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Pentecost

May 23-24, 2026

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Bendle Scholarship Presentation

Confession

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin
to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness,
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pastor: Most merciful God,
**Congregation: we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
In thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake
God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Prelude: In Memoriam

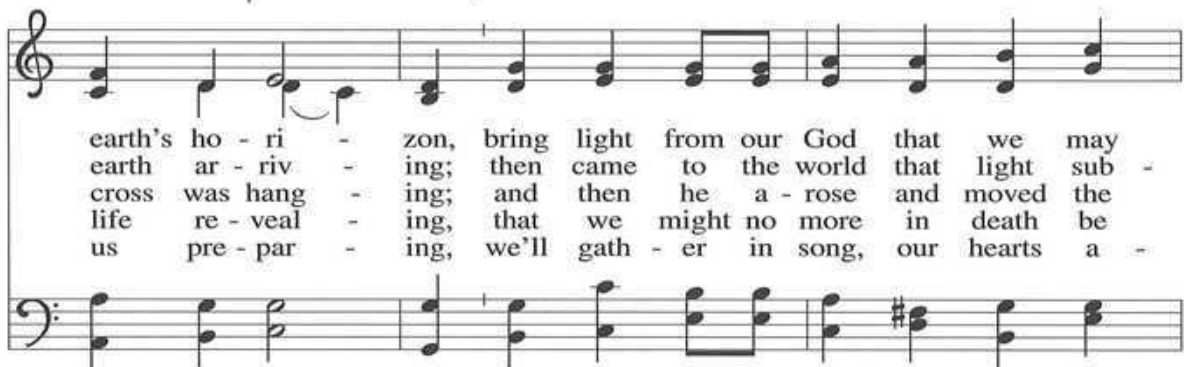
Lani Smith

Entrance Hymn: #627 O Day Full of Grace

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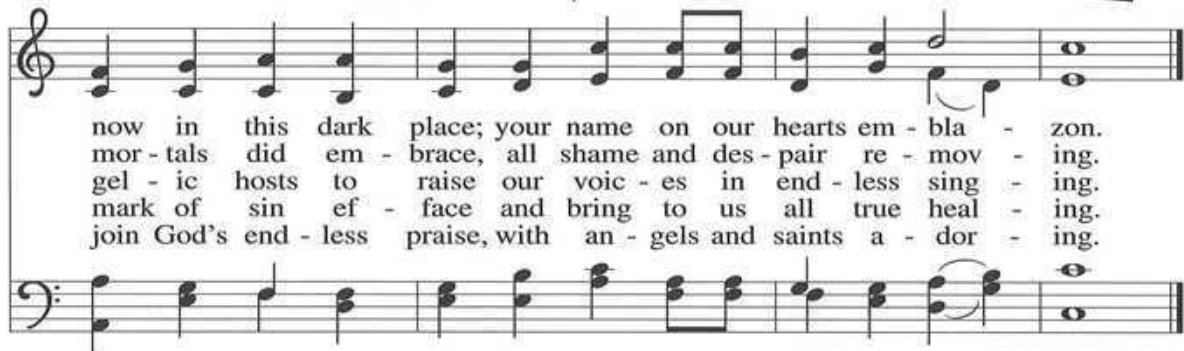
1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Kyrie

Cantor: Ky—ri—e e—le—i—son:

Congregation: Lord, have mercy:

Cantor: Chri—ste e—le—i—son:

Congregation: Christ, have mercy:

Cantor: Ky—ri—e e—le—i—son:

Congregation: Lord, have mercy:

**Congregation: *Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.***

**1.Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

***Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.***

**2.Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are
seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayers.**

***Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.***

**3.For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of God the Father. Amen**

***Final refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the Highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and
peace to God's people on earth.***

Prayer of the Day: 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.**

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 Celebrate Insert
Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Celebrate Insert
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 Celebrate Insert

Congregation: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia.
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Saint John the 20th Chapter.
Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19-23 Celebrate Insert

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.
Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Chris

Hymn of the Day: #403 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (Next Page)

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song



- 1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
 vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
 prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Apostles' Creed (Saturday)

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

Affirmation of Baptism (Sunday)

PRESENTATION:

Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of Baptism, and for those persons, one with us in the Body of Christ, who affirm their baptism this day as a sign of their participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world

Those affirming their baptisms are presented:

I present the following young men and women who desire to affirm their baptism.

