



The Trinitarian

*Trinity welcomes all to a community in Christ;
serving others, growing in faith,
living in hope, and reaching out in love.*

May 2018

What is Pentecostal?

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was . . . a strong wind blowing, Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

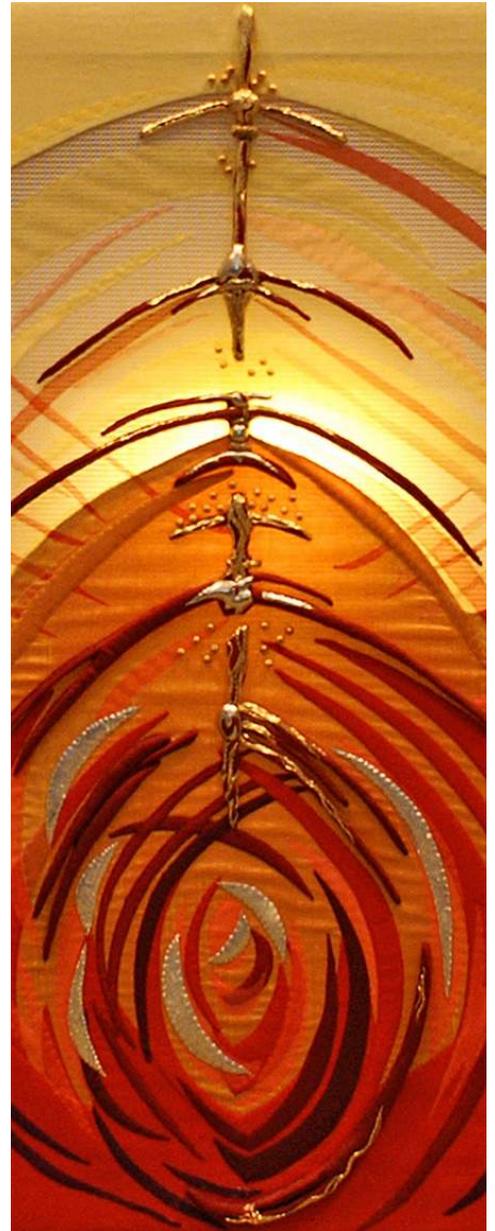
There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. . . . They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, "These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? We are from Parthia, Media, and Elam; from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia; from Pontus and Asia, from Phrygia and Pamphylia, from Egypt and the regions of Libya near Cyrene. Some of us are from Rome, both Jews and Gentiles converted to Judaism, and some of us are from Crete and Arabia—yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!" Amazed and confused, they kept asking . . . "What does this mean?" But others made fun of the believers, saying, "These people are drunk!"

Some people think that being Pentecostal is to speak in a language that no one can understand – or to be a part of a group where many people simultaneously start speaking in a language that no one understands.

In fact, what happened at Pentecost was just the opposite. Pentecost was not about one person or a few people talking in a language that no one understood. Pentecost was about every person hearing and understanding no matter what their language, religion, race, gender, or nation.

My internship congregation in Brooklyn sponsored a refugee family from Southeast Asia. The day they arrived I visited them.

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President's Message: May 2018

After six years serving on Trinity's Council and one year serving as President it is now time for me to step aside. I must say that I value the time that I have spent on the Council. I am normally a quiet individual, but serving on the Council enabled me to meet people that I would probably not have gotten to know otherwise. It was a pleasure getting to know all of you and I thank you for your support, fellowship, and friendship. Serving on the Council also introduced me to the various groups and committees that serve our church. The dedication and devotion of these people has truly inspired me, and it has opened my eyes to the Holy Spirit working within our congregation. I am impressed with the many quiet, humble programs at Trinity that very deeply show the love of Christ. The humility and the quiet commitment to serve our neighbors that is shown by the members of Trinity are truly moving and I want to thank each and every one of you that serve our church and our community. You are an inspiration and you show the light of Christ's love in our world. Lastly, I would like to thank Pastor Berner for his leadership, his guidance, his love of our congregation, and his friendship. It has been a wonderful experience and one that I treasure and value.

James T

Congregation Council

Highlights from April Meeting

1. Annie A, Financial Secretary, presented three updated financial reports covering the first three months of 2018, a robust picture.
2. Pastor Berner reported that there is a continuing difference between insurance and contractor estimates regarding flood damage repair. Hagen S continuing negotiations.
3. James T, President of Council, will convene a working group to review our 2015 Strategic Plan along with recent input from the BTAB Committee, assess our progress and plan the way forward.

Fred S

Faith Story

My faith has been so constant in my life that I don't usually think a lot about it and only really came to appreciate it as an adult.

I was baptized in the Lutheran church when I was about six weeks old. As a child, I attended church and Sunday School each week with my family; I went to a Lutheran college, attended a Lutheran church during graduate school, and came to Trinity within a few weeks of moving to Maryland.

It wasn't until I brought my husband, John, to Trinity and he told me how the faith he grew up differed, that I think I really appreciated the message of God's love and grace that I had been told all my life. God loves us all and calls on us to love others. God forgives our sins, and through the mercy of Jesus Christ, we who believe are saved by God's grace.

I try and share that message with my children and Sunday School students just as my parents and Sunday School teachers did with me as a child. I hope that they will come to appreciate their faith and share God's love and grace.

Jeanine B



Good Shepherd Sunday just happened, and it's one of my favorite Sundays of the year. I have lived with "Lassie" my whole life. Literally, I have been herded from the moment I was born. I got home from the hospital as a baby, and the collies in the house decided that I was their sheep. Windy slept under my crib at night, and laid next to my playpen during the day. In high school, Ginger was my shadow. If I was sick, she was right there to comfort me. Kristi was a therapy dog at the National Lutheran Home, and she had her people that she ran to every time we were there. Jack protected me from bears when I lived at the camp. Jack also shepherded and protected the camp staff as well. He knew that it was his job to protect his flock. Just like all the collies, Jesus leads us and lays his life down for us.

Anita S

Director of Youth & Family Ministry



Junior Youth Group - 5. May - Head on over to Trinity from 2-4 pm for Tacos! Please let Anita know if you will be attending.

Youth Group End of the Year Party - 20. May - We will be gathering at Pinstripes from 1-3 pm! See you then!

Recognition of Graduates - Sunday 3. June
We will recognize graduates from High School, College, and Graduate School on Sunday, 3. June. Please let Anita know when you are graduating, from what school, and where your adventures are leading you!

The Annual Sunday School Picnic
Sunday, 10. June, 12:00 noon - Rain or Shine!
We need your help to bring food items to the fun picnic. Those with surnames:
A – K bring dessert
L – Z bring a salad or side dish
Chicken and beverages will be provided.
Join us for great food, a moon-bounce, games and fellowship following the 10:45 service on Sunday 10. June!

Anita S
Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Trinity's Annual Picnic Sunday 10. June

We are looking to borrow shade canopies and yard games for Trinity's Annual Picnic on Sunday 10. June. If you own an item(s) to share please sign-up online at <http://bit.ly/tlcpicnic> or contact Leslie C.



Annual Mother's Day Supplies Drive



As Mother's Day approaches, so does our annual supplies drive for LSS! This year We are collecting items that have to do with. . . babies! LSS helps many young families, and often there are new mothers coming over without the supplies that their baby needs. We will be collecting baby supplies to put in diaper bags for the LSS Refugee and Immigration Services in order to help! Here is a list of what we are collecting:

- Diapers, for Newborns
- Diapers, for older kids sizes (2, 3, 4)
- Diaper bags
- For each diaper bag: 2-3 burp cloths, 1-2 pacifiers, a baby blanket, a package of wet wipes, diaper cream, digital thermometer, baby nail clippers, and baby bath wash.

We will start collecting items on 13. May and continue to collect items until 20. May. If you have any questions, please contact Robyn K.

Robyn B K

Special Handbell Concert



The 29th annual handbell concert, featuring the combined choirs of Trinity and Holy Trinity, will be on Saturday 19. May at 6:30 PM. This year's concert will be at Holy Trinity Lutheran, 7606 Sandy Spring Road, Laurel, MD.

Come join us for this delightful musical extravaganza, which will include handbells, flute, percussion, and some fun surprises. Admission, parking, and reception are all free! A good time will be had by all. If you enjoy hearing our handbell choir play, you will love hearing two handbell choirs together. We hope to see you there!

Meet Our Afghan Families
Potluck Dinner
Saturday 23. June at 5:30 pm

Join us for a potluck dinner on Saturday, June 23, at 5:30 P.M. with the special guests being the Afghan families we have co-sponsored in partnership with Lutheran Social Services (LSS). This is your opportunity to meet Aziz and Sediqa and Shahpur and Hilay and their children. Bring a main dish, side, salad or dessert to share, and enjoy an evening of fine food and fellowship. Beverages will be provided.

Halal meat is their only dietary restriction, so please label your dish if made with halal meat to help our Afghan friends with their choices at the buffet table. Everything else is fine. Labels for all dishes may help them with unfamiliar foods. Please contact Lynn B or Kathy T with any questions. See you there!

Kathy T

First Communion!

