



If we live by the
SPIRIT,
 let us also keep
 in step with the
SPIRIT.
 GALATIANS 5:25, ESV

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Welcome to worship on this Day of Pentecost! We celebrate the birth of the church and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit as we worship today! Holy Spirit, blow through our hearts and set us on fire for you! Amen.

If you are visiting us today, we ask that you complete a Visitor Registration slip (yellow form) found at the end of each pew. *If you are communing, take a moment to complete a communion registration card (found in either entranceway of the church).* You may place the visitor registration form and/or communion registration card in the offering plate or give it to one of the Deacons as you leave the worship service this morning. Please come back and worship with us again soon.

Large print (sight saver) bulletins are available. Just ask an usher!

Pentecost Sunday

June 4, 2017

The Ringing of the Church Bell

The Opening Hymn

LSB #832

“Jesus Shall Reign”

The Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father, (+) and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **AMEN.**

P: Father, we thank You for all Your good gifts. Your Son offers to us the water of new life, a well-spring that never runs dry. Your Spirit offers us the fire of dedicated discipleship, a flame that never dies. We are a weak and forgetful people. Replenish our joy from the well-spring of new life! Rekindle our dedication with the flame of the Holy Spirit.

C: **COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.**

P: Let us humble ourselves before the throne of Almighty God, confess our sins, and implore His forgiveness.

C: **ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, WE HAVE ERRED AND STRAYED FROM THY WAYS LIKE LOST SHEEP. WE HAVE FOLLOWED TOO MUCH THE DEVICES AND DESIRES OF OUR OWN HEARTS. WE HAVE OFFENDED AGAINST THY 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 THERE IS NO HEALTH IN US. BUT THOU, O LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US, MISERABLE OFFENDERS. SPARE THOU**

THOSE, O GOD, WHO CONFESS THEIR SINS. RESTORE THOSE WHO ARE PENITENT; ACCORDING TO THY PROMISE DECLARED UNTO MANKIND, IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. AND GRANT, O MERCIFUL FATHER, FOR HIS SAKE, THAT WE MAY HERAFTER LIVE A GODLY, RIGHTEOUS, AND SOBER LIFE, TO THE GLORY OF THY HOLY NAME. AMEN.

P: Come, receive His Holy Spirit, which cleanses, heals, and empowers each of us to new life. Wake up afresh, for God has come alive in you. You have been forgiven! In the Name of the Father, (+) and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

The Readings The Advent of the Spirit

Numbers 11:24-30	Promise of the Spirit
Acts 2:1-21	Explanation of the Promise
John 7:27-39a	Fulfillment of the promise

The Confession of Faith (The Explanation of the Third Article)

I BELIEVE THAT I CANNOT BY MY OWN REASON OR STRENGTH BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, MY LORD, OR COME TO HIM; BUT THE HOLY GHOST HAS CALLED ME BY THE GOSPEL, ENLIGHTENED ME WITH HIS GIFTS, SANCITIFIED, AND KEPT ME IN THE TRUE FAITH; EVEN AS HE CALLS, GATHERS, ENLIGHTENS AND SANCTIFIES THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON EARTH, AND KEEPS IT WITH JESUS CHRIST IN THE ONE TRUE FAITH; IN WHICH CHRISTIAN CHURCH HE DAILY AND RICHLY FORGIVES ALL SINS TO ME AND ALL BELIEVERS, AND WILL AT THE LAST DAY RAISE UP ME AND ALL THE DEAD, AND GIVE UNTO ME AND ALL BELIEVERS IN CHRIST ETERNAL LIFE. THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE!

The Sermon Hymn

LSB #833

"Listen, God is Calling"

Note: This hymn will not have a "Leader." Everyone will sing the entire hymn.

The Sermon *"Obedience to God's Word results from Grace"*
Romans 3:21-28

The Gathering of the Morning Offerings

The Prayers of the People of God at Friedheim

The Lord's Prayer

The Communion Prayer

The Words of Institution and Distribution

The Distribution Hymns

"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

LSB #497

"Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake"

LSB #688

"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

LSB #496

The Post-Communion Collect

The Benediction

P: God ignites the flame of love in our souls with the sacred Fire of His Holy Spirit. Go now, and ignite the flame of love in the lives of your fellowmen. In the Name of the Father, (+) and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **AMEN.**

The Closing Hymn

LSB #827

"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

The Acolyte

Grace Buuck

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

The Readings – The Advent of the Spirit

Numbers 11:24-30 – Promise of the Spirit – So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Acts 2:1-21 – Explanation of the promise – When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." But 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. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: "And 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; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.""