Confirmands stand as their names are read, then come to the altar rail after all names read.

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

P: As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

Confirmands and congregation:

I believe in God, the Father all mighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Confirmands and congregation:

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

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands and congregation:

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.

COMMITMENT:

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to
continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and
deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each confirmand responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMANDS:

Confirmands kneel

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS:

Parents and sponsors come forward as their Confirmand's name and Bible Verse is read.

Once all are gathered, the Pastor lays hands on the head of each confirmand. Parents and sponsors lay hands on the shoulders of each person as the following blessing is said:

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *name* the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her/his* faith, guide *her/his* life, empower *her/him* in *her/his* serving, give *her/him* patience in suffering, and bring *her/him* to everlasting life.

Each Confirmand responds: AMEN

ACCLAMATION:

Pastor and Affirmers stand and face the congregation

P: Let us give thanks for those affirming baptism as we carry out the life of this Christian community and its mission in the world.

Congregation: As your sisters and brothers in the Body of Christ, we rejoice with you as you affirm your baptism. Together let us give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen!

Pastor:

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection open to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation:(sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor:

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.

Pastor:

The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

Congregation:

And also with you.

Pastor:

Greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

Hymns during communion:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: #469 By Your Hand You Feed Your People

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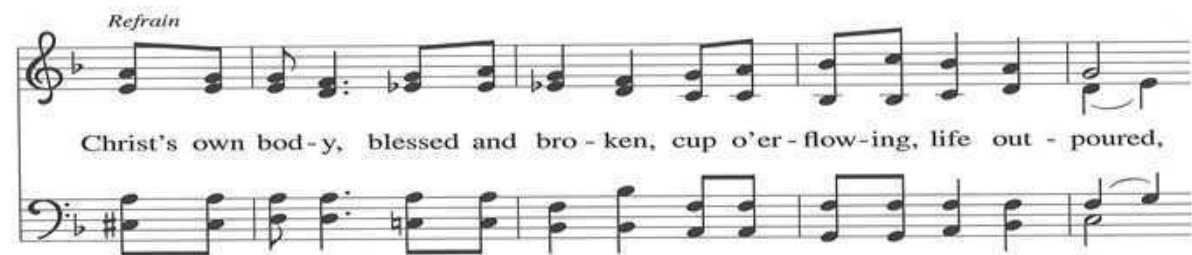


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Strengthen You and Keep You in His Grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle #200

Now, Lord, you let your servant go--in—peace: your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people:
a light—to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. **A—men.**

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.**

Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen.

Dismissal

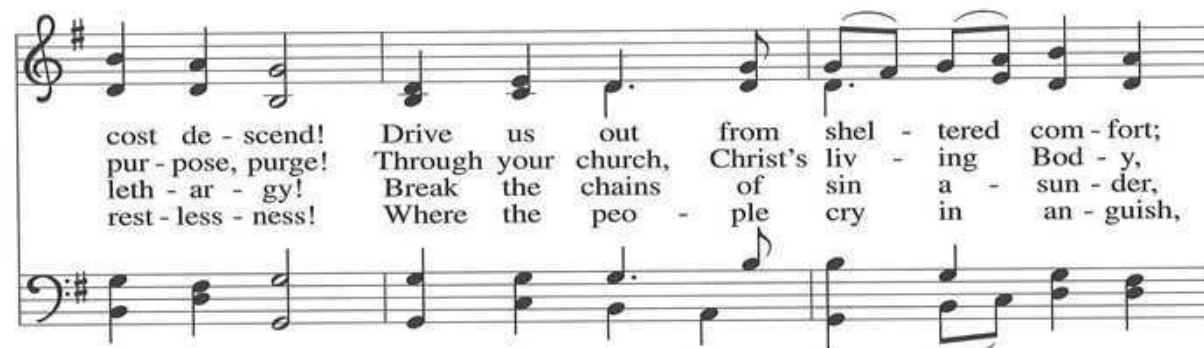
Worship Assistant: Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn: #400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