During Sunday School Hour on 6. May and 13. May First Communion classes will be held for 5th Graders and all those whose parents feel that their youth are ready to receive Communion. Please speak with Pastor or Anita if



you would like your child to participate. We will celebrate the Faith Stepping Stone of First Communion on Sunday 20. May.

Trinity Men's Group Meeting – May
Wednesday 9. May, at 1:00 PM
at Dick J's home.



What is Holy Communion? Part 1



Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink.

Where do the Scriptures say this?

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Paul say:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me." After the same manner also he took the cup after supper, and when he had giving thanks, he gave to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Prayer

Gracious God, just as you gave us new birth in Baptism, nourish us through your sacred meal of Holy Communion. And, like a loving parent, care for us and feed us through your Word made flesh. We know that we receive it as a tangible gift from your bountiful goodness. Empower us to share that gift and invite others to the table. Amen.

Bloomin' Spring Sale

The Village at Rockville Auxiliary celebrates their 77th anniversary on Saturday 5. May from 9:30 am - 1 pm with the Bloomin' Spring Sale.



A National Lutheran Community

Proceeds benefit resident activities. Shop for Mother's Day! Plants, Pastries, Flower Pots, Jewelry, Gifts, and more!

Address:
9701 Viers Drive, Rockville



Birthdays

1 Kathy L
 3 Leah M
 Anya N
 5 Madeline B
 6 Bob C
 9 Noah M
 10 Tigist G
 11 Luke W
 14 Kevin D
 Billie J
 17 Jeffery S
 Katherine S
 Chris T
 18 Frederick V
 Salama N
 22 Jameson H
 Katie L
 23 Len S
 24 Julia L
 25 Ginger H
 Steve S
 26 Karen T

Baptismal Days

1 Peggy J
 Dan S
 3 Atticus D
 Logan D
 James M
 5 Margaret F
 Mina
 9 Margo W
 10 Tigist G
 11 Luke W
 15 Adelyn C
 16 Anusha A
 Kathy H
 Kristine S
 17 Ben N
 Nicholas S
 19 Leslie C
 20 Cathy C
 Nancy M
 21 Garrett P
 22 Ann K
 27 Alarich L
 28 Inna S
 31 Hudson S

Wedding Anniversaries

5 TJ & Lindsey D
 6 Shirley & Wes O
 10 Kathy & Charles T
 14 Kristin & Todd G
 17 Lynn & Bud B
 18 Kathy H & Robert P
 21 Shannon & Joe M
 22 Xin & Christopher S
 25 Scott & Kristina S
 27 Amanda & Chris M
 29 Karin & Terrence H
 30 Lily & Keith C
 Debbie D & Don P

Deaths

Paul F – *brother of Patricia S*
 + 13. April 2018
 David S – *husband of Lineth S*
 & son of Len S
 + 26. April 2018

Attention Bread Bakers!

Trinity has a tradition of providing Communion Bread in place of wafers during the Easter Season. We are again asking volunteers to sign up to bake bread for a specific Sunday (seven in all). We provide the recipes; you provide the labor of love. The two loaves may be dropped off before the early service, or left in the church refrigerator the day before. The Sign-Up Sheet is on the Social Hall's bulletin board. Copies of the approved recipes are located in the Altar Guild Mailbox in the copier/mail room. Please contact Carol B with any questions.



Rides to Church

Have you missed Trinity events because you lacked transportation? Trinity has missed you too and the following members of the congregation would like to provide you with a ride to Trinity events:



Need a Ride to Church?

20886 Carol B
 20850 Marilyn C
 20850 Margaret F
 20854 Peggy & Dick J
 20854 Miriam M
 20853 Nancy N
 20866 Len S

Zip codes are provided to aid in finding a driver close to you. Do not hesitate to call. If you would like volunteer to drive, call Dick J.

The Pastor's Message *continued from page 1*

I was anxious about what I would say. I didn't speak word of Hmong. When they answered the door, I was immediately invited into the living room with three men who were all smiles. They spoke Hmong and I responded to what I could not understand in English, which they did not understand. Soon food (that looked like a challenge to my very being) and tea were served. When I walked back to church I started to realize that we all understood one another very well – not our words – but we were united in a spirit of peace and hope.

For the few months remaining of my internship, the family came to worship every Sunday – they did not understand a word of the liturgy or the hymns. At first, I wondered why they did this – if they could not understand what we were saying. It was only later that I came to understand they understood perfectly what we were doing.

So, what is Pentecostal? The Book of Acts describes being Pentecostal as gathering with people from all over the world – all races, genders, cultures, religions – and understanding the grace and peace of God in Jesus, that is given to us, undeservedly. That sounds like Trinity!

