - ing whom I have known by faith. Give



for such grace and fa - vor your ho - ly name I'll bless.  
me, since you have sought me, e - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
me your con - stant bless - ing and grant a Chris - tian death.

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HYMN: 557 "Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice"



- 1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul - ta - tion
- 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark - ly
- 3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, no mer - it they at -
- 4 But God be - held my wretch-ed state be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly  
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my  
tain - ing; my will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, no hope for  
da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, he planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, pro - claim the won - ders God has done, how  
moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life  
me re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair left  
my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!  
had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.  
my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear - est trea - sure.

- 5 He spoke to his beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of my crown, and bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free; slay bitter death for them that they  
may live with you forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed his Father's will, was born of virgin mother,  
and, God's good pleasure to fulfill, he came to be my brother.  
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; a servant's form like mine he bore  
to lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me, I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I myself will be; for you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, your friend divine, and evermore you shall be mine;  
the foe shall not divide us.

- 8 “The foe will shed my precious blood, me of my life bereaving;  
all this I suffer for your good; be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict’ry win; my innocence shall bear your sin,  
and you are blest forever.
- 9 “Now to my Father I depart, the Holy Spirit sending  
and, heav’nly wisdom to impart, my help to you extending.  
He will a source of comfort be, teach you to know and follow me,  
and in all truth will guide you.
- 10 “What I on earth have lived and taught be all your life and teaching;  
so shall my kingdom’s work be wrought and honored in your preaching.  
Take care that no one’s man-made laws should e’er destroy the gospel’s cause;  
this final word I leave you.”

Text: tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.; Martin Luther, 1483–1546

Tune: Etlich Cristlich lider, Wittenberg, 1524

Text and tune: Public domain

*Please stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Serving God and Us Today

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Stephen Luchterhand  
**Organist:** Mr. Daniel Baker  
**Choir:** Men's Hymn Sing

## Last Weekend's Worship Attendance

- 229 (Sunday—196; Monday—33)

## Stewardship Encouragement from Scripture

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Luke 6:38).

## Lessons for Next Sunday (First Sunday after Pentecost—Holy Trinity)

*"A Top-Down Faith: Only a Triune God Can Deliver What Only a Triune God Can Offer"*

- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Romans 8:12-17
- John 3:1-17

**Prayers:** If you would like your name on the prayer list, or you have a friend you would like to add, please call or e-mail the church office.

**Offerings:** You may leave your offering in the offering plate as you walk out today. You may continue to mail in your offering, give online at [www.trinityminocqua.org](http://www.trinityminocqua.org), or on the Vanco Mobile app. On the app, search for Trinity Evangelical Lutheran or search for Minocqua.

**Meditations:** Copies of the newest edition of *Meditations* are available on the table in the fellowship hall and in the rack in the welcome center. This copy begins June 2 and goes through August 31. Each booklet is \$3.00.

**Sound System:** Recently, Trinity's sound system has been upgraded. With these upgrades, there are some adjustments that will need to be made. We are aware of the issues both in the church and fellowship hall, as well as online when livestreaming on YouTube or watching a recording of the service. We ask that everyone give us some time on working the bugs out as we learn and adjust to the new system.

**Book Club:** Our next Book Club meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21, from 12:00-1:00 pm. We will discuss the book, "In for a Penny" by Kelsey Brown and Nancy Naigle. Join us!

**Closing Service & Graduation:** This week, Trinity Lutheran School will conclude its 48th year. We will have our closing service which includes graduation at 4:00 pm on Thursday. Four 8th graders will graduate from our school. We invite you to join the students for our closing service and graduation beginning at 4:00 pm on Thursday, May 23. Trinity will then finish out the year on Friday with a noon release. We thank God for giving us the opportunity to share His word with his precious lambs.

**Fellowship Friends:** Our next Fellowship Friends will be held on Tuesday, May 28 from 1:00-3:00 pm. We will have a presentation from John Bates on “Birds of Northern Lakes and Rivers.” John is a local author and writes a bi-weekly column for the Lakeland Times. He conducts various outdoor classes and owns Trails North, a naturalist guide service. All are welcome to attend this informative program.

**Help Needed:** We are looking for someone to volunteer to prepare our worship slides each week. Basic computer knowledge and use of Powerpoint is helpful. Equipment (laptop) and training are provided. All prep work can be done from home. If interested, please contact Cheryl Kamba for additional information (715-892-5681).

**Property Maintenance Updates and Funding:** The shingled roofs on the church and school gym were recently replaced due to insurance reasons. Also, the parsonage needs some significant repairs for which we are awaiting quotes. These expenses were unplanned and we do not have room in our operating budget to include them. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting these projects beyond your normal offering. Donations can be made to the Building By God's Grace Fund, which is dedicated to additional property management needs such as these.