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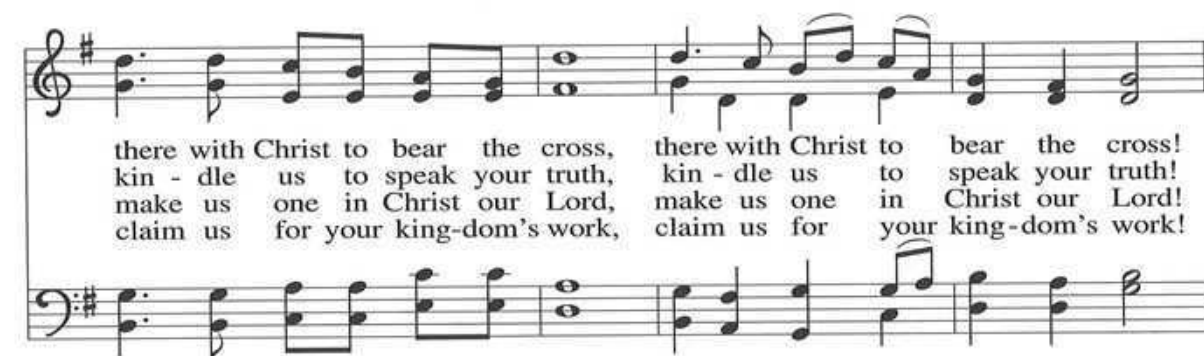
1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

*God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.*

Organ Postlude

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Each week, individuals have an opportunity to support our Worship Ministries by sponsoring altar flowers, bulletins, and radio/digital broadcasts in honor or in memory of a loved one. Altar Flowers are \$35.00. Bulletins and Digital Ministry are \$30.00 each; Radio Ministry is \$50.00

(Radio Ministry half-sponsorships are also available). (Please contact the church office at 570-622-9910 to reserve your date.)

Altar flowers provided by: *Lessie's Garden & Greenhouse*

Bulletins are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of the Confirmands affirming their Baptism by a member of Trinity.

Children's Bulletins are presented to the Glory of God and by members of the Craft Class.

Digital Ministry is presented to the Glory of God and in memory of my father, Michael J., on the anniversary of his death, and my brother, Michael David Ferugio, on his birthday, May 25th by Joan Marie & Allen

The Confirmation Class of 2026

Madelyn Teresa Amburn

Isaiah 43:2

Baptized: October 14, 2012

Parents: Charles & Melissa Amburn

Sponsors: Matthew Tobin & Jillian Winne

Ellie Marie Misstishin

Joshua 1:9

Baptized: May 20, 2012

Parents: Christopher & Allison Misstishin

Sponsors: Samuel Misstishin

Notes On The Service

Photography: Please do not take photos during the service. All photography should be reserved until after the service, when the class photographer has finished.

Special Thank You to Mike Kiehner for his support of our Confirmation program and as photographer.

Sponsors were chosen by our confirmands. As they affirm their baptism, it is appropriate that people who have guided them in their journey of faith and people who will continue to walk with them in that journey join them at the altar.

Bible Verses were selected by our confirmands. These passages are appropriate for the time of Affirmation of Baptism and were chosen as they have particular meaningful for each of them.

The Confirmands Would Like To Express Their Thanks and appreciation to their Sunday School teachers, Confirmation team, Pastor, parents, and sponsors for all the support you have provided them.

Boutonnieres are given as gifts to the confirmands from the Christian Education Committee.

Rev. Philip S. Bendle Scholarship Recipients

Matthew Angelo

Baptized: November 4, 2007

Confirmed: May 15, 2022

Senior at Schuylkill Haven High School.

Attending College at Lafayette College.

Maxum DiRenzo

Baptized: August 19, 2007

Confirmed: May 15, 2022

Senior at Pottsville Area High School.

Attending Pennsylvania College of Technology.



Rev. Philip S. Bendle Scholarship Recipients

Donald Moyer

Baptized: November 25, 2007

Confirmed: May 15, 2022

Senior at Blue Mountain High School.