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

John 7:37-39 – Fulfillment of the promise – On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

We will now recite the Nicene Creed found on the back cover of the hymnal.

Sermon Text – Romans 3:21-28 – But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Statement of Communion Practice

Jesus promised that it was to our advantage that He go away and send the Holy Spirit for His church (John 16:7). That advantage became immediately evident on Pentecost as the Holy Spirit empowered the preaching of repentance and forgiveness and employed the use of baptism and the Lord’s Supper to build the church of Christ (Acts 2). The Holy Spirit is still acting for our advantage as Christ comes to us with His true body and blood in the sacrament of Holy Communion today. Because doctrinal oneness is central to the common reception of the Lord’s Supper, we practice close communion; and *guests* desiring to commune are asked to speak with Pastor Dahling before the service.



On Pentecost Sunday, many altars and pulpits will have red cloths on them, many pastors will wear red stoles around their necks, and many members will wear red clothing. The second chapter of Acts 2 hints at the reason for using the color red. That verse tells of a meeting at which something like fire was resting on each person present. To symbolize the “tongues, as of fire” (Acts 2:3, NRSV) that came upon the people present at Pentecost, liturgical churches display the color red in their worship services on Pentecost Sunday. Green is the traditional liturgical color for the weeks after Pentecost (as well as the season of Epiphany). The Pentecost season largely overlaps with spring and summer, which is fitting because green symbolizes growth: growth of plant life and crops, and growth of the church in discipleship and faith.

Romans and the Reformation

A Series of Sermons Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

4 June 2017 – Pentecost - Romans 3:21-28
Obedience to God’s Word results from grace.

Paul reminds us that obedience does not save – “*a man is justified by faith apart from words of the law.*” Obedience to God’s law has no part in getting right with God. This is a necessary corrective to the other lessons. We need to place obedience in its proper perspective.

Why be good by obeying God's Laws?

1. Not to earn God's acceptance Vv. 21, 28
2. But to express gratitude for grace received. Vv. 24, 25

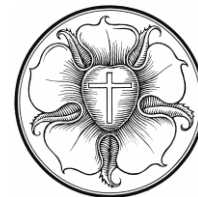
Points to ponder...

Lutherans have been accused that in stressing Justification we ignore or disregard Sanctification. How does St. Paul uphold both?

Obedience does not save. So why be good? Where does obedience stand in the life of the Christian?

Luther said, "A Christian lives in Christ through faith, in his neighbor through love. By faith he is caught up beyond himself into God. By love he descends beneath himself into his neighbor." How does this make sense to you?

For next week read **Romans 4:13-25** – Abraham's faith was reckoned to him as righteousness.



Announcements – Pentecost

We send best wishes and God's richest blessings to all of our members who are celebrating birthdays this week—Daniel Linnemeier, Sam Baumann, Denise Conrad, Chase McAllister, Devin Sielschott, Joe Gorman, Sr., Kacey Burden, Hannah Lichtle, Jessica (Mrs. Ryan) Linnemeier, Kevin Schultz, Kim Fuhrmann, Cindy Krueckeberg, and Glenn Buuck.



Congratulations to Don & Sara Bultemeier, Jason & Ashley Miller, and Rich & Km Weiland who are celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. May our Heavenly Father continue to guide and bless them through life's joys and challenges.

May the Great Physician give peace, good health, and strength to all who are in need of His healing hand. We especially remember in our prayers Jim Crosby (Extended Care – Woodcrest), Don Gehres, Lanny Thieme, Nancy Gardner (Keith's mother), Mike Matter (Tami Stoppenhagen's brother) who had heart surgery this past week, Oscar Matter (Tami Stoppenhagen's nephew) who is underwent heart surgery in a Chicago hospital, Lon Buuck (brother of Jan Buuck & Cheryl Bultemeyer), Nora Rauner (Michelle Scheumann's mother), Kevin Mahlen, Ruth Brege (Pastor Bill Brege's wife), Kelly Baumann (daughter-in-law of Sam & Judy Baumann), and Cathy Terhune (Sherril Bradtmueller's daughter).



