

diverse people to exercise divine power. This would be a sign of the coming "day of the Lord" (Acts 2:16-21; Joel 2:28-32). Peter went on to explain that Jesus had been raised and had poured out the Spirit in fulfillment of God's promise. When the crowd asked what they should do, Peter urged them to turn their lives around and be baptized in the name of Jesus. Then they would be forgiven and would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (2:37-39). Acts reports that about 3,000 people were added to the church that day (2:41).

So, today we celebrate the great gift of the Holy Spirit, and rejoice in the opportunity that we each have to help to enliven and grow the church.

### **UNITED THANK OFFERING**

The ECW will be collecting funds for the United Thank Offering during the month of May. There will be envelopes and blue boxes available in the back of the church for everyone.

The United Thank Offering is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity.

UTO is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the monies to support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. During 2017 the UTO was able to award grants of \$1,214,447.51.

If you would like to see what ministries your money is helping to support through UTO you can look on the National UTO website and see the list of grants which were awarded for 2017. The website is : <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/united-thank-offering-grants-more-1-million-episcopal-church-anglican-0>

### **PASTORAL CARE**

If you, someone in your family, or one of our parishioners is in the hospital, or becomes homebound, please call the office and let us know as soon as possible so that Father Tony is able to call or visit. Our pastoral care team is also available to bring meals to the home, do small chores, and help with many other needs that we are able to meet.

## **Colossians 3:23**

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The Rev. Tony Powell, Rector

*The vision of Trinity Church is to be relevant to the Lake Region Community serving and drawing others to the gospel of Jesus Christ as a growing Episcopal Church.*

### **YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

We are pleased that you have come to worship with us this Lord's Day morning, and it is our prayer that you will receive God's blessing throughout the service. Trinity is an active and caring Episcopal Church. If you are a baptized Christian, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive the Sacrament of the Bread and Wine, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. God loves you. No Exceptions!

### **A LITTLE CHANGE FROM SPAGHETTI**

This dinner will be called, *The Second to the Last Supper: Food and Feasts of the Bible.* John Katterhenry is offering a special menu featuring some of the foods that are found throughout the bible. The entree will be a Chicken Marbella with some wonderful breads and sides. He going to speak afterwards about the research he has done on ancient cuisine. Please RSVP to the office so we'll have plenty of food for you. The dinner will be at 6:30pm. Love offerings are appreciated. The dinner will be on Wednesday, May 23.

### **TRINITY SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday and we'll celebrate the Trinity and our church on that special day. After the service we'll have hot dogs and hamburgers and there will be a sign up sheet for all the yummy sides that go along with that. If you would like to help with something special, please give Jean Giesel a call and talk with her. And, if you have your purple shirt, be sure to wear it. It should be a fun day for everyone.

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 5/20**

**Holy Eucharist**

**DAY OF PENTECOST**

**9:30 JC and the Bible Forum Room**

**10:00 One Service**

Refreshments Following

**Monday 5/21**

**9:00am Morning Prayer**

6:00pm Home Study on Romans

**Tuesday 5/22**

12:00 pm Betty’s and the Bible

1:30pm Comparative Religions Class

5:30pm AA in Wicker Room

7:00pm Al Anon in Wicker Room

**Wednesday 5/23**

**9:00am Morning Prayer**

**6:00pm Holy Eucharist and Healing**

6:30 Not Exactly Spaghetti Dinner

**Thursday 5/24**

Thrift Shop 10am-4pm

**Friday 5/25**

Thrift Shop 2-5pm

**Saturday 5/26**

Thrift Shop 9am—Noon

**Sunday 5/27**

**Trinity Sunday**

**9:30 JC and the Bible Forum Room**

**Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 One Service**

Refreshments following

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**FUTURE EVENTS**

**MAY**

**May 20 Day of Pentecost  
One Service 10:00am  
(everyone wear red!)  
In the Hall  
Refreshments following**

**May 23** Not Exactly Spaghetti  
Dinner

**May 26** Men’s Club

**May 27 Trinity Sunday  
One Service 10:00am  
In the Hall  
Trinity BBQ following**

**JUNE**

**June 3 First Sunday  
One Service at 10:00am  
Pot Luck Lunch  
Following**

**June 9** PH in use

**June 14** Movie Night

**June 21** Grill and Chill

**June 23** PH in Use

**JULY**

**July 1 First Sunday**



**Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God.

If you would like to give flowers in memory of, gratitude for, or to celebrate a person or event, please call the office.

Dear Trinity Family,

This Sunday we celebrate the Day of Pentecost beginning the Season of Pentecost which will take us through the summer and up to the beginning of Advent. Google tells us, that the Christian holiday of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus’ death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called “the church.” Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it.

Scholars believe that this enabled the rapid spread of Christianity. Within a few decades important congregations had been established in all major cities of the Roman Empire.

This event is recorded in the New Testament book known as The Acts of the Apostles. Chapter 2 begins, “And when the day of Pentecost [*ten hemeran tes pentekostes*] had come, [the first followers of Jesus] were all together in one place” (2:1). All of a sudden, a sound came from heaven, like a strong wind, filling the house where the people had gathered. Something like tongues of fire rested on their heads. “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak” (2:4).

The languages spoken by the early Christians were intelligible and were heard by thousands of Jewish pilgrims who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate *Shavuot*. The content of the miraculous messages had to do with God’s mighty works (2:11). Many who heard these messages in their own languages were amazed, though others thought the Christians were just drunk (2:12).

At some point, Peter, one of the leading followers of Jesus, stood up and preached his first sermon. He interpreted the events of that morning in light of a prophecy of the Hebrew prophet Joel. In that text, God promised to pour out his Spirit on all flesh, empowering