Attending Ohio State University.

Tyler Sibbett

Baptized: November 18, 2007

Confirmed: May 15, 2022

Senior at Pottsville Area High School.

Attending Bloomsburg University.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION



Morgan Rich

Morgan will graduate from Lehigh University, Bethlehem with her M.A. in English. She recently was selected to speak at The University of Cambridge, Cambridge England in March. She will be pursuing her PhD in English at Lehigh University in the Fall of 2026. She is a graduate of Wilkes University and Pottsville Area High School.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION



Bryce Bauers

Bryce graduated from Pennsylvania College of Technology with an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning Technology. Bryce is also a graduate of Pottsville Area High School

Prayer List

Members of Trinity with immediate concerns: Donna Albert, Andrea Antolick, Dolores Barton, Cindy Bohr, Gary Bruen, Mike Ciccanti, Tony Downey, Albert Ebert, Paul Ebert, III, Susan Fees, Carolyn Gauntlett, Arline Hufnagle, Colleen Kline, Richard Kline, Thelma Mansfield, Missy White Marshall, Meagan McGeever, Harry Reed, Ross Rismiller, Owen Rossachacj, Cindy Seltzer, Harold Seltzer, Ron Schaeffer, Peg Schappell, Frances Thomas, Barbara Wagner, Helen Walasavage, Pat Wishousky

Members of Trinity with ongoing concerns: Donald Andrews, Twila Bair, Ruth Bensinger, Nancy Berger, Brian Bohr, Josephine Cicero, Carole Coyle, Tom Coyne, Virginia Coyne, Susan D'Ambrosio, Brenda Denning, Jodi Denning, Debbie Ebert, Joel Ebling, Benjamin Evans, Wesley Evans, Nancy Fellows, Sharon Fessler, Margaret Gretskey, Jeff Holley, Diane O'Leary-Hughes, Ruth Ann Juranis, Ruth Ann Kerrick, Jodi Klein, Kathy Kritak, Christina Linder, Betsey Lord, Dennis Lord, Andrea Madara, William Manness, Margie Mataka, Brandon Miller, Adam Morrow, Len Moser, Chester Moyer, Ray Moyer, Collin Pryce, Marilyn Reed, Suzanne Rich, Ruth Russell, Fay Russo, Paula Ryan, Jill Schaeffer, Linda Seiwel, Ida Sheeler, Jack Shuey, Donald Smith, Margaret Snyder, Sally Spotts, Barbara Staller, Terry Stank, Pastor Frank Stinner, Richard Stoltz, Colin Studlack, Jill Weaver, Brock Weber, Ellen Wesnoski, Denise Whalen, David White, Pat Wishousky, The Willard Family, Mary Jane Wilson, Sissy Wilson, Donna Wood, Karen Wood, Damon Yost

Shut-Ins: Merle Amos, Delight & Paul Ashembrier, Jeanette Augustine, Mickie Bair, Leah Brokhoff, Earlamay Downing, Marsha Ehlers, Mary Evans, Helen Harvey, Carole Kline, Nancy Pauzer, Nancy Schriener, Carolyn Spiess, Ann Spotts, Edna Uranko, Carolyn Wire, Kathryn Wodack

Nursing Home/Personal Care Residents: Yvonne Blankenhorn, Hope Fisher, Tom Fredericks, Louise Gradwell, Dianna Hutton, Mary Leary, Albert Schneider, Linda Shollenberger, Judy Thomas.

Military Personnel: Jacob Barton, Jason Beach, Audrey Burke, Christopher & Savannah Butler, Tim Campbell, Elizabeth Chattin, Andrew Clancey, Ryan Devaney, Jeff and Katie Dittmar, Noah Elison, Brian and Joshua Fetterman, Joshua Fredericks, Kevin Gregory, Sean Grube, Seth Grube, Joshua Hager, Wil Hanson, , Edward Mady, Tom McMurtrie, Ryan Miller, Ashton Muncy, Allison Ney, John Nomland, Aaron Oswald, Eddie Padinski, Kevin Potts, Larry Reedy, Zachary Reichert, Michael and Stephen Reier, Steven Sleva, Nicholas Starner, Jamie Watt

