

Welcome to Worship

Our Mission: To boldly live out our faith in Jesus through worship, fellowship, and service to God and our neighbor, here and around the world.

Sunday, May 24, 2026 - 9:30 AM
Day of Pentecost



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At Grace Lutheran, we believe in the real presence of Christ in Holy Communion, and we practice eucharistic hospitality with an open table. **All persons**, whether visiting or a member, are welcome to meet Jesus at the table. Please ask your communion server if you prefer grape juice or a gluten free communion kit. The ushers will direct you to the front for communion or you may receive communion in your pew. Jesus invites all to come and be fed, forgiven, and free!

Prelude and Bell Ringing

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

Arr. A. Armsdorf

Welcome and Offering of Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

P: Welcome to Worship!

Announcements

Call to Worship

Be Still

Chancel Choir

David Evans/Arr. C. J. Evans

‡ **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

‡ **Gathering Hymn**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

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‡ *The congregation is invited to stand as you are able.*

† **Greeting**

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

All: And also with you.

† **Kyrie**

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† **Hymn of Praise**

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† **Prayer of the Day**

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.

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, 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. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (Read Responsively)

²⁴ How manifold are your ¹ works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full ¹ of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man-¹y to number, living things both ¹ small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships ¹ to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the ¹ sport of it.

²⁷ **All of them ¹ look to you to give them their food ¹ in due season.**

²⁸ You give it to them; they ¹ gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled ¹ with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, ¹ they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return ¹ to their dust.**

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they ¹ are created;
and so you renew the face ¹ of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the Lord en-¹dure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in ¹ all your works.**

³² You look at the earth ¹ and it trembles;
you touch the mountains ¹ and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the Lord as long ¹ as I live;
I will praise my God while I ¹ have my being.**

³⁴ May these words of ¹ mine please God.
I will rejoice ¹ in the Lord.

^{35b} **Bless the Lord, ¹ O my soul.
Hal-¹lelujah!**

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message (Sing)*Jesus Loves Me!*

Jesus loves me! this I know,
 for the Bible tells me so;
 little ones to him belong,
 they are weak, but he is strong.

† **Gospel Acclamation**

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P: A reading from the Gospel of John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.† **Gospel: John 20:19-23**

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.****Sermon**

Pastor Allison Cobb

† **Hymn of the Day** *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* #400† **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 Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come 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.**

Prayers of the Church

P: Merciful God...

C: ... receive our prayer.

Loaves and Fishes Offering

Youth are invited to walk forward and place their offering into the basket. Just like the little boy who gave his 2 fish and 5 loaves to Jesus, who multiplied them to feed thousands, the youth offering will go to The Grace Food Pantry. Adults are welcome to give a child an offering to bring up too.

Offering

O Day Full of Grace

Arr. M. Burkhardt

† Offering Hymn

Praise to You, O God of Mercy (v.1)

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Praise to you, O God of mercy:

thanks be to you forever!

Raising high the weak and lowly:

thanks be to you forever!

† Offering Prayer

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Holy Communion

† Great Thanksgiving

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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.**

† Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and

Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

‡ **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (sung in unison)

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**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.**

‡ **Thanksgiving at the Table**

Children of all ages may receive communion or a blessing. They are also invited to take an instrument to praise God during the sending song. All are welcome at Christ's table.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your
love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and
the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

† **Lord's Prayer** (sung)

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Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
 for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn*I Come with Joy*

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† **Prayer after Communion**

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

All: Amen.

† **Blessing**

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

† **Sending Hymn***Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

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† **Sending**

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude