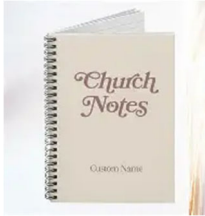


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Welcome to the month of May! It was kind of funny how this year, winter did NOT want to go away. It was as though Christmas, Lent and even Easter Sunday stayed chilly. Finally, Texas is starting to warm up, making way for the quick changes this month.

After Easter Sunday, I brought our 9am Sunday School back to life. Last year, we studied the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans. Back then, I learned that Paul was a very prolific author in the New Testament, responsible for writing thirteen of the books there. Then I began to prepare for this year. Digging a little deeper, my "gee whiz" factor kicked in,

when I learned scholars and historians feel they could only give Paul credit for writing seven of them - that the other six might have been written by other people, even though each author identifies himself as Paul... anyway, now we are reading Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. We should be there until Sunday School takes a Summer Break starting from July until September.

There are still three weeks of Easter in May, with lots of "Alleluias!" each week for the 5th, 6th and the final 7th Sunday of

Easter...well, sort of... the 6th Sunday of Easter on May 10th is politely interrupted by carnations and Mother's Day!

Pentecost Sunday holds deep meaning in Christianity, rooted in both Jewish tradition and the New Testament narrative. Pentecost commemorates the moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus while they were gathered in Jerusalem. This event is described in Acts 2, where a rushing wind and "tongues of fire" signaled the Spirit's arrival.

This fulfilled Old Testament prophecy—especially Joel 2:28, which foretold God pouring out His Spirit on all people. It signified The Birth of the Church because thousands were converted and baptized after Peter's Spirit-empowered preaching, Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Christian Church. It marks the beginning of the apostles' public ministry and the formation of a unified community of believers. The Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to speak in languages understood by people from many nations. This miraculous sign symbolized the global mission of the Church—spreading the gospel "to the ends of the earth."

Pentecost coincides with the Jewish Feast of Weeks, originally a harvest festival and a commemoration of the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai. The Christian celebration mirrors this theme of divine revelation—now through the Spirit rather than the Law. The last Sunday in May is Holy Trinity Sunday, focusing Trinity Sunday focuses on the doctrine of the Trinity, affirming that God is one yet revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This doctrine, though not named explicitly in Scripture, is rooted in passages like Matthew 28:19 and 2 Corinthians 13:14. It is the only major Christian celebration dedicated to a doctrine rather than a biblical event or person. The Church celebrates Trinity Sunday on the first Sunday after Pentecost, connecting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit with the full revelation of God's triune identity. Pentecost reveals the Spirit's presence; Trinity Sunday reflects on the unity of Father, Son, and Spirit in salvation history. Trinity Sunday invites Christians to contemplate the mystery of God's nature—Creator (Father), Redeemer (Son), and Comforter (Holy Spirit)—and to give thanks for the unified work of salvation.

The Trinity expresses that God is relational at His core—Father, Son, and Spirit existing in eternal love. This undergirds Christian teachings on community, love, and "social holiness."

The Great Commission—baptizing "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"—is central to Trinity Sunday, reminding believers of their mission to share the gospel.

What a blessed way to end the month of May!

EASTER
Blessings



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We are glad that you have chosen to walk with us today. And we hope that God will move you to share your

Welcome, visitor!

Memorial Day

May 25

Office Closed

COMMUNITY/SERVICE, GROWTH/OUTREACH MINISTRY

PENNIES FOR PRESCRIPTIONS.....RX Program, get rid of your pennies, put in jar for prescriptions: Interfaith Outreach Services are still implementing this program for the elderly and for persons who can not afford to buy their medications. We have a jug to put change in on the counter in Fellowship Hall.

USED EYE GLASSESYes! We still do collect eye glasses and cases. Sun-glasses are also needed. So don't throw your old ones away, recycle them and bring them to the church and put in the box for eye glasses. They will be delivered to Hayley's Eye Clinic

FOOD BASKETS.....Food baskets go Wichita Falls Area Food Bank, Interfaith Outreach and Faith Mission, So lets fill the food baskets to the rim. Let's help stamp out hunger in our neighborhood.

