

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

#### Grace Lutheran Church The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

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**WELCOME!** We welcome our guests and visitors this morning and pray that your worship with us will be meaningful, blessed, and especially Christ-centered. We hope that you will worship with us again soon! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider making Grace Lutheran your church home.

**IN THE INTEREST of good pastoral care, Grace Lutheran Church practices close communion.** We believe, teach and confess that the one Holy Apostolic Christian Church throughout history and Holy Scripture teach that those who commune together should be one in faith and doctrine. For this reason, we reserve Holy Communion for those who are confirmed members of Grace Lutheran Church, and for confirmed members in good standing of sister LC-MS congregations. We respectfully ask those who are members of other church bodies to commune at the altar of their church, in accordance with their public confessions and under the care of their pastor.

#### THOSE who serve us:

ElderJeff Jaggers	
AltarNikki Waugh	Piano/Organ
Flowers	Courtesy
Greeters	
Ushers	
Church Cleaner	Lisa Johnson
Church Secretary	Leah Sherman
Little Lambs Preschool Teach	erDeb Evans

**REMEMBER in your prayers:** Jan Flueckinger, DeOnna Anderson, Bob Mills, Jim Kamerzell, Odessa Elwood, Ellen Zlomke, Edna Schaer, Kristy Winter, Ray Zlomke, Wynn Coon, Nate Harris, Bonnie and Leonard Harris, Kolton & Korbin Sommerville, Lori Liggett, Allison Judy, Joanie Burleigh, Onda Hupp, the family of Eva Hix, Sherry Rhoadarmer

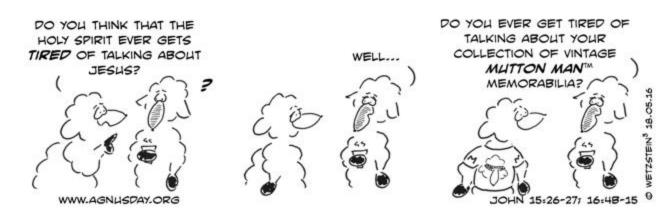
#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

We rejoice to be back in the house of the LORD! What a blessing to be able to gather under the same roof, hear God's Word, receive His gifts, pray and sing His praises together.

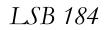
At the same time, we recognize that the threat of disease is not over and we are still being asked to take precautions in an attempt to keep one another and our community healthy. Here at church, those precautions include the following things: 1) individuals and family groups need to be seated six feet apart; 2) we will refrain from shaking hands; 3) there will be no passing of the offering plate; 4) distribution of the Sacrament will be done individually; 5) when lining up for communion, we ask you to line up one family group at a time; 6) the communion vessels have been prepared in a sanitized environment, and arranged in a way that seeks to avoid cross-contamination; 7) at the end of the service, we ask everyone to leave one family group at a time and not linger in the building.

Some of what is on this list is good, common-sense stuff, but much of it causes me sadness to even write it out. We are the body of Christ, and physical presence and closeness is a part of that. We pray God to deliver us from evil and continue His work to carry us through this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

We will continue to watch the health reports, and make adjustments so that we may continue to worship, and still continue to help and support our neighbors in their bodies and lives.









The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- **C** Amen.
- [Matthew 28:19] P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. [Hebrews 10:22]
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- С and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- **P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. C [Tohn 20:19-23] Amen.

Introit Psalm 68:1, 4a, c, 11a, 33b, 35a; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 68:3



The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alle- | luia.\* The righteous | shall be glad.

Psalm 124:8

Psalm 32:5

They shall exult be- | fore God;\* they shall be jubilant with joy! Alle- | luia. God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;\* and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him! Sing to God, sing praises | to his name;\* exult be- | fore him! The Lord | gives the word;\* behold, he sends out his voice, his | mighty voice. Awesome is God from his sanctu- | ary;\* the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen. The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alle- | luia.\* The righteous | shall be glad. They shall exult be- | fore God;\* they shall be jubilant with joy! Alle- | luia. **Kyrie** Mark 10:47 **C** Lord, have Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. mer - cy up -Lord, have on us. mer - cy up - on us. **Gloria in Excelsis** Luke 2:14; John 1:29 P Glory be to God on high: G and on earth peace, good - will toward

O θ 0 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship men. Thee, O 0 0 0 0 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. 0 O 10 0 O O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. 0 10 0 O O Lord, the only begotten Son, Christ; Je - sus O O 0 Son O Lord God, Lamb of God, the Father, of Ο O O 0 0 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. ο O 0 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer. ο O O Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -Ø O Ο Ο For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord. on us. 0 O O Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho Ghost, ly -



Let us pray. O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### Sit Old Testament Reading Genesis 11:1–9 The Tower of Babel

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup>And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible

for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup>So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

C

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### **Second Reading** *Acts 2:1–21* The Coming of the Holy Spirit

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

#### Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"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;

<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants

in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.""

**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Stand

#### Alleluia and Verse

#### **C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 14:23–31

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

#### Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to

you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** 

#### 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

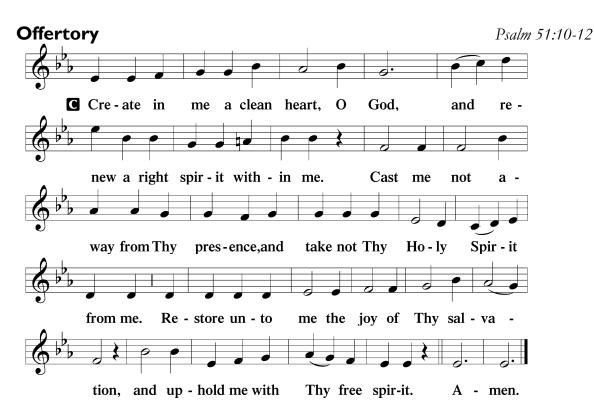
Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 worshiped 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.



#### Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen. Philippians 4:7



#### [Offering at the back of church] [1 Cor. 9:14; Gal. 6:6-7; 1 Tim. 5:17-18]

#### **Prayer of the Church**

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

Brief silence

For all baptized believers, that they would be given ears to hear and an eagerness to learn all that the Holy Spirit teaches them about their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the salvation they have through Him, let us pray to the Lord:

#### **C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For spiritual renewal in our congregation, district, Synod and the whole

Church on earth, that by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we would long to keep Christ's Word, dwell in His peace, sing God's praises and love our neighbors, let us pray to the Lord:

- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For those who serve in Christ's Church, that all pastors may faithfully preach Law and Gospel, all missionaries be fruitful in their labors, and all church workers be faithful in their service, so that all who call on the name of the Lord may be saved, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For peace among the nations, for those who rule over us, for those who protect and defend us, and for liberty, that the peoples of our world would be blessed to live in health, peace and quietness, unhindered by threats of violence, oppression or fear, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For an end to the pandemic, for a peaceful, just, and true resolution to the unrest across our nation, for those afflicted in body or spirit, and especially for those who have requested our prayers, *[including*

\_\_\_\_\_\_,] that their hearts would neither be troubled nor afraid, for nothing can separate them from the love God has for them in Christ, who has overcome the ruler of this world and secured for them eternal peace in His Kingdom, which has no end, let us pray to the Lord:

- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ For those who come to the holy altar this day, that they would come in faithful reverence and awe, recognizing how awesome God is from His sanctuary in giving them the very body and blood of their Savior to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For those who have gone before us and now rest from their labors, let us

give thanks to the Lord; that we would follow them, as they followed Christ, and be found faithful by those who come after us, let us pray to the Lord:

#### **C** Lord, have mercy.

- Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, all glory, honor and worship is Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, both now and forevermore.
- **C** Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

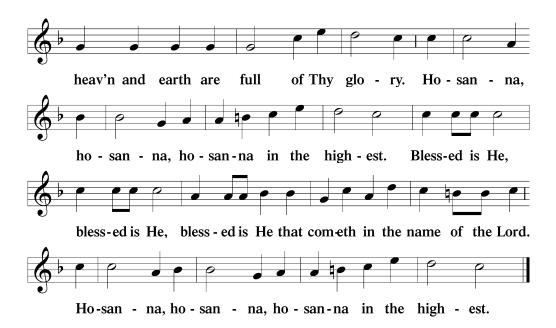
#### Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. [Psalm 136]
  C It is meet and right so to do. [Meet means 'fitting, proper.']
- It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



2 Timothy 4:22

[Colossians 3:1]



#### 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 Matthew 6:9-13

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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

#### **Agnus Dei**

John 1:29

John 20:19

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

#### Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- **C** Amen.

Distribution Hymn: 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee 1 O Thee, bless Thee, and dore Lord, we praise a -Thee, 2 Thy ho - ly to death was bod in \_ giv - en, -У 3 May God be - stow His grace and fa - vor on us 0 thanks - giv - ing bow be fore Thee. Thou with Thy In \_ Life to win for us in heav en. No great - er fol - low Christ our And That we Sav ior live to -Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that bod - y and love than this Thee could bind us; May this feast there to geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this 0 flour ish: Lord, have mer they may 0 cy! \_ re mind us! 0 Lord, have mer of cy! blest Com - mu nion! 0 Lord, have mer cv! -May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our kind - ness Lord. Thy did SO con - strain Thee That Thy Let Thy good Spir it for - sake Grant that not us: sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy sins blood for us plead and blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid; heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Θ 0 tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer In all cy! Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer cy! Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer cy! -Tune: Public domain Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110003709

#### Distribution Hymn: 645 Built on the Rock





#### Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

- **A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- **C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **CAmen.**

#### The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spirit.

Numbers 6:24-26

[Psalm 103:1]

2 Timothy 4:22

#### **Benedicamus**

Thanks be to God. **A** Bless we the Lord. С

### **Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace. C

Amen, amen, amen.

## Hymn to Depart: 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

 $\mathbf{O}$ 4 1 To God Ho ly it the Spir let us pray 20sweet - est Love. Your be grace on us stow; 3 Tran - scen - dent Com fort in our ev 'rv need. \_ \_ Spir - it, 4 Shine in our hearts, 0 pre - cious light; 0  $\mathbf{O}$ For the faith true need ed on our way Set our hearts with fire sa cred glow а Help us nei ther scorn death heed nor to Teach us Je Christ sus to know a right That He may de - fend when life is end - ing And from us That with hearts u - nit ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry That not fal cour - age fail When the we may ter nor us That a - bide the Lord who bought us, Till we may in to θ ile home we are wend ing. Lord, have mer - cy! ex and broth have mer - cy! strang - er, sis ter. er. Lord. sail foe shall taunt and as Lord. have mer - cy! us. He true home has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy! our Tune: Public domain

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#### STEWARDSHIP:

Acts 2:1 – "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival – it happens around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was a picture and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to bring in through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.

> Budget for 2020: \$123,485 As of May 27th, we have received \$45,849.74 in offerings.

Thanks to a generous donation, the remaining balance on our district missions pledge from 2019 has been paid! Praise God from whom all blessings flow.