We remember those who are presently serving our country (active duty or in the Guard)—Jason Putteet, Alan Bergdall, Dean Brandt, Derek Schultz, Jacob Stoppenhagen, Karl Duerk serving in Qatar (Christine Bultemeier's nephew), Jordon Head (Keith & Mitzi Gardner's son-in-law and Maddy & George's brother-in-law), Jacob Lee, Sam Conrad (Germany), Chandler Bultemeier (Waldo & Rosie Bultemeier's grandson), and Chad Hall (Doris Conrad's son-in-law). May the Lord protect and guide them in their missions.

You will find our weekly "Time in the Word" study guide, The Trinity in your Life, in today's bulletin.

Worship for Shut-Ins is on Sunday mornings at 7 a.m. on 21.2 and at 8 a.m. on Frontier 9 or channel 21.3. The show also airs on Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m. on Comcast 252 and at 4 p.m. on Sundays and 10 a.m. on Mondays on Comcast 55 or Frontier 25. Today's sermon by Rev. Dr. Walter A Maier III is *The Spirit Prays for You* based on Romans 8:26-27. The comforting news is that the Holy Spirit is praying to God the Father for you. These are wonderful prayers! However, what exactly does the Spirit as for and include in these petitions? For the most up-to-date information, you can check out their website at www.worshipforshutins.org. You can also watch this program on line or receive it by DVD's.

The Early-bird Bible Class as well as the Thursday morning LWML Bible Class are taking summer breaks, returning this fall.

Can't make it to church? Listen to WZBD (92.7 FM), tuning in at 9:05 a.m. to hear our service live. You can also listen to the broadcast over the Internet by logging on to our website (www.zionfriedheim.org) and "Click here to listen to Zion's worship service on Sundays ..."



Next week's greeters are Paul & Cindy Des Jean. The sign-up sheet for greeters for 2017 can be found in the south entranceway. Why not pick an open date and sign up to greet!

This week's secret code is **CNSB77**. Go to www.games.childrensbulletins.com, enter the secret code, and access online games that reinforce this week's message.



Board of Stewardship's Food for Thought – Our Bible study and worship are not ends in themselves, but God's plan to sustain faith and the obedient life. Grace and knowledge are gifts of God to the believer through His Word. The Word is God's food to make us spiritually strong as we serve Him by serving others. We grow only as we are filled with God's grace and the knowledge of Jesus. This is the source of our power to get God's work done. The way God gives His rich grace is through His Word and Sacraments that we receive during corporate worship.



The Bottles of Hope collection continues. This event is an easy way for you to participate in the ministry of The Hope Clinic. Just pick up a baby bottle found in either entranceway of the church as you leave today and fill it with coins and cash or checks made payable to The Hope Clinic, then bring it back to church on Father's Day (or earlier if you wish). Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Browse and borrow anything that interests you in Roz's Reading Room and then return the book in the basket by the smaller shelf. (Place donations there too.)



The Friedheim's Fitness Friends class meets on Mondays at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Kris Blomenberg leads this one-hour beginner's exercise class for all ages, shapes and genders. The class is offered at no cost to you. Call Kris at 260-547-4673 or 260-701-4673 with questions.

Are you working on projects for the Tiny Angel Comfort Kits? If so, extra yarn can be found in the blue tote in Roz's Reading Room. Take what you need for the blankets and outfits you are making. Just a reminder if you are making the small miscarriage blankets, a request has been made that any future blankets should only be in the colors of white, cream, pale yellow, or pale green – no pinks or blues.



Council Members: If you don't receive your minutes via email, you will find your minutes in your slots in the entranceway of the church. The next Council meeting is **Tuesday, June 6**, at 8 p.m. in the church basement.

The Board of Outreach will meet at 7 p.m. on **June 6** in the Gathering Area.

Cindy Wass (260-438-2578) is the Meals of Grace Coordinator for June. If you know of someone who can benefit from this ministry, please give her a call. Coordinators are needed from July on. If you would like to be on the list of cooks only, contact the church office. The monthly coordinator will give you a call to see if you are available to work some meal prep in your schedule. Thank you for the support of this program.

