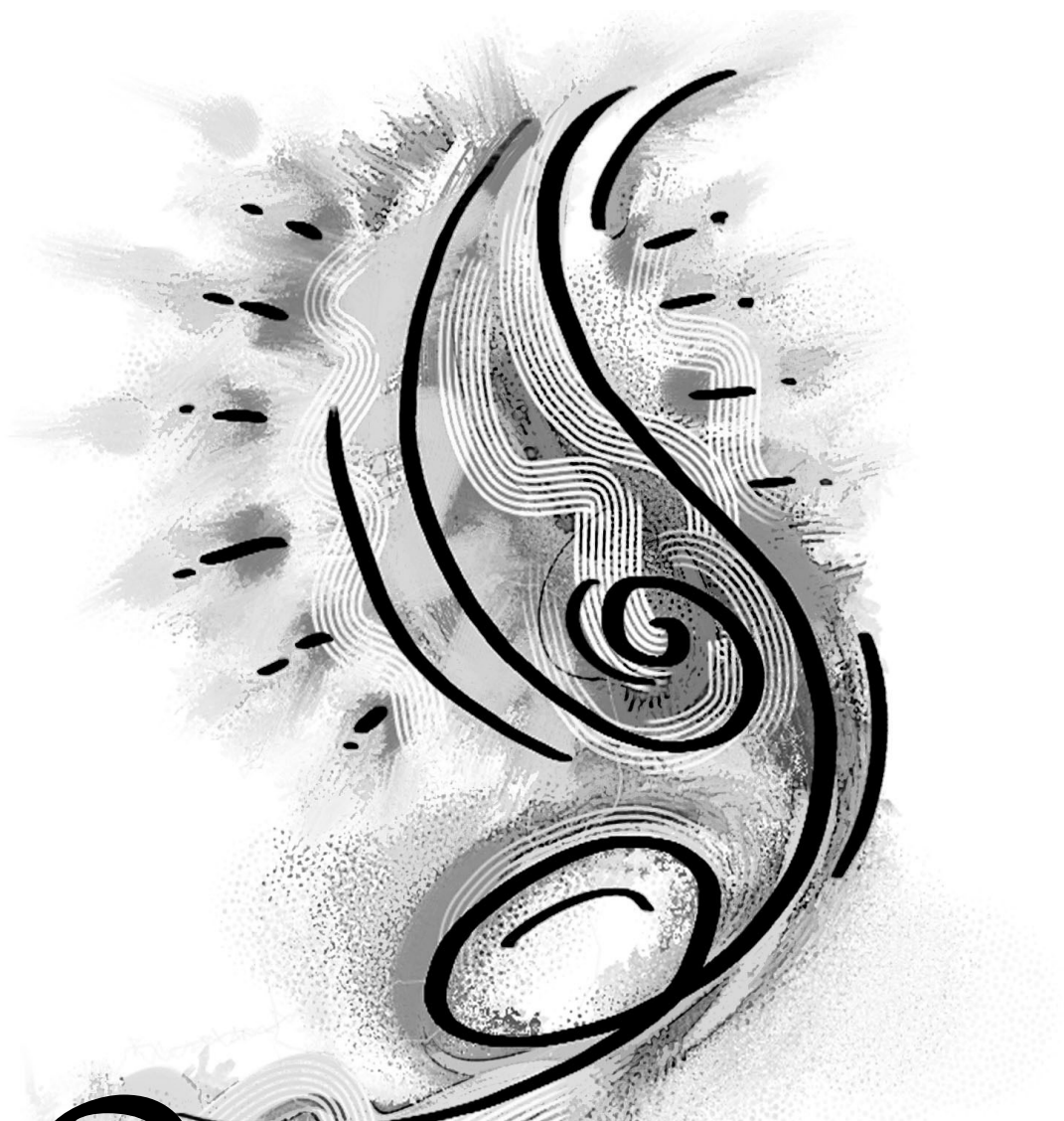


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Pentecost

Grace Lutheran Church

May 22 & 23, 2021

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

“We share God’s love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world.”

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN “God is Here”

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

(Hymn continued on next page)

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

DIALOGUE

P: After fifty days of Easter rejoicing, the church cries out.

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

P: All those living in resurrection light sing with joy:

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

P: All those dying under the weight of sin and grief plead:

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

P: Come, Holy Spirit: fill the hearts of your faithful people,

C: And kindle in us the fire of your love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Unison*

Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending the gift of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise your name in joy and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE AND SONG

Exodus 19:1-9

Hymn “Spirit of Gentleness” vs. 1-2

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*

Numbers 11:24-30

Hymn “O Holy Spirit, Root of Life” vs. 1&3

O Holy Spirit, root of life, creator, cleanser of all things:
anoint our wounds, awaken us with lustrous movement of your wings.

O holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r, encompass us with wings unfurled,
and carry us, encircling all above, below, and through the world.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Hymn “O Living Breath of God” vs. 1&3

O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters;
O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth; *Refrain*

O living Breath of God, bearing us to life through baptismal waters;
O living Breath of God, sighing with creation for freedom's birth; *Refrain*

Refrain

Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.