Mother and Home

Memories of Home

The words “mother” and “home” have a magic appeal, the most sacred recollections and memories of our childhood days. In the home, mother is a symbol of deep affection to the family circle, courage, patience, happiness, hopefulness; our mothers reared and nurtured us and made home a dear haven of peace and joy. Home is the laugh of the baby, the song of a mother, the strength of a father, warmth of loving hearts, lights from happy eyes, kindness, loyalty, comradeship. Home is the first school and the first church of the young. Home is where they go for comfort when they are hurt or sick; where joy is shared and sorrow eased; where fathers and mothers are respected and loved; where children are wanted; where money is not so important as loving kindness; where even the teakettle sings from happiness. That is home—God bless it.

—Chaplain Elbert L. Atkinson, U.S.A.F.

The Holy Trinity is the Christian doctrine that one God exists eternally as three distinct Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who share the same divine essence.

—- Cinco Mayo means "Fifth of May" and commemorates Mexico's victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. ———

LECTONARY LESSONS

May 3, 2026: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Worship 10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:25-10

John 14:1-14 On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

May 10, 2026: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship 10:12 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 68:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21 In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

May 14, 2026: Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-33 On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

May 17, 2026: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Worship 10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11 On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

May 24, 2026: Day of Pentecost

Worship 10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23 The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

May 31, 2026: The Holy Trinity

Worship 10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20 After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples, and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

MAY Volunteers	3	10	17	24	31
Tellers: Gary and Cindy Pearce					
	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce
	Sally Krueger	Linda McFarland			
		Sally Krueger			
					

Trinity Members in Assisted Living: Hildegard Snyder, James Beegle, and Amber Ward. Cards sent to them would be appreciated. Share a bit of joy with them.

Do you have a birthday or anniversary or a “just because” coming up?? Put your name by the date of the occasion on the flower chart. Let’s fill the flower chart up this year.

MAY BIRTHDAYS
Crystal Krueger Hernandez May 6
ANNIVERSIES
Bill & Susan Hrcirik May 2

Interfaith Outreach Service need for MAY:
 Toilet Paper, also any non perishables.
 If you would like to volunteer a few days or hours a week contact them as they need volunteers at (940) 322-1365



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10:15 am	4	5	6 In Stitches 10 am	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day Sunday School 9 am Worship 10:15 am	11 ASG Board 1 pm	12	13 In Stitches 10 am	14 YL 6 pm	15	16
17 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10:15 am	18	19	20 In Stitches 10 am	21	22	23
24 Sunday School 9am Day of Pentecost	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26	27 In Stitches 10 am	28	29	30
31 Sunday School 9 am The Holy Trinity						

Name : _____ Date : _____

Mother's Day Word Search

Children
Flowers
Caring
Mother
Kisses
Family
Dinner
Friend
Parent
Travel
Heart
Home
Shop
Birth
Love
Meal
Kind
Mom
May
Hug

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Day of Pentecost

The **Day of Pentecost** is a significant event in both Jewish and Christian history, marking the **birth of the Church** and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' followers.

In the New Testament, the Day of Pentecost takes place **50 days after Easter** (Acts 2:1–31). The disciples, gathered in Jerusalem for the Feast of Weeks, are suddenly filled with the Holy Spirit. A **sound like a rushing wind** fills the house, and **tongues of fire** rest on each of them, empowering them to speak in languages understood by people from many nations.

This event fulfills **Joel 2:28–32**, which prophesied that God would pour out His Spirit on all people. It also fulfills Jesus' promise in Acts 1:8: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses..."

Today, Pentecost is celebrated on the **Sunday after the 50th day after Easter** (also called Whitsunday in some traditions). It is a major feast in the Catholic, Orthodox, and many Protestant churches, often marked by special liturgies, processions, and the celebration of baptism and confirmation Wikipedia.

In summary: The Day of Pentecost is both a harvest festival rooted in Jewish tradition and a pivotal moment in Christian history—the day the Holy Spirit empowered the Church to begin its mission to the world.

But why wear red on this special day? The color red has a deep symbolic meaning in Christian tradition and serves as a visual representation of the Holy Spirit's presence and the birth of the Church. Just as flames of fire descended upon the disciples, enveloping them with divine power and inspiration, the color red ignites our hearts

The sea of red within our church walls serves as a powerful reminder of the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, guiding, comforting, and inspiring us in our journey of faith. It is a visual proclamation of our shared commitment to living out the Gospel message and spreading God's love to the world.

So, let's come together in joyful anticipation, adorned in red, as we celebrate the birth of the Church and the enduring presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As we echo the ancient prayer, "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful," may our souls be stirred, and may we be emboldened to go forth and proclaim the Good News to all corners of the earth.

PENETCOST SUNDAY IS MAY 24