Mighty Fortress is the theme of this year's VBS to be held at Wyneken on **June 18-22**. Each night of VBS, those attending (children and their parents/grandparents) are invited to come for a meal (serving begins at 5:15 p.m.) There is an easy on-line registration form at Wyneken's website, www.wyneken.org. Just click "Click Here to Register for VBS." To open the VBS, a carnival will be held beginning at 3:30 p.m. on **June 18**. There will be a bounce house and a water slide! Don't miss out!



Friedheim is in charge of the VBS meal on Father's Day, June 18. There is a need for at least 20 dozen cookies. If you are willing to bake a dozen or two, please contact Tami Stoppenhagen (223-2203). You can bring your cookies to church that morning or take them over to Wyneken (no later than 4 p.m.). Would you like to help serve the meal? Again, say something to Tami. Thanks in advance for your help! In addition, there is still a need for teachers and helpers at VBS. There is a sign-up sheet in

the Gathering Area. See how you can help! You can also contact Brian Horning (260-301-1496 or brianhorning@stjohnbingen.com) if you need more information.

Rich Scheumann has moved to Adams Heritage. His address is now 12011 Whittern Road in Monroeville. He is in room 202 if you wish to visit him.



Join the walking group that meets at 3:15 p.m. on **Thursdays** at Evie Keuneke's home in Decatur (2527 Hogans Alley). Bring a good pair of walking shoes and hope to see you on Thursday!

On **Wednesday, June 7**, a Circuit Youth Gathering takes place at Bethlehem Ossian at 6:30 p.m. All high school youth are invited to join us on Wednesday this Decatur Circuit LYF event. We will have a kickball tournament, snacks, and drinks. Contact Brian Horning for a ride 301-1496.

The Senior Walther Leaguers will meet in the Gathering Area at 12:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 13**. Bring a snack to share.

Keep **Saturday, September 9**, free as this is the date for the LCMS Decatur-Circuit Reformation Service and Oktoberfest. Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President, will be the preacher at the Reformation service. Also on the agenda at the Hoagland Pavilion and grounds (3 p.m. to midnight) is German food and drinks, polka and square dancing bands, music by the Circuit Choir (and others), family-friendly education stations, and the availability of Reformation 500 merchandise. For more information go to their website, www.reformation500celebration.com.

It's that time of year again!! Invite your family & friends and join us for the 9th Annual Cross Connections Golf Outing taking place **Friday, June 9**, at Brookwood Golf Club, 10304 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne. This will be a scramble format with all funds raised going directly to support His ministry at Cross Connections. Registration deadline is **June 5** and cost is \$75 per golfer/\$300 per foursome. The day of the event, registration starts at 7 a.m. with an 8 a.m. shotgun start with lunch and awards following. Please call Jen or Matt at [260.373.0213](tel:260.373.0213) or visit our Events page on our website, CrossConnectionsCounseling.com, for sponsorship and registration information. We hope to see you there!

Thrivent Community – Greater Hoagland is hosting a diaper drive for Charis House, a facility that is run by the Ft. Wayne Rescue Mission that serves women and children in the community. Charis House helps women find relief from homelessness while enabling them to heal and move forward. Restorative programs equip the women to find jobs, housing, navigate life challenges, experience emotion stability, and grow in their relationship with Christ. There is a need for disposable diapers (sizes 4-6). Diapers will be collected through **June 30** and can be dropped off at the Thrivent office (14812 First St. in Hoagland) or placed in the tote found in the Gathering Area. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

Wyneken News

Looking ahead to summer vacations, traveling to the lake on weekends, or graduation parties? Why not purchase these items with SCRIP. Get your SCRIP from Michelle Knipstein (260-413-6249 or e-mail her at mmknipstein03@hotmail.com). There are SCRIP order forms at Wyneken's website, www.wyneken.org.

The school year has ended and all accounts – Registration/Tuition fees, Hot Lunch fees, Extended Care fees, and library fines – are to be paid in full. Report cards will be withheld and records will not be forwarded to new schools for families who have outstanding fees. Questions about your account? Contact – Registration/Tuition fees – school office at 639-6177 or office@wyneken.org; Hot Lunch fees – Tina Geels at tgeels@gmail.com; Childcare/Extended Care fees – Chris Cornett at 639-6064; and overdue or missing library books – Erin Hull at library@wyneken.org.

