

God Invites us to the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We Join in Heaven's Song

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord, God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name

in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy,

merciful and mighty

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

We Proclaim the Mystery of Our Faith

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

God Feeds us at the Table

We Share Praises and Requests and We Pray Together

God Sends Us – the Benediction

We Sing the Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Early Service at Trinity

June 8, 2025 -- 8:30 am

Pentecost Sunday

God Gathers Us for Worship

The Cross, Candle, Book, Water, Basin & Towel, Bread & Cup

Spirit of the Living God,

fall afresh on us.

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Melt us, mold us,

fill us, use us.

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We Remember the Holy Spirit in God's Story (A Pentecost Litany)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The earth was without form and void,

and darkness was upon the face of the deep;

and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders,

the Lord, upon many waters.

"In those days," God declares,

"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."

"Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

In those days I will pour out my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy."

Today's Pentecost Litany is adapted from Rev. John Paarlberg.

Our prayer of confession is adapted from a confession at Faithward.org.

"I baptize with you water," John the Baptist said,
"but one more powerful than I is coming
who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

**The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

May the Lord give strength to the people!
May the Lord bless the people with peace!

We Sing a Hymn of Praise - "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.**

**He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

We Affirm our Faith (Using the Words of The Heidelberg Catechism)

Q & A 53

Q. What do you believe
concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

**A. First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son,
is eternal God.**

**Second, that the Spirit is given also to me,
so that, through true faith,
he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits,
comforts me, and will remain with me forever.**

Q & A 54

Q. What do you believe
concerning "the holy catholic church"?

**A. I believe that the Son of God
through his Spirit and Word,
out of the entire human race,
from the beginning of the world to its end,
gathers, protects, and preserves for himself
a community chosen for eternal life
and united in true faith.**

**And of this community I am and always will be
a living member.**

We Confess our Sins

Forgiving Lord,
we have fallen short time and time again.
You have given us your word, both in Scripture and in your Son.
You have promised us your presence,
both in your Spirit and in your community.
You have graced us with your Kingdom,
both in teaching and in service.
And yet, so often we neglect and ignore your purposes for us.
We do not always love what you love.
We do not always embrace what you embrace.
We do not always defend what you have called us to defend.

Have mercy on us,
O God of ages past and our hope for years to come.
Forgive us for the wrong we do and the good we fail to do.
And with your gifts, promises, and grace,
continue working in our lives
that we might receive full life in Jesus Christ,
now and forevermore. Amen.

Silence

God Assures Us of Forgiveness & Calls Us to Faithful Living

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

ROMANS 8:1-5

We Pass Christ's Peace to One Another

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

God Speaks Through the Word - John 14:15-31 (NRSV)

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.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.