Romans 8:14-17, 22-27

Hymn “Change My Heart, O God”

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

John 20:19-23

Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” vs. 1 & 3

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Acts 2:1-21

Hymn “Spirit of Gentleness” vs. 3-4

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

MEDITATION

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: Our innermost being waits for you,
C: **our helper and our shield.**

P: Let your lovingkindness be upon us,
C: **even as we place our hope in you.**

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God.
C: **and renew a right spirit within me.**

P: Cast me not away from your presence,
C: **and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
C: **and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

P: You send forth your Spirit, and your works are created,
C: **and so you renew the face to the earth.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

P: Let us pray.
C: **Have mercy, O God.**

OFFERING OFFERTORY

P: Let us pray...God of love,
C: **you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*(concluding)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.
The universe declares your praise:...(concluding)...Blessing, praise, and thanks to you,
holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P: The risen Christ invites us to this table.
Come, eat and be satisfied.**

HOLY COMMUNION

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
Eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

P: Let us pray...Wellspring of joy,

**C: through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still
around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the
hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P: May the Spirit of the living Christ fill you with faith and trust, burn in you with the fire of love, enliven your bones, body, and life, and breathe through you the breath of life.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!

God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge!
Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth,
kindle us to speak your truth!

God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord,
make us one in Christ our Lord!

God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work,
claim us for your kingdom's work!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

Following the CDC and Michigan DHHS guidelines for fully vaccinated people, masks are now optional at Grace. If you are more comfortable wearing a mask for your circumstances, or if your wearing a mask helps other people be safer we welcome your doing so. Thank you for helping end this pandemic and take the steps that care for others.

PRAYERS

Kelly Pankey, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Betty Dulebohn, Paul Denstaedt, Gerald Lancaster, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth's niece), Dorothy Hansen, Don, Verna & Tammy Furze, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Allison, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Carole Liske, Amanda Lema (Betty Dulebohn's granddaughter), Lyn Marshall, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Herb Schiller, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Genie Diamond, Laura Bleau, Sharon Anderson, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, Joseph Hansen, and Scott Coddington.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

Prayer concerns received by the church office by Tuesday each week will be included in the coming weekends bulletin. Please do have the person's permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than our congregation will know about it.

PRAYER PARTNERS THIS WEEK

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Altar Servers/Ushers at All Saints Catholic Parish. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. Paul Lutheran Church/East Lansing, Rev. Carl Ballard.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of our graduates!

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream or recording.

SINGING

This weekend we will have congregational humming or singing softly along with our hymns. We will have a special Pentecost Lessons & Carols service, hearing the work of Holy Spirit throughout the Bible with verses of hymns mixed in with the lessons.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

We are planning on worshipping outdoors across the street, once a month through the summer. We will start on May 29 & 30, Memorial Weekend. (We had hoped for this weekend, but the weather is looking too problematic.)



Congratulations Graduates!

Alpena High School

Mitchell Agius

Mitch will attend Oakland University this Fall studying business with a possible finance focus.

Amelia Berles

Amelia will be attending the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. She plans to major in behavior science. She will be starting Basic Cadet Training on June 24th.

Patrick McCourt

Patrick graduated with honors, received a Career & Technical Education Excellence Award in Welding, and is in the Early College program at Alpena Community College. He will continue that next year and plans on pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Central Michigan University

Caileigh Nitchman

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Musical Theater

Caileigh will be taking a summer break in Alpena. She loves the diversity and culture of Mt. Pleasant and will be seeking employment there in the Fall.

Lake Superior State University

Taylor Chroninger

Bachelor of Science in Accounting
Bachelor of Science in Finance and Economics

Cum Laude

Taylor is employed as a Financial Analyst at
MidMichigan Medical Center - Midland.

Saginaw Valley State University

Kayla Bertrand

Bachelor of Social Work

Kayla will continue at SVSU to pursue her Masters degree.

The Conservatory of Theatre Arts
Webster University

Isabelle Denstaedt

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Technical Direction

Isabelle will be working for the Opera Theatre of St. Louis
and will be settling back in St. Louis after a short summer break.



*We are blessed as a congregation to honor our youth as
they graduate and begin this new phase in their lives.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Continued)*

PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS AND ENVELOPES

You can place your bulletin and communion wafer envelope in the labelled bin by the elevator as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

macaroni and cheese
individual breakfast cereals
pancake mix and syrup
paper products - paper towels and toilet paper
baby foods
bread
quick easy meals for one

FLAT SHEETS NEEDED FOR QUILTING GROUP

The quilters will be needing flat sheets in good used condition for future use. Sheets may be dropped off at the church any time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Continued)*

NO MORE PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE

As we do not have any current projects using plastic bags at this time, **we ask that you do not drop off any more plastic bags at the church.** Please continue to recycle them at other locations where they are still being collected. Thank you for understanding!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open Tuesday-Thursday, from 8 a.m. - noon. We ask that you please wear a mask when in the building. Please log in on the sheets as you enter the Office Lobby. Please also log out as you exit the building, noting the areas of the building that you were in.

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,489.00
Weekly giving - May 16	3,563.13

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18 envelopes, 20 Simply Giving recurring payments,
and 1 Give+ payment made from our website

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