Final report cards will be mailed to all families of K-8th graders within a two-week time period after May 24. A 2017-18 school year calendar, school supply list, and other important information from your child's teacher will be included with the report card. Don't forget that if you have outstanding fees, the report card will be withheld.

Families with children in grades K-8 should have received in the mail an SGO application along with instruction. The completed application needs to be completed in full and returned no later than June 30. You may drop off the application in the school office or return it by mail.

Summer office hours are 9 a.m. to noon or by appointment only. The school office will be closed the week of June 20-24.

Wyneken's 2017-2018 calendar is available on the Wyneken website, www.wyneken.org.

Looking ahead: Registration information for the 2017-18 school year will be mailed to all currently enrolled families in mid-July. Registration day is **Thursday, August 3** from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Opening day for K-8th graders is **Thursday, August 10**. Pre-school and Pre-K will begin on **September 5 and 6**.

Sports

Wyneken advanced to the finals, facing Central last Thursday night. Wyneken won that game 4-0. Congratulations to the 2017 champions!!

Attendance: Sunday Worship Service – 147



Offerings – through May 28

Home Purpose - \$4,637.76; Missions – NA

Having an Attitude of Gratitude – *Stewardship begins with gratitude—gratitude for who we are in Christ, gratitude for the salvation He has won for us on the Cross, and gratitude for Who He is and all His gifts to us. As stewards, we recognize that we are completely dependent on God for all we have and need and that, as we offer thanks for God's gifts, we also strive to use them in ways that please Him.*

THIS WEEK AT FRIEDHEIM

Monday:	6:00 p.m.	Friedheim's Fitness Friends
Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Elder's Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Outreach Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Trustees' Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday:	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Immanuel House Open
	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Decorating VBS Float – Wyneken
	6:30 p.m.	Kickball Tourney – Oasis – Bethlehem, Ossian
Thursday:	3:15 p.m.	Walking – meet at Evie Keuneke's
	7:00 p.m.	Wyneken School Board
Friday:	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Immanuel House Open

NEXT WEEK AT FRIEDHEIM

June 11	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
June 12	6:00 p.m.	Friedheim's Fitness Friends
June 13	12:30 p.m.	Seasoned Walther Leaguers
June 14	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Immanuel House Open
June 15	3:15 p.m.	Walking
June 16	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Immanuel House Open
June 17		Hoagland Days Parade – VBS Float

The Birth of the Church

Fifty days after the Resurrection, the first Christians, most of them Jews, gathered to celebrate the Jewish harvest festival known as Pentecost.

At that gathering something happened that was so awesome and indescribable that when writing about it, St. Luke could only use metaphors. A sound like the rush of a violent wind seemed to fill the entire house where they were meeting. Something like tongues of fire appeared among them — a tongue rested on each of them.

It was then that they “were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability” (Acts 2:4, NRSV). The crowd that gathered outside was amazed and perplexed. They wanted to know what it meant. Some observers thought it was a gathering of drunks.

But Peter interpreted it all correctly to anyone who would listen. He told of Christ, his life, his mission, his death and his Resurrection. Most importantly, Peter explained that God had made Jesus both Lord and Messiah. The proof of that was the Resurrection.

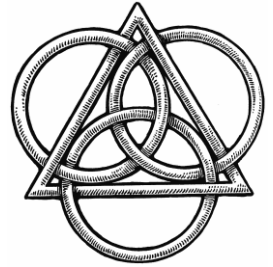
Three thousand people were so moved by Peter’s words that they were baptized that day and “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42, NRSV).

“And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47, NRSV). The Church was born that day.

Time in the Word
5-10 June 2017
Preparation for next week, the Feast of the Holy Trinity

The Holy Triune God Recreates Us in the Image and Likeness of Christ Jesus

The Holy Triune God “*created the heavens and the earth,*” and “*behold, it was very good*” (Genesis 1:1, 31). However, after Adam and Eve fell into sin and plunged God’s good creation into decay and death, the Son of God would be “*delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God*” to be “*crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men*” (Acts 2:23). As Jesus “*received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit*” (Acts 2:33), He also raises up all the baptized and pours out the Spirit upon them through the preaching of His Gospel. He sends out His Apostles to “*make disciples of all nations*” by “*baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*” and “*teaching them to observe all that [He has] commanded*” (Matthew 28:19–20). Through such baptizing and teaching—Gospel and Sacraments—the Holy Triune God recreates us in the Image and Likeness of His incarnate Son, Jesus the Christ, and behold, it is “*very good*” (Genesis 1:31).



