

A vertical poster featuring a sunset over rolling hills. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow across the sky and the landscape. The hills are silhouetted against the bright light. On the left side, there are decorative, light-colored swirls and floral patterns. The text is written in a white, elegant script font, centered on the lower half of the image. The background of the text area is a dark gradient, making the white text stand out.

*You were
sealed with
that holy
Spirit
of promise.*

EPHESIANS 1:13

Pentecost Sunday

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Welcome to Trinity!

We're glad you're here to worship!

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Hymn: 184 vv. 1-2

(O Holy Spirit, Enter In)

Prayer of the Day:

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.

Old Testament Lesson

We still get to experience the most exciting part of Pentecost. The most exciting part wasn't the sound of the wind or the tongues of fire or the crowd that gathered. It was God's pouring out the Holy Spirit onto his disciples.

Centuries before, God had told his people that it would happen. In the middle of prophecies of judgment and plague, God had the

prophet Joel announce this promise. God would be with his people and he would fill them with his Holy Spirit.

Centuries later, it happened—just as God had promised.

Now, today—centuries later again—and in the middle of judgment and plague—we hear God’s promise again, his promise to fill us with his Spirit so that we can speak in his name. His promise to enable us to proclaim his grace and salvation to every soul on earth. Starting right here.

Do you feel the Holy Spirit filling you? Do you sense his power equipping you to proclaim the wonders of God? He’s pouring out the Holy Spirit right now as you read this. Every time we read his word, every time we partake of the Sacrament, the Holy Spirit fills us. Whether we can feel it or not.

It’s pretty common for us to believe that we are less than qualified to do God’s work. The disciples weren’t qualified either until the Holy Spirit came to them on Pentecost. Then look at what they did!

Now the Holy Spirit fills us. No matter who we are, male or female, recognized or unknown—we can declare the wonderful works of God.

Joel 2:28–29 (EHV)

²⁸After this, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your old men will dream dreams.

Your young men will see visions.

²⁹Even on the servants, both male and female,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Historical Lesson

“Mommy don’t leave!” “Daddy, don’t go!”

It’s heart-wrenching to watch a small child’s reaction to separation. They don’t understand. They don’t have an adult’s perception of time or priority. They can’t see that sometimes Mom or Dad have to leave to take care of them. All they know is the fear and the pain. They have to learn to trust Mom and Dad.

It was the same with the disciples. Jesus was leaving and sorrow filled their hearts. They didn’t have Jesus’ perception of time. They didn’t have God’s perspective of his kingdom. They didn’t

understand that Jesus was carrying out His Father's will—that he was saving the world—and that he was sending the Holy Spirit to complete the work. They couldn't comprehend God's plan. All they knew was the fear and the pain of Jesus' leaving.

It can often be the same with us. We can't see God's whole plan. We can only see a tiny part of it. We don't always know why God seems so far away. We can't always see how he's strengthening or guiding or equipping. All we know is the pain of living in a sinful world. So, we pray and we ask God to do something about it.

And he does! He sends the Counselor to us the same as he sent Him to the disciples. He sends Him to convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment. About sin because we must understand that we need a Savior. About righteousness because Jesus' work of redemption is complete. And about judgment because Satan has been condemned and, without Jesus, we would be too.

God wants to save everybody. We won't always understand his decisions, but we can always trust his love. He sends us the Holy Spirit to fill us with his mercy and love. And he makes us grow up in our faith so we can convey God's message of grace and salvation. It's rarely easy, but it's always vital.

John 16:5–11 (EHV)

⁵“But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

Gospel Lesson

Isn't this exciting? We're all in a room because God promised to pour out his Spirit on us.

And it's Pentecost! Look at the parallels between the Pentecost in Acts 2 and Pentecost today.

Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Spirit. Today, we are here because God told us to gather around his Word (Hebrews 10:25).

The Holy Spirit came to the disciples and filled them. God comes into our hearts by faith through Word and Sacrament (Romans 10:17).

The disciples were enabled to carry out God's work. The Spirit gave them abilities far beyond their own. God enables us to speak with his voice (Luke 10:16) and to gather disciples into his kingdom (Matthew 28:19-20).

The disciples used God's word to change hearts and to save souls. God is doing that right now with us. His Word accomplishes whatever God pleases and succeeds in saving souls (Isaiah 55:11).

It's exciting to be part of God's saving work. Not everybody will understand. Some will even make fun of us. But God is working. God has worked through people just like us for centuries. The disciples were people like us. Every generation of Christians is filled with people just like us. And the Holy Spirit fills us to carry his word into our families, into our communities and into every nation.

What God did through the disciples in Acts chapter 2 is miraculous. They declared the wonderful works of God. They reached thousands of people with the Gospel. They spoke with God's power and changed the world.

Now it's our turn.

Acts 2:1–21 (EHV)

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They 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.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard

them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to each other, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴Then 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. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷This 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.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above,

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the

Lord.

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

Sermon Text:

Acts 2:1-21

Offering:

Special Prayer regarding Coronavirus

Jesus Christ, our Great Physician,

We come before you in great need. We ask that you would end this plague on our world. We do not ask because we are worthy, but because you are gracious and merciful. If it is your will, heal those who are afflicted. Comfort those who are suffering. Grant wisdom and success to those who are treating and researching this disease. Teach us to celebrate your blessings and your love. Help us not to take for granted our health or the connections we have among family and friends.

In your name we come to you. Amen.

Prayers for Our family and Friends

Milferd Behnke, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Gladys Constine, George Dumke, Geri Garbrecht, Dorothy Johnson, Lisa Schmitt, and Pastor Martin & Deb Spaude.

Prayers for those called to protect

Military: Jesse Adams (Sue Connor's son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow's godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson's grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht's great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen's cousin), **Jesse Johnston** (Jim & Laurie Johnston's son), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth's son), **Aaron Stocker Jr.** (Martina (Dura) Stocker's husband), **Dylan Vanko**, (Roy and Grace Chmela's grandson), and **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush's nephew). **Steve Campbell** (firefighter), and **Greg Haemker** (police). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

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.

The Benediction:

*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.*

Hymn: 189 vv.1 -3

(Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore You)



*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved. ~ Acts 2:2*

TRINITY'S CORE MISSION

Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.

John 8:12 - *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Matthew 5:16 - *"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*