

ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
GRAND ISLAND, NY

May 28, 2023  
Pentecost



**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OPENING HYMN**

O Day Full of Grace

**ELW 627**

1 O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon, bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season. God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.

2 O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving; then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all retrieving; for Jesus all mortals did embrace, all shame and despair removing.

3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging; and then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging, might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.

4 God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing, that we might no more in death be lost, its power over us dispelling. This flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all true healing.

5 When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing, we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing, that there we will join God's endless praise, with angels and saints adoring.

## GREETING

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

P. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C. Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C. Lord, have mercy.**

P. For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C. Lord, have mercy.**

P. For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.


**C. Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C. Amen.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE


*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P. Let us pray. **O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 2:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>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.

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

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

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

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

R. Word of God, word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

**Psalm 104:23-34, 35b**

<sup>24</sup>**How manifold are your works, O LORD!**

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

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man to number,  
living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>**There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.**

<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>**You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>**You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.**

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>**You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.**

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>**May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.**

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

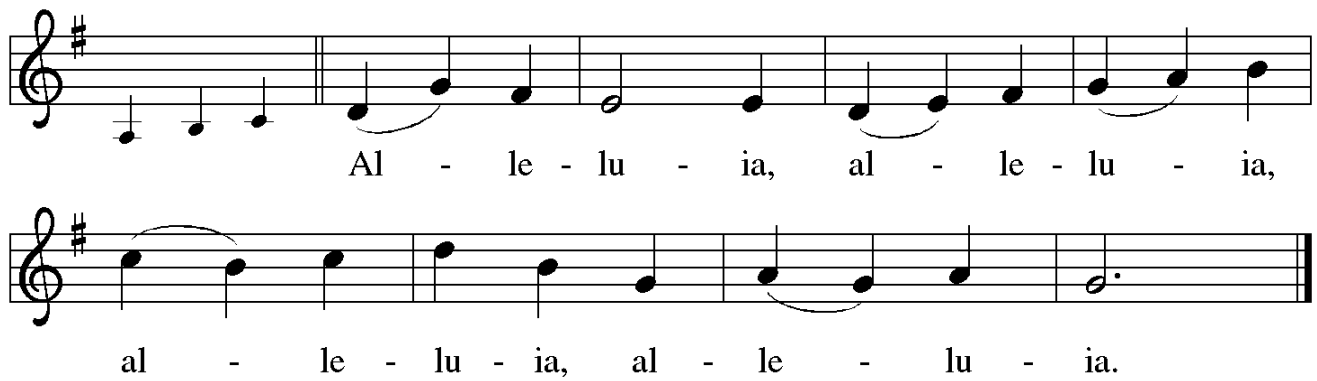
<sup>3b</sup>No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

R. Word of God, word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*



**GOSPEL READING**  
**20:19-33**

**John**

R. The holy gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.  
C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

R. This is the Gospel of our Lord. C. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Mary Ellen Larson**

*Please stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

**ELW 582**

1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high;  
living, life-impacting Spirit;  
you we praise and magnify.

2 Holy Spirit, ever living as the church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ:  
you we praise with endless worship,  
for your gifts and fruits unpriced.

3 Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry;  
quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul  
in communion never ending,  
you we worship and extol.

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition ends with the words, "Hear us, O God," we respond, "Your mercy is great."

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.  
C. And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

### MEAL

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were'. The second staff continues the lyrics: 'gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from'. The third staff continues: 'all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.'. The fourth staff contains two verses: '1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,' and '2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when'. The fifth staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'may we share the pres - ence of your love.' and 'all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.'

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P. The Lord be with you.           C. **And also with you.**  
P. Lift up your hearts.           C. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

*You may be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION

*We invite all to partake in the Lord's supper by coming forward, picking up a cup, and kneeling or standing at the rail to receive the elements. Empty cups can be deposited in the baskets in the front pews. You may also use the prepackaged elements at the entrance to the sanctuary and use the containers at the end of each pew for used packaging.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P. Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## SENDING

*Please stand.*

## BLESSING

P.

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you;  
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you;  
may he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.  
Go in the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P. As you leave this place, remember why you are sent into the world.

**C. We are sent to serve God by inspiring faith and passion through connections, so that we can nurture and fulfill our community and the world.**

**CLOSING HYMN**      God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind      **ELW 400**



1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend! Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send! Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!

2 God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge! Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge! Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth!

3 God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy! Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free! Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!

4 God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness! Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress. Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work, claim us for your kingdom's work!

## **DISMISSAL**

A. Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Welcome to St. Timothy!* St. Timothy Lutheran Church opens its doors and its arms in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and we bid you welcome.

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## **Worship Leaders:**

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Mary Ellen Larson  
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**Counters:** Ms. Tina Cutini, Mr. Scott Webb, Ms. Dorine Fabio  
**Altar Guild:** Ms. Tracy Senn

## **This Week's Calendar:**

<b>TODAY 5/28</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday 5/30</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Sunday 6/4</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	<b>Picnic</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A warm welcome to Pastor Mary Ellen Larson, who is leading us in worship this morning!
- The sanctuary candle burns today in honor of Adam, Jordan, Julian, and Ari Miller-Stubbendick, sponsored by Shari Miller.
- Join us next Sunday for a light congregational picnic! This will be our final Sunday together before we split into 8 and 9:30 services for the summer months, so please come and hang around with us for a while after the service! As you are able, please bring an appetizer, snack, or dessert to share. We look forward to time in fellowship together!
- Chiavetta's BBQ tickets for June 10<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 are now available! Help fund our new playground with a delicious meal of half a chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, and a roll with butter for \$15, or a kids' meal of a hot dog and mac & cheese for \$8. With a car show, bounce house, basket raffle, face painting, ice cream truck, and other entertainment, there'll be something for everyone! Your support is appreciated!
- Please find a special offering basket at the entrance to the Narthex to purchase a large-ticket-item basket for our Child Care Center's BBQ fundraiser. We're ideally looking to purchase a set of season's passes to Niagara Amusement and Splash World to encourage families to spend time together. Thanks for working with us on this!
- Pastor Adam will continue leading us in a Bible study on Monday mornings at 10:30 AM. Instead of meeting Memorial Day, however, we will meet on Tuesday, May 30th. Please consider joining us in person as we dig deeper together.
- If you're interested in participating in the Ride for Roswell in any capacity – participating in rides, joining practice rides, cheering on the riders, etc. – please see Paul Yaeger. We now have an official St. Timothy's team! Further information can be found on the bulletin board.
- Save the date for Lutheran Charities' Annual Golf Classic! It will be held on July 21st at the Chestnut Hill Country Club in Darien Center. Please contact Phil Buchanan if you'd like to be added to a team. Registration opens in mid-May.
- Please join us in praying for the following people: Wesley Clark; Linda Piechowiak; the family of Allen Kellam; Jack Skinner; Robert and Luci; Janet Upham; MJ; Deborah Piotrowski; Karen Byxbe; Larry Neutz; Judy Bassette; Karen; Mike Gueli; Lynda Reeves; Josh; Myles; Becky; Jim O'Connor; Cathy; Deb; Alex; Kathy Wright; Colin; Gary; Nancy Gorrell; Brenda; Margaret Miller; Marlene; Yosenia; Randy; Betty; Riley; Joe Morley; Richard E; Isla and Eleanor; Edna; Gloria; Brian Volo; Marianne Carroll; Danny Penque; Robin Bengalio Richard; Joanne M.; Dottie Roehrig; Sylvia and Joe Smith; Lorraine Pfohl; and Cheryl Rosati.