**St. John, Phelps—75th Anniversary:** The members of St. John Lutheran Church in Phelps, invite you to join them in giving thanks and glory to God for 75 years of gospel ministry in our congregation and community. Two special worship services will be held: Sunday, June 2, with worship at 9:00am and a brief reception to follow and Sunday, August 4 with an outdoor worship at 9:00 am at Wavering Park and an anniversary meal to follow.

**Flower Chart:** There are still plenty of dates to donate a bouquet to adorn our altar area of church during the year. If you are interested in donating a bouquet, you can sign up in the book located to the right of the picture window in the welcome center. Bouquets are \$30. Please put payments in the payment box next to the sign up book.

<b>Opportunities to Grow &amp; Serve at Trinity This Week</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship w/Holy Communion—Confirmation</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Worship w/Holy Communion</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12:00-1:00 pm</b>	<b>Book Club</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break Bible Class</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>School Board</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Church Council</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Trinity Closing Service &amp; Graduation</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Trinity School Last Day of School (early release)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Worship</b>

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**The Season after Pentecost** ushers in the second half of the Church Year. Worship focuses on the teachings of the Christian faith. Through the end of June, we'll focus on the theme: "A Top-Down Faith."

- May 26/27 = **A Top-Down Faith: Only a Triune God Can Deliver What a Triune God Can Offer** Sermon Text: Isaiah 6:1-8 Sermon Theme: "Holy, Holy, Holy Is The Lord Almighty!"
- June 2/3 = **A Top-Down Faith: Rest Is a Gift, Not Something to be Earned** Sermon Text: Psalm 62 Sermon Theme: "At Rest, At Last"
- June 9/10 = **A Top-Down Faith: The Devil Does His Worst, Yet Jesus Always Wins** Sermon Text: Revelation 20:1-6 Sermon Theme: "Let's Talk About The Millennium!"

**Worship Online:** Sunday worship is recorded and posted online at our church website. You can also find the worship folder and a printed copy of the sermon there. Printed copies of each week's sermon can also be found in the Fellowship Hall. Find us on *YouTube*© by searching the handle *@trinityminocqua*. Please subscribe and share! **We're streaming our Sunday services live!**

#### **Bible study opportunities:**

- **Wednesday "Lunch Break" Bible study** (Wednesday, 12-15 – 1:15 p.m.) "The Book of Judges: God's Grace in the Midst of Disorder"
- **Pastor's "Wednesday Encouragement" blog**, continues to be found on Trinity's Facebook page and on our church website. You can also have this devotion sent to your email each Wednesday.
- **Sunday Bible Study (and Sunday School)** are on break for the summer months.

#### **Ministry Updates:**

- **The school year is rushing to a close!** Graduation is set for Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4 PM. Last day of school is a half day on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Planning for next school year is well underway!** Please share information about our school with parents. If you're on Facebook or Instagram, share last week's Trinity enrollment picture.
- **Summer VBS will be a one day event: "Camp Compassion."** Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, likely from 9 AM- 2PM. We've received a \$2500 grant for this effort from WELS Christian Aid and Relief! This will be a great opportunity to reach out to the community and share God's love. Stay tuned for more details and ways to be involved!
- **A "Bible Blitz" is within reach!** I'm in the final stages of "negotiation" with a possible presenter for a three-night Bible Blitz Bible study in mid-late July. More info soon!
- **Be sure to follow Trinity on Facebook.** We're sharing content several days each week. The Wednesday blog post can be accessed in three ways (church website, Facebook, email from church office). You can follow our "Where's Marty?" campaign on Facebook and on Instagram at... trinitylutheranminocqua.

God keep you and yours in his gracious care,  
Pastor Stephen Luchterhand

**Dry Bones, Spirit's Breath**  
**Sermon Notes on Ezekiel 37:1-14**  
*Series – Resurrection Reality*

**1. Dry bones**

- A. Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ state: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Our \_\_\_\_\_ condition: \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Spirit's breath**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for the exiles
- B. For us, the Spirit delivers \_\_\_\_\_
- God says “I” \_\_\_\_\_ times
  - God uses the word “breath” \_\_\_\_\_ times
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ / Gospel in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ breathe spiritual life

**3. Dry bones in \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_?!
- B. We need the Spirit's \_\_\_\_\_; we need \_\_\_\_\_
- C. The unimaginable happens – the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Life comes. Life happens. Remember one thing:  
“ \_\_\_\_\_!”



**Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)**  
www.wels.net

### ***Worship Schedule***

**Sundays at 9:00 am**  
**Mondays at 6:30 pm**



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## Welcome to Trinity

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. If you have any questions during your time with us today, please ask an usher for assistance. If you would like to know more about our church, our teachings, our Christian school (grades K-8), our preschool (3-4 year old) or the studies and programs offered at Trinity, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would be delighted to speak with you and serve you in whatever way he can.*

*“Our mission at Trinity Lutheran Church is to teach the Word of God, to train believers for lives of Christian service, and to tell the good news of Jesus Christ to the Northwoods community and to the world.”*

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