

Trinity Tidings

June 2, 2020
News

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Do you have extra fishing supplies that could be given to the Afghan men whom we are supporting? We will support them with supplies and pay for licenses. Please bring any supplies and financial support to the church office.



June 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Sunday, June 5

- Worship 9 AM
- Church Clean-Up 10 AM

Monday, June 6

Tuesday, June 7

- Financial Resources 6:30 PM

Wednesday, June 8

Thursday, June 9

- Bible Study 9 AM
- Yarn Crafting 5:30 PM
- Carport Clutch 6:00 PM

Friday, June 10

Saturday, June 11

- Baby Shower 12 noon

Sunday, June 12

- Worship 9 AM
- Family Activity 10 AM

The most current calendar and worship services can be found at

www.trinitynewlondon.com.

Celebrate Pentecost
by wearing red to
church this Sunday!

**OUTSIDE
& INSIDE
CLEAN UP**
Sunday, June 5
after worship



Many hands make light work



Healing:

- Jill Maus - sister-in-law of Denise Knudsen, cancer
- Adam Lehmann - health concerns
- Carole Ebert - cancer
- Larry Leatz - friend of Tom & Sue Luba, cancer
- Tami - friend of Amy Van Dreeel, recovering from spinal surgery
- Trista Jo Blank - health concerns
- Bonnie Wegner - cancer
- Tina Bartelt - cancer
- Cindy Wolford - cancer
- Kathy Feeney Rueckert - friend of Sue Luba, medical issues
- Helen Massey - health concerns
- Jackie Janke - health concerns
- Dawn Haag - cancer
- Gerald Schroeder - health concerns
- Ginger Massey - relative of Helen Massey
- Anna Roberts - cancer
- Sam Ives - health issues

Those in the military:

- Shane Borree
- SSGT Zachary Abel

SAVE THE DATES

06/12
07/10
07/31

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Worship will include a children's message and then stay after church for some family fun!



Sandy Krueger and Kerri Kohls will be giving meal participants in June the choice of macaroni and cheese or a grilled hot dog. The June meal is Wednesday, June 29, from 5-6 pm.

The Community Meals committee is looking for donations of:

- * Healthy snacks (e.g. apple sauce, raisins, raisins, fruit cups, granola/protein bars, jerky, etc.)
- * Desserts

PLEASE NO NUTS and NO ITEMS REQUIRING REFRIGERATION. Place in deck box outside of church.

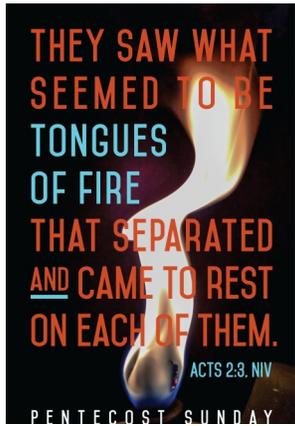




First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

¹When 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 nation 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, "Men of Judea 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 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.' "

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How 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 many 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. 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 endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works. 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.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a

spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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ROMANS 8:14, NRSV



Gospel: John 14:8-17; 25-27

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

⁸Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

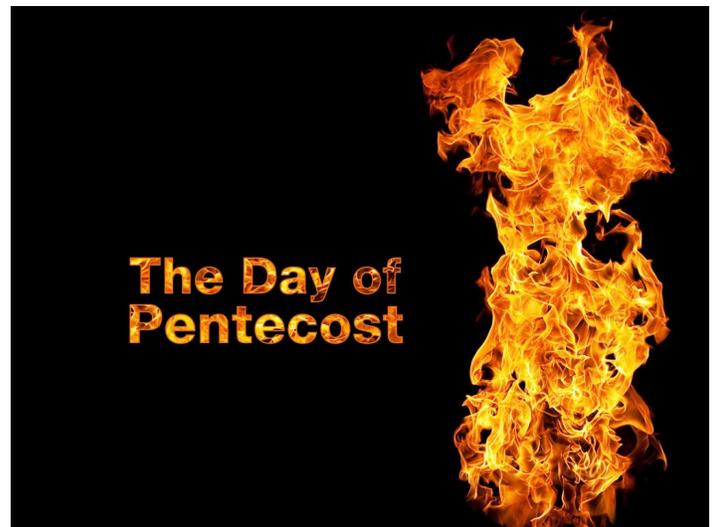
¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This 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.

²⁵"I have said

these things to you while I am still with you.

²⁶But 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. ²⁷Peace 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."



Read passages in Hebrew, and Greek.

Everybody get that?

You do not understand unless you have studied the language.

"it all sounds Greek to me."

It took a lot of work to learn Hebrew and Greek.

It did not happen overnight.

Sometimes even when we speak the same language we can still misunderstand one another.

I feel old when I do not understand some expressions my kids use.

Example: "What's the T?" means "what is the word, news?"

Figures of speech and puns can be fun.

We need to make sure we communicate clearly with one another to avoid misunderstandings.

Jesus' disciples, up until his death, did not understand his mission.

He had been telling them over and over that he would suffer and die and rise on the third day.

They did not get it.

He spoke clearly but to no avail.

There are multiple indications in this and preceding stories that the "good news" was rather difficult news for Jesus' disciples and many of his followers to swallow —and for good reason. There simply was no precedent in Israelite tradition (at least none that we are aware of) for the notion that God's messiah would be crucified. In fact, this was counter-intuitive to the extreme. The messiah was to cast down the Romans and their elite allies from their lofty thrones, and banish their oppressive ways, not fall victim to them!

However, after his resurrection he comes to them to give them the evidence they needed to believe and understand.

The book of Acts, which is Luke part two, begins with Jesus' ascension and then continues to Pentecost.

This was a Jewish harvest festival that is transformed into the giving of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit comes literally to fire up the disciples and give them understanding.

Without the Spirit there would be no church. Without the Spirit Jesus could not have fulfilled his mission and then pass it on to his followers.

The disciples could not come to faith on their own.

They needed help.

It is an incredible scene.

People speaking all kinds of different languages at once.

Not everyone there believed. Some scoffed at the whole thing, accused disciples of being drunk.

However, the disciples are now literally blown into the world to share the good news of Christ crucified and risen.

It's a reversal of the old Tower of Babel story. People decide to "play God" and build a tower. But God causes confusion by giving them multiple languages at once and nobody could communicate with one another.

Now at Pentecost God uses the different languages to bring everyone together in unity to believe in and follow Christ.

Jesus still sends us the Spirit to keep us in the faith, to keep the mission going.

Faith is hard at times.

It is difficult to understand God's ways.

However, the Holy Spirit continues to blow.

It often blows quietly, not always through a spectacular Pentecost experience.

It blows when we hear the Word and it speaks to us in new ways.

It blows when we are inspired to acts of kindness and grace.

The Spirit provides us opportunities every day for ministry.

Three of us on Wednesday went to see Azim, a young Afghan refugee along with four others we are helping.

A remarkable young man.

Through the Spirit we have begun a relationship that we never would have thought possible.

Through the Spirit we can stay in relationship with God through thick and thin, even when things are tough, when they do not make sense.

It is not up to us to have everything figured out.

The Spirit works through our limitations, our weaknesses.

When we are weak, the Spirit is strong.

John Stott: "We do not need to wait for the Spirit to come. He came on the day of Pentecost. He has never left the church."

Blow spirit blow! Amen.

Serving at worship this Sunday

Ushers

Woody Haag, Bill Krejcarek

Lector

Carol Cleveland

Slides

Dawn Haag

Communion Assistant

Carol Cleveland

Altar Guild

Kathryn Moser, Allison Kurth