The Creed says that the workshop of the Holy Spirit is the Church, the body of Christ in the world today. Like the first Pentecost, the church is: One (all together and all understood); Holy (set apart / transformed by the gift of God in Jesus Christ; Catholic (from every race and nation); and Apostolic (following in the life Jesus taught to the disciples). That sounds like Trinity!

Luther describes being Pentecostal as being called, gathered, enlightened by God, and set apart to be witnesses to the death and resurrection of Christ to the ends of the earth. That sounds like Trinity!

So – are you Pentecostal? The Bible, the Creed and Luther all say that you are very Pentecostal.

Pentecostally Yours,


Pastor

2018 Mission Endowment Awards

The Mission Endowment Fund will present six awards May during worship, totaling \$4,516.00. The awards have been chosen based on nominations received from the congregation and committee members.

Since 2006, including this year's awards, the Mission Endowment Fund has awarded a total of \$44,989.45.45 . . . it is the gift that keeps on giving!

The recipients of this year's awards are:

Special Program & Building Purposes of Trinity Church

Trinity Youth Mission Trip	\$ 564.00
Trinity Church	\$ 565.00

Special Community Ministries

Southeast Ministries	\$ 565.00
Bethesda Help	\$ 564.00

Special Benevolence Projects

Community of St. Dysmas an ELCA congregation in MD prisons	\$ 565.00
Ev. Lutheran Church in Botswana, evangelism in village of Pilane	\$ 564.00

Please consider gifts in honor or memory of loved ones or as part of estate planning – and no gift is too small. It's simple—just note *Trinity's Mission Endowment Fund* on the envelope and on the notes section of your check or use the designated envelopes in the pews. The Fund also accepts bequests of money, real estate or stock certificates.

Kim B

Chair, Mission Endowment Fund

Work of the Churches in and Around Jerusalem

His Excellency Benjamin Netanyahu
Prime Minister of the State of Israel

The Honorable Nir Barkat
Mayor of the Jerusalem Municipality



March 13, 2018

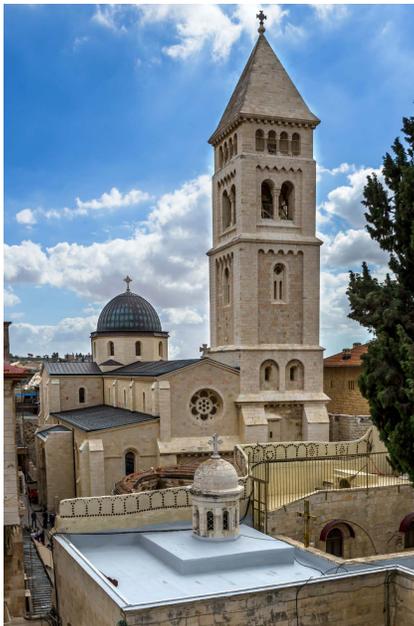
Dear Mr. Prime Minister, dear Mr. Mayor,

As heads of churches and communions in the United States, we write to express our strong concern about recent legal proposals and tax plans that would severely inhibit the work of the churches in and around Jerusalem. If enacted, these measures would have the effect of creating a situation that jeopardizes the very survival of the Christian community in the Holy Land.

We have expressed to the Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem, in the enclosed letter, our firm solidarity with them during this crisis, including by strong advocacy before our own government.

We know of the myriad of activities in which the churches there are engaged, such as education, health care and pilgrimages, and we recognize that they are integral to the churches' mission and of major benefit to the Jerusalem community beyond the churches.

We ask that you end measures that disrupt the Status Quo. We have pledged to the church leaders in Jerusalem our unwavering support for all peaceful and lawful measures they may pursue to ensure the preservation and flourishing of the Christian community now and in the future.



Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Jerusalem

In God's grace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

His Eminence Archbishop Vicken Aykazian
Ecumenical Director and Legate,
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston
President
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop
Episcopal Church (United States)



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May Highlights

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| 5. May | Jr Youth Group | 2-4 pm |
| 9. May | Men's Group | 1 pm |
| 13-20. May | Mother's Day Supplies
Collection Drive | |
| 19. May | Annual Combined
Handbell Festival at Holy
Trinity, Laurel | 6:30 pm |
| 20. May | Youth Group
Year-End Party | 1-3 pm |
| | First Communion Sunday | |
| | LSS Baby Shower | |

Red Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday

20. May 2018



Deadline for ordering
13. May 2018

I wish to order _____ red geraniums
@ \$5.00 each

Given by _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

You may place your order form and cash or check, made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, in the flower envelope (which you will find in the card rack in the pews), and place the envelope in the offering plate, mail it to the church.