

✠ DAY OF PENTECOST ✠

May 30-31, 2020

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: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

C: **We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

R582

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Unison*

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READINGS AND PSALM

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the

native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another’s diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another

the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

R800

APOSTLE'S 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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

P: Hear our cry, O God.

C: Listen to our prayer.

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.

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

R807

DISMISSAL

P: Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jim Dekett, Larry Nelson, Marge Weber, Vicki Piontkowski, Michele Amelotte, Bethany Popour, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Deb Nitchman's Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Sharon Anderson, Laura Hyatt (Kristin Rich's partner), Rob VanCleave, Donna Schafer, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Kevin Reiser, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Bill Estlack, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, and Cody Gustin. **Prayer Concerns: We are still taking prayer concerns to be included in the weekly bulletin – now becoming weekly news and announcements and more. Please do have the persons permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than just our congregation will know about it.**

DAILY DEVOTIONALS – CHRIST IN OUR HOME

If you did not have the chance to pick your copy of *Christ in Our Home* daily devotional booklet, please let us know. Call or email and we will get a copy out to you. And as many have done if you have shared them with family, friends and neighbors in the past, we will mail them one also.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

The pandemic has created massive social needs. The recovery from it, especially the economic recover from the effects likely will have more massive social needs too. So it is shining a light on social support systems. What is our Christian responsibility? How can we best help others? Join us at in 11 am on Sunday via Zoom for the discussion.

RETURNING TO WORSHIP SURVEY

Council has a survey that we would like you to complete
to help us finish making our preparations
for resuming in-person worship here in the building.

If you have not completed a survey, please go to the following link and do so as soon as possible to help us plan our return to worship.

Please go to this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5QWX689>, which was also sent by email,
and complete the quick survey online on Survey Monkey

If you need a paper copy to fill out, please call the office.
We will mail one to you.

ONLINE WORSHIP RECORDINGS

From our website or Facebook page you can access a video that we have made of scripture, prayers, music and a meditation for the week. Please let others, family, friends and church members know about this. We hope these recorded services are meaningful. **MANY PEOPLE ARE WATCHING** From May 3rd 112, from May 10th 121, from May 17th 108, and from May 24th 118 views so far. It is GOD'S WORD and it needs to be out there. The world so needs to know of God's love and grace and peace and justice and strength right now. *THANKS*

WORSHIP RESUMING – HOPEFULLY JUNE 13TH AND 14TH

Right now with the current information & guidelines we have from the CDC, the federal government, the state of Michigan and the local Health Dept as well as information from our Synod, ELCA denomination and various religious groups, remaining the same:

Grace Lutheran's Council has made the decision to resume in-person worship on Saturday June 13th & Sunday June 14th.

If new information comes, we will reconsider this and let you know if it changes the decision and announce it widely.

It will be wonderful to be worshipping together again.

Even if Worship ***WILL NOT*** be the same as it was before.

The social distancing – the physical space – we need to keep with others.

In the sanctuary - meaning fewer people in the sanctuary
and some watching the worship from the Fellowship Hall

The use of masks

no singing

how we will do communion

spreading people out over Saturday and Sunday Services

all will be changes.

Please come with a heart and mind open

to the ways we will be caring for each other in the new ways we do things

We do these things to care for other people

it is the gift we can give others as well as our selves.

It is our Christian service to them

DO YOU NEED A FACE MASK?

Several church members have been making some for the hospital and are willing to make some for church members. Please call the office and let us know if you would like one. We will get one to you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have changed any contact information since our last church directory, say have a cell phone as your preferred or only contact, do let us know so we have the latest info in the church office.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH BUILDING IS CLOSED/ CHURCH OFFICE OPENING BY APPOINTMENT

Though the church building remains closed to walk-in traffic, the church office will be opening gradually as we work out details for those needing to stop in. The office will be open, by appointment only, Monday and Tuesday, June 1-2. Contact Peggy to schedule a time (354-2640).

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

Due to the difficulty in obtaining information necessary to complete the scholarship application, the committee has extended the deadline to June 1, 2020. Completed applications may still be emailed or mailed to the church office. Call the office (354-2640) if you would like an application mailed or emailed to you.

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP

In the meantime, we want to try something new and different.

Have fellowship online with other church members. There is a computer platform called Zoom that you have probably heard about. We are using it for Council meetings and the Adult Christian Education class as are many other businesses and organizations and even families and friends to keep in touch, seeing and talking with each other.

You can use Zoom through your computer or laptop or smart phone or tablet.

Go to zoom.us to sign up

You will download the software to your device

There is a place to do a test meeting on your computer making sure it is working properly and you understand the couple of things you have to do.

It is really quite simply and works very easily. If you have any questions, feel free to call the church and leave a message. I or someone will get back with you and help you set it up.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Though the office is opening gradually, mail is still dealt with daily. So offering envelopes can be sent in and they will be deposited.

SIMPLY GIVING

If you would like to set up a transfer from one of your bank accounts to Grace's, like automatic utility paying, give the office a call and Peggy will help set that up.

GIVE +

You can also go to our website and use the Give + link for a one time contribution or set up a recurring contribution through credit cards or bank account.

Thank you to one and all for your faithfulness in your stewardship toward God's work at Grace Lutheran.

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,415.00
Weekly giving - May 24	2,770.00

Thank you to all who have dropped off or mailed in envelopes and made donations online.

This week we received: 12 envelopes and 1 new Give+ payments made from our website

June



Birthdays



Anniversaries of Baptism

June 2
Matthew Gillard

June 3
Nancy Amelotte

June 6
June Daly

June 7
Kendra McInerney

June 8
Dawn Anderson
Emma Barber
Laurie Hansen

June 11
James Clemens, Jr.

June 12
Jan Charter
Peggy Tomaszewski

June 13
Amelia Berles

June 14
Pamela Nowak
James (J.J.) Timrick

June 15
Connor Freel
Craig Weise

June 16
Brianna Himes

June 20
Pamela Agius
Kayla Bertrand
Everett Haske

June 21
Tiffany LaFave
Kimberly Poirier
Kristin Rich
Bryan Stafford

June 23
Julie Townsend

June 24
Betty Bedford
Dale Schultz

June 25
Nicholas Fraley

June 26
Alecia Lewis
Tyler McKenzie
Stacey Townsend

June 27
Tracie Granata
Roger Pankey

June 29
Josie LeMonds
Chad Lewis
Erin Nowak
Karen Suszek

June 30
Lorah Lappan

June 1
Raymond Reynolds

June 4
Hope Kamyszek

June 5
Shelly Olsen
Nicklas Schultz
Valerie Slaght

June 7
Whitney Barrow

June 9
Thomas Brennan

June 11
William Matzke

June 13
Nicholas Fraley

June 16
Beckett Granata
Harry Kautz
William Whitscell

June 18
Jessica Gillard
Erin Nowak

June 19
Josie LeMonds

June 20
Rhonda Anderson
Angie Indish
Sara Lappan

June 21
Amelia Kamyszek

June 25
Kelly Pankey
Vicki VanEssen

June 26
Savannah Kamyszek

June 27
Jo Ann Reinholz

June 29
Nathan Engstrom
Anne Gentry
Isaac Matzke
Gerri Moors

June 30
Trey Garant
Andrew Lappan
Mary Lappan
Lucas Palmer
Marco Wade
Owen Wade



Wedding Anniversaries

8th Peter & Pamela Nowak
14th Mark & Rhonda Himes
17th Jerry & Jacquelyn Timm
18th Bradley & Angela Indish

23rd Mark & Tawny Freel
27th Alec & Sharlene Kennedy
30th Wayne & Chris Christopherson