Monday, 5 June 2017—*Psalm 16:8–11; Antiphon, Liturgical Text*—The antiphon for Sunday’s Introit is an ancient liturgical text: *Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.* The Triune God has shown His mercy to us by creating us, daily providing for all our needs, and in accomplishing our salvation by the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. Our response, therefore, is to *give glory to Him*, and to *set the LORD always before us*, for He has *made known to us the path of life*.

Tuesday, 6 June 2017—*Psalm 8*—This psalm of David nicely ties together the three appointed readings for Trinity Sunday. The first two verses tell how the entire creation proclaims the majesty, glory, and strength of the Lord, the Creator of all things, as testified to in the Old Testament reading. The rest of the psalm speaks of Christ, the second Adam, our Savior, of whose redemption Peter preaches in the second reading, and who commissions His Church to make disciples by baptizing and teaching about Him in the Gospel reading.

Wednesday, 7 June 2017—*Genesis 1:1–2:4a*—The opening chapter of the Bible matter-of-factly recounts the creation of the earth, the universe, and all that is in them in seven days by God. Which person of the Trinity was responsible for the creation? All three persons! The first three verses alone proclaim this fact: The Spirit is said to be hovering over the face of the waters, while God (the Father) speaks—speaks His Word, who is the Son, as St. John tells us in the opening verses of his Gospel. On the sixth day, there is further testament to the working of the Trinity, when God says, *Let Us make man in Our own image, after Our likeness*. Not just the Father, but the Son and the Holy Spirit as well, were involved in the work of creation, just as all three are involved in the work of salvation.

Thursday, 8 June 2017—*Acts 2:14a, 22–36*—The second reading for the Trinity Sunday is a continuation of St. Peter’s Pentecost Day sermon in Jerusalem. In this portion, Peter speaks of Jesus Christ, *a man attested to you by God with mighty wonders and signs, who was crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men*, but raised up from the dead because He was not just a man, but also *Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified*. Peter quotes from Psalms 16 and 110, showing how the Old Testament testifies of Christ and also proclaims how all three persons of the Trinity were involved in the salvation of mankind: Jesus (the Son) was *delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God* (the Father) *has been exalted at the right hand of God*, and now *pours out His Spirit* that people might hear and believe the Good News.

Friday, 9 June 2017—*Matthew 28:16–20*—Before His ascension to the right hand of His Father, Jesus charged His disciples with the task of making disciples of all nations. What are the tools that He has given to accomplish this task? His teaching and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Baptism in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Which parts of His Word are important? Which of His Words are they to pass down faithfully? *Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you*. Finally, He promises always to be with us—and so He is, in Word and Sacrament, the means of grace.

Saturday, 10 June 2017—There are few hymns that are addressed to, or focus on, the Holy Spirit. Sunday’s Hymn of the Day, *Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest* (LSB #498), is one such hymn. It is of ancient origin, from at least the eighth century, and generally attributed to the great Frankish scholar and theologian, Rhabanus Maurus (though sometimes Gregory the Great or Charlemagne are given credit). In the Middle Ages, it was one of the best loved and most frequently used invocations of the Holy Spirit, and its singing was accompanied by the use of incense, candles, bells, and rich vestments. The last two stanzas are explicitly Trinitarian, making it ideal for Trinity Sunday: stanza six (like Luther’s explanation to the Third Article of the Creed) affirms that it is the Holy Spirit who teaches us to know the Triune God aright, and stanza seven is a doxology—a hymn of praise to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Collect for the Feast of the Holy Trinity: *Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.*

Prayer for the Holy Spirit: *Lord God, heavenly Father, let Your Holy Spirit dwell in us that He may enlighten and lead us into all truth and evermore defend us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns . . .*

Collect for grace: *Almighty God, heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning and, though we in no wise deserve Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us, we humbly pray, Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and cheerfully serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns . . .*

Collect for peace: *O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns . . .*

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