

June 8, 2025

Day of Pentecost



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We welcome you to worship here at Grace!

*Note that all text written in **bold** is for congregation participation.*

*Our hymn songs are found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship
red hymnal found in the pews.*

GATHERING

Thank you for joining us as we worship!

INTRODUCTION

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

WELCOME

Jim Ehrhardt

PRELUDE *Variations on "Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit"*
From Meiningen Gesangbuch

Please stand as you are able.

LITANY WITH HYMN

Soli Deo Gloria
Verse 1

ELW #878

On this day of Pentecost, we pray to you, Holy Spirit: be present here. Be welcome in our hearts and in this house of worship. You have brought us in freedom to this new day; continue to free us from the power of sin and all that would hold us in bondage. O holy and welcome guest, be with us his day, uniting us with all those who have told your story throughout the ages.

L: To you, Lord, we say:

C: Soli Deo Gloria!

HYMN

Soli Deo Gloria
Verse 2

ELW #878

On this day of Pentecost, when the Spirit called forth words from the mouths of the disciples, we give you thanks for the biblical prophets - for the great and bold: Miriam, Samuel, and Elijah; for the weak and small: Moses, who stuttered; Jeremiah, who said he was too young; Jonah, who tried to run away. We give you thanks for prophets throughout the ages- those who spoke a word in season and inspired people to see your kingdom anew: for St. Francis of Assisi, Teresa of Avila, Martin Luther, Oscar Romero, Martin

Luther King Jr, and Mother Theresa. May we be inspired to speak in words that we did not know our hearts contained.

L: To you, Lord, we say:

C: Soli Deo Gloria!

HYMN

Soli Deo Gloria
Verse 3

ELW #878

On this day of Pentecost, when your people were united by their words even amidst the diversity of their language, we give you thanks for your Spirit moving through your people, opening us to sing your praise in ways that inspire. Our song unites us, even as the diversity of our voices brings harmonies that we could not create alone. For all the ways we know your Spirit through music, we give you thanks.

L: To you, Lord, we say:

C: Soli Deo Gloria!

HYMN

Soli Deo Gloria
Verse 4

ELW #878

On this day of Pentecost, we give you thanks for Jesus and his promise that he would not leave us orphaned or alone. His promises are good, and so we praise you for your Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide, your love song ever in our hearts and in our lives.

L: To you, Lord, we say:

C: Soli Deo Gloria!

This day and evermore, unite our voices as we give you alone the glory.

L: To you, Lord, we say:

C: Soli Deo Gloria! Soli Deo Gloria!

HYMN

Soli Deo Gloria
Verse 5

ELW #878

GREETING

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

KYRIE Now the Feast and Celebration *white booklet #3*

HYMN OF PRAISE *Now the Feast* *white booklet #4-5*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Take a brief moment to share the peace by greeting someone sitting near you. Verbal greetings are appropriate if you are not comfortable shaking hands or touching.

Please be seated.

On this Day of Pentecost, we are blessed to hear the words of Scripture and of disciples at Grace Lutheran Church.

FIRST READING: Genesis 11:1-9

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ 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; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." ⁵ The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶ And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing

that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A Disciple's Reflection: Chris Dennis

SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-9

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A Disciple's Reflection: Jane Thompson

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

The Holy Gospel according to John the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 14:8-10, 25-27

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

A Disciple's Reflection: Stephen Gring

Please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Breath Of Life

by George Mabry

Please stand as you are able.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS *As the Grains of Wheat white booklet #10*

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *Brief silence.*

At the end of each prayer petition when the worship assistant or pastor says, "Hear us, O God," please respond with "Your mercy is great."

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Together, we pray as our Lord taught us, saying:

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light our way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW #400

*Please be seated. Enjoy the postlude music.
and meditate on how God spoke to your heart today.*

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel The Spirit

arr. by Fred Bock

DISMISSAL Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. **Thanks be to God.**

*We are glad for your presence today.
We hope you come again soon!*



The flowers sponsor this week is: Ingeborg Carlson
 “Happy 95th birthday, Bettie Cross!”
 Love, from your friends at Grace Stitchers!

*Special thank you to Jim & Sharon Ehrhardt, Chris Dennis,
Jane Thompson, and Stephen Gring for leading us in worship!*

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers:

Members of Grace: Debbie K., Renee P., Bettie C., Diana M., Bruce H., Bonnie C., Ruth K., Lois R., Barry L., Don B., John S., Brenda T., Family of Chris D., Bob K., Ruth B., Scott B., John N., Linda S., Donna M.

Our family and friends: Alex, Jeff, Skip, Family & Friends of Tad, Donna, Tom (Ruth T.), Ric, Jeanne, Cody, Logan (Ruth B.), Marilyn (June J.), Ronna, Nadine, Todd, Drew, Regina (Corinne R.), Carrie (Ray H.), Sue (Carol L.), Linda, Dana (Edna C. & Patty D.), Bruce (Brenda T.), Jody M., Audrey M. (Mary Ann G.), Karen H. (Mary G.), Tyler, Megan (Carol G.), Family & Friends of Francis M. (Jane T.), Terrol J. (Linda S.), Barbara B., Hank (Vickie C.), Bridget K. & Patrick, George M., Ronald G., Rossanne and Ronald (Renee P.), Sandy C. & Al (Carol D.)

Those serving our country: Matthew Bilello, ANG, Cainan Johnson, USAF, & Daniel Casner, 3rd USN, Liam Johnson, USN

The Shores at Wesley Manor: Eleanore Guire

Please notify the church office of any changes or additions to our prayer list.

**Please be sure to pick up your
“Spirited Summer Gift Packet”**
These are in red cups on the window sills.

**TODAY:
SUNDAY, JUNE 8: CAPE SHORE CHORALE CONCERT
“AMERICANA”**

Featuring American Composers
3 PM at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
30th & Bay Avenue, Ocean City

**Stewardship Brainstorming Session
Thursday, June 19: 5:00-6:30 PM**

GRACE PLACE FOOD PANTRY is expecting a large delivery from
St. Joe's food drive and needs some helping hands!
SATURDAY, JUNE 21 AT 10 AM

**Call Committee Update/Process & Breakfast
Sunday, June 22 at 8:45 AM in the conference room**

Let's Take a Road Trip with God!

Join us for Vacation Bible School!

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June 8, 2025—June 15, 2025

Day of Pentecost 6/8/25

8:00AM Spoken Worship
8:45AM Adult Forum
10:15AM Traditional Worship

MONDAY 6/9/25

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY 6/10/25

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY 6/11/25

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge
6:00PM AA Book Study
7:00PM Financial Support Meeting
7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous
7:30PM Compassionate Friends

THURSDAY 6/12/25

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
12:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous
5:00PM Choir Rehearsal
6:00 AA 12-Step
7:00PM Al-Anon

FRIDAY 6/13/25

10:30AM Grace Stitchers
7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

SATURDAY 6/14/25

7:30AM & 8:30AM Weight Watchers

The Holy Trinity 6/15/25

8:00AM Spoken Worship
8:45AM Adult Forum
10:15AM Traditional Worship

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Mon-Tues 10:00AM-3:00PM

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