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FOCUS The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reaches to all who belong to Christ, granting a renewed and eternal life. In his Letter to Titus, Paul writes of the salvation of God our Savior and the renewal of the Holy Spirit that is for all God’s people. Assuring us that we are God’s children, the Spirit enables us to address God as our Father with all boldness and confidence—as Martin Luther affirms in his explanation of the Lord’s Prayer. When we are directed by the Spirit, our daily lives are ordered in such a way that we continually walk in a heavenly direction. The Spirit shapes our lives of prayer and of worship, interceding for us—and with us—as we worship in spirit and truth.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG “Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)” Tomlin/Cash

You hear me when I call. You are my morning song.
Though darkness fills the night, It cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear? You crush the enemy underneath my feet.
You are my sword and shield, though troubles linger still. Whom shall I fear?

Chorus: I know Who goes before me, I know Who stands behind:
The God of angel armies is always by my side!
The One who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine.
The God of angel armies is always by my side!

My strength is in Your name, For You alone can save.
You will deliver me. Yours is the victory. Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear??
(*Chorus*)

Bridge: (And) nothing formed against me shall stand!
You hold the whole world in Your hands.
I'm holding on to Your promises;
You are faithful, You are faithful. (*Repeat*)

(*Chorus x2*)
The God of angel armies is always by my side.

INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalms 43:3, 5b; 66:4

L Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

L Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

C let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

L Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,

C my salvation and my God.

L All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;

C they sing praises to Your name.

PRAYER

SONG

“Holy Spirit”

Torwalt/Torwalt

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close

No thing can compare, You're our living hope Your Presence Lord

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves

Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone Your Presence Lord

Chorus: Holy Spirit You are welcome here

Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere

Your glory God is what our hearts long for

To be overcome by Your Presence Lord Your Presence Lord

(Repeat from beginning)

Let us become more aware of Your Presence

Let us experience the glory of Your goodness *(Repeat)*

Let us become more aware of Your Presence

Let us experience the glory of Your goodness Lord *(Chorus)*

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OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 37:1–14

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones.² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley,

and behold, they were very dry.³ And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.”⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.”⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.⁸ And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.”¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.¹¹ Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’”¹² Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

EPISTLE

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”¹² And all were

amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

[Jesus said] “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. ... that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

NICENE CREED

C 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 worshipped 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.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

SONG

“Empty Me”

Way/Corner

Holy Fire, burn away my desire for anything That is not of You and is of me;
I want more of You and less of me (yeah) *(Repeat)*

Chorus: Empty me, empty me (yeah)
 Fill, won't You fill me with You, With You (yeah)

Holy Fire, burn away my desire for anything
That is not of You and is of me; I want more of You and less of me (yeah) *(Chorus x3)*

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Confession and Forgiveness

Psalms 38:18, 22; 140:6; 145:8

- L** With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **for the LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- L** I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.
- C** **Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**
- L** I say to the LORD, You are my God;
- C** **give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

L In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.

C **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting. Amen.**

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Grant Your blessing, O Lord, on the Church here and in all places, that You will confirm it in the Gospel, inspire it with unity and peace, and extend and prosper it throughout the world. Grant that the Holy Spirit continually call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the Church and keep it in the one true faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Confident of Your care, we pray for our families, those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship, and for all who are part of the household of faith. We also pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those in need, [*especially . . .*]. Grant that the Holy Spirit move us to be those who live out our Gospel calling in deeds of love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Bless, we pray You, the nations of the world that there be times of peace and security. Remember in Your grace our schools, hospitals, homes for the aged, and all charitable institutions. Bless those who minister to human need, whether of body, mind, or spirit, and grant them wisdom, strength, and love for You and those in their care. Let Your blessing rest upon the seedtime and harvest, commerce and industry, leisure and the arts, and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose toil is difficult or dangerous and be with all who contribute to the well-being of our society. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives until that day when we share in the marriage supper of the Lamb and in Your glorious presence in heaven.

C **Amen.**

The LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION— ** Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

COMMUNION SONG “You Are My King”

Footnote

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted; You were condemned.

I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me Because You died and rose again.

(Repeat)

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it's true; It's my joy to honor You. *(Repeat)*

In all I do I honor You.

You are my King, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted; You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me Because You died and rose again.
Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; It's my joy to honor You.
In all I do I honor You. In all I do let me honor You!

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BLESSING

SERMON

“The Final Battle”

Rev. Timothy D. Smith

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

CLOSING SONG

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Kendrick

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence, From the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness; Shine on me, shine on me. (*Refrain*)
3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me. (*Refrain*)

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ELDERS: *5pm—Todd Hauer; 11am—Raun Egner, Skyler Lynn*

ACOLYTES: *5pm—Kristen Rohde; 11am—*

TECH: *5pm— ; 11am—*

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

BLENDDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

WORSHIP SCHEDULE—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

LARGE PRINT—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex, or you may ask the usher for one.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS—for ages 3-6 years & 7-12 years old, are available on the table in the Narthex.

NURSERY—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery located near the Narthex will be available for parent use on Sunday mornings. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8 School, our Childcare (*infant—13 years*), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.

RESTROOMS—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.

JOINING TRINITY—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.

VISION STATEMENT:

To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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