Family Members/Friends: Kathy Abraham, Karen Alban, Joseph Alfonsi, George Allison, Michael Allen, Catherine Eleanor Ambrose, Michelle Ambrose, Mackensie Archibald, Millie Bachert, Bonnie Baker, Martha Balboa, Sando Barnes, Lisa Bashore, Kathy Bauers, Bob & Christine Baum, David Bechtel, Dennis Benjamin, Timothy Beissel, Olivia Bensinger, Pastor Jim Berggren, Tawnya Bickelman, Heather Boltz, Linda Borchardt, Ron Boris, Bobby Bowers,

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Those who mourn: Especially the family and friends of James Honicker, Carol Martin, Wilmer Burkholder.

TRINITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Saturday, May 23	6:00 pm	Worship
Sunday, May 24	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Sunday School
Monday, May 25	Office Closed	Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 26	10:00 am	Exercise Club
	7:00pm	Finance Committee
Wednesday, May 27	1:00pm	Red Cross Blood Mobile
Thursday, 28	1:00 pm	Trip to the Civil War Museum & Lunch
Friday, May 29	10:00 am	Exercise Club

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat. May 23	Pastor Chris		
Sun. May 24	Pastor Chris	Debbie Sheehan	Brandon Miller

STATEMENT OF CONGREGATIONAL MISSION: TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Trinity Lutheran Church is a worshipping, learning, witnessing, and serving community of baptized Christians. It is a welcoming place where the Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are celebrated according to the Gospel. As a community of believers, we challenge each other to respond to the call of our Lord to love and minister to persons at home and throughout the world. We encourage each other to share our time, our talents, and gifts to further the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. In these ways, we bear witness to the love we have first received from God through Jesus Christ.
*Adopted by the Congregation
 January 25, 1998*

“THE CONNECTING LINK”

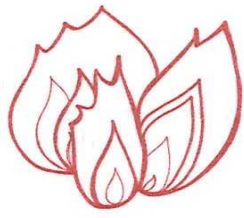
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Celebrate

Day of Pentecost
May 24, 2026

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed

and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"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.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit,

and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above

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First Reading, continued

and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

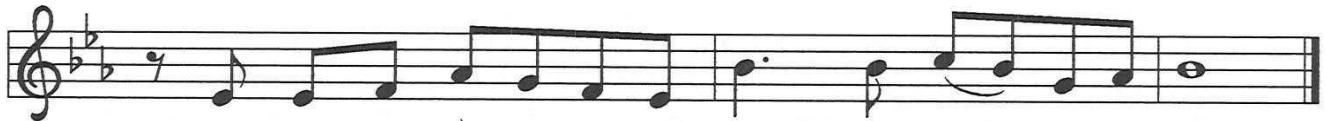
before the coming of the Lord's
great and glorious day.
²¹Then everyone who calls on the name
of the Lord shall be saved.'"

or Numbers 11:24-30 [not printed]

The spirit of God rested upon seventy elders in Israel who had been chosen to share the burden of leadership with Moses. When some became jealous that two others also had the spirit and could prophesy, Moses said that he hoped that all of God's people would be prophets.

Psalm

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; refrain, Ps. 104:30



Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

How manifold are your | works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.

²⁶There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season. **R**

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. **R**

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.

³⁴May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

^{35b}Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah! **R**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another

the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For 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. ¹³For 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.

or Acts 2:1-21 [see First Reading]

Gospel

John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they

saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

or John 7:37-39 [not printed]

Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as living water, quenching the thirst of all who come to him and filling the hearts of believers until they overflow.

TLC May 23—May 29, 2026

YOUTH / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday School for all ages has returned!!!

Join our beginners Sunday school class (for ages 3 years to Kindergarten) on an adventure...we will travel back in time to experience stories of the Bible. We'll join Chris, Joy, and Gizmo the Robot as they help tell all the stories.

There will be snacks and craft time after the story.

First Communion & Confirmation for youth 5th grade & above.

Adult Sunday School Class

The last of Sunday School will be May 24th and it will resume in the fall.

