

# After Easter: A Journey to Pentecost

# LIFE TRANSFORMED

Holy Trinity Sunday | May 31, 2026 – 11:00 AM

## AS WE GATHER

Scripture reveals our God to be the Triune (Three-In-One) God – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer...one God, yet three distinct but equal persons.

God's Words to His people make it clear that He is the only true God. He shows it and proves it by His mighty strength and His awesome deeds. But along with His power He shows His compassionate purpose for us...That purpose is a life transformed from fear and worry to joy.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE SING

“House of the Lord”

### WE CONFESS OUR SINFULNESS BEFORE GOD

P: O God Almighty, You are all-powerful, all-knowing, unfailing, always good – You are awesome and amazing.

**C: We are limited, inconsistent, inclined toward mistakes, and ready to give in to temptation and evil.**

P: Yet, Lord God, dear Father, You delight in us, Your creation. You fully care for each one of us and desire that we live by Your Holy Spirit according to Your good purpose.

**C: For Jesus' sake, Who took our sins upon Himself as He gave His life on the cross, remove every burden of guilt. Because of Your love and Your mercy, forgive our sins. Set us free that we might delight in Your will and walk in Your ways. We pray in the name of our Savior Jesus. Amen.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

## THROUGH JESUS, GOD DECLARES US TO BE FORGIVEN

### WE SING

“Chosen”

### WE PRAY

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade – kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

<sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**THE GOSPEL READING**

**John 16:5-15,20**

<sup>5</sup>but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. <sup>7</sup>But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because people do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. <sup>12</sup>"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup>But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup> that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."...<sup>20</sup>Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

**KIDS' TIME**

*DCE Liz Peters*

**MESSAGE**

**"Joy, Everlasting Joy"**

*Pastor Doug Slavens*

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

### **WE DECLARE OUR FAITH IN OUR TRIUNE GOD – The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS

### PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

"Weary Traveler"

"Hymn of Heaven"

### COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

### WE PRAY TO OUR LORD

### CLOSING BLESSING

### WE SING

"The River"

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## OUR OFFERINGS

All that we have and all that we are, belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good!

We pray: "Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the blessings we ourselves have received from You."

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