Our kids would love YOUR help!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!!!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Bulletins: 6/14/2026, 6/28/2026

Radio Ministry: 5/31/2026

Digital Ministry: 5/31/2026

If you would like to sponsor any of the dates above, please call Melissa in the church office (570) 622-9910

THANK YOU

A big thank you to those who purchased geraniums for Pentecost!

You can pick up your geraniums on Sunday after the service or Tuesday, May 26th.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Do you have a graduate that you would like to recognize?

Please send us a picture and a blurb about the graduate, and they could be graduating college, high school, kindergarten, or preschool. You can put the picture and info in an envelope and put it in the plate or email Melissa at mamburn@trinitypottsville.org

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Prayer Shawl Ministry

To date, more than 65 shawls have been distributed to recipients experiencing difficult times. Please keep that ministry in mind if you identify someone in that situation. Anyone is welcome to pick up and deliver a shawl/blanket/lap cover to anyone in need. Please just sign out in log so each recipient doesn't receive duplicates. As pages are filled, please just place new one on top, but filled pages are always available. Anyone talented in crocheting and knitting is welcome to participate so this ministry can continue. Start-up supplies are available in the Prayer Shawl room off Main Sunday School for your use. Thank you.

Recycling Projects

Please continue to save newspapers, prescription and non-prescription glasses and sunglasses. We are also restarting our collection for pull-tabs from aluminum cans. All your efforts to date have been greatly appreciated and will continue till the end of the year.

Blessing Bags

We will be making blessing bags to give to My Father's House—Servants for All. We will be collecting items for the bags such as: Toiletries: Travel-sized items like toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, & moisturizer/hand cream.

Personal items: Feminine Hygiene, washcloths or face/body wipes, Body wash, Shaving Cream, Dental floss, & a comb/brush.

Non-perishable foods: Granola bars, Energy Bars, Tuna/cracker packs, Trail mix, Raisins, Peanuts, & Fruit cup.

Hydration: Water bottles or disposable cups.

Basic necessities: Socks, Men & Women's underwear (new).

Gift Cards: For additional resources or meals.

SENIOR/FAMILY MINISTRY

May

Trip to the **National Civil War Museum** in Harrisburg with lunch to follow at **Duke's** on the waterfront **Thursday, May 28th.**

June

Join us **June 11th** for lunch and ice cream at **Fox Meadows**. Their food and ice cream is delicious you will be glad you came.

Come along with us as we picnic at **Sweet Arrow Lake** on Thursday, **June 18th** and a stop at Buddy's Log Cabin for ice cream on the way home!

Join us for wonderful day in Hershey as we tour the beautiful **Hershey Gardens and Butterfly Garden**. Afterwards we will be having lunch at the **Chocolatier**. Sign up for this delightful trip in the church office before **Thursday, June 25th**.

UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Night at the Reading Phillies

Trinity night at the Reading Phillies! Sunday, August 2nd. We will be in the Moyer Auto Group Deck like we were last year. The buffet will from 4:15pm-6:45pm with the game starting at 5:15pm. The Phillies are playing the Binghamton Rumble Ponies. Join us for a great day at the ball park! Cost is \$36/person for your ticket. If you are interested, please stop in or call the Church Office,



34th Annual BESH Invitational

Monday, May 25, 2026 Modified Shotgun 8am and Picnic starts at 11am. Interested in Golfing Contact Ris at 570-640-3635.

\$80— Golf, Drinks, & Food
\$25—Picnic

Pay via Venmo (Kemjris) or Cash.
Proceeds go to The Besh Rismiller

Carillon Fund at Trinity Lutheran Church.



UPCOMING GROUP MEETINGS AT TRINITY

FRIEDA HOH

June—Frieda Hoh will meet at the home of Susan Morgan on June 16th at 6:00pm. Members are asked to bring desserts.

CIRCLE V

June—In June we are planning a visit to the BAA Girl Weavers at Walk In Art Center in Sch. Haven. After our visit there will be a picnic lunch to follow at Bubeck Park in Haven. Tentative date for June outing is Tuesday, 6/23/26. Details on outing and lunch to follow.

