

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



*By Grace you have been saved!
"We have decided to follow Jesus and
There's no turning back!"*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

DAY OF PENTECOST

May 28, 2023

Pastor Jim Helgren

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Noisy coin offering will be collected Today.



Today's Readings

Day of Pentecost
May 28, 2023

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

When 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.”

Acts 2:1-21

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:

¹⁷In 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.

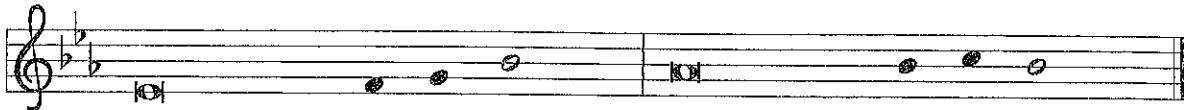
¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

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.”

or Numbers 11:24-30 [not printed]



How manifold are your ¹ works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full ¹ of your creatures.
²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
with its swarms too man- ¹ y to number,
living things both ¹ small and great.
²⁶There go the ships ¹ to and fro,
and Leviathan,
which you made for the ¹ sport of it.
²⁷All of them ¹ look to you
to give them their food
¹ in due season.
²⁸You give it to them; they ¹ gather it;
you open your hand,
and they are filled
¹ with good things.
²⁹When you hide your face,
¹ they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return ¹ to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit,
and they ¹ are created;
and so you renew
the face ¹ of the earth.
³¹May the glory of the LORD
en- ¹ dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in ¹ all your works.
³²You look at the earth ¹ and it trembles;
you touch the mountains
¹ and they smoke.
³³I will sing to the LORD
as long ¹ as I live;
I will praise my God
while I ¹ have my being.
³⁴May these words of ¹ mine please God.
I will rejoice ¹ in the LORD.
^{35b}Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul.
Hal- ¹ lelujah!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 [not printed]

or Acts 2:1-21 [see First Reading]

Gospel

John 20:19-23

When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they

saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

or John 7:37-39 [not printed]

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Spiritual Gifts

1 **12** Now concerning spiritual gifts,^c brothers and sisters,^b I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

1 **12** Now 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, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to 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. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

One Body with Many Members (*Cp Eph 4:1-16*)

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. ¹³For 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.

We pray always for . . .

Family & Friends of Bill Bohling

Judy Brinkman, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Eric Fass,

Eugene Rosenthal, Travis Thomas & Haleigh Werner

We also remember in our prayers . . .

*Anna, Vanessa, Meshack & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring
in Tanzania.*

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south office. Church office email grace68329@gmail.com*

Today 5/28/23

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Last Day of Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Monday 5/29/23 Memorial Day

Memorial Day Dinner @ CCC – 11:00 am – 1:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 6/2 & 6/3/23

NE Synod Assembly in Kearney

Pastor, Dean & Erin will be attending

Next Sunday 6/4/23

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

*Please join us for fellowship in the basement
following worship ☺*

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to the
family and friends of

Bill Bohling.

Bill passed away on May 22, 2023 at the age of 70 years.
His funeral was held on Friday, May 26, 2023 at Grace
Lutheran Church with a private family burial at
Helena Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial Day Dinner

Monday, May 29

11 am to 1 pm at Cook Community Center

Sponsored by Bickel Nelson #360 American Legion Auxiliary

Shredded Beef Sandwiches, Salads, Desserts & Drinks

Free Will Offering

There is a new Memorial Display at the Helena Cemetery.
It is similar to the one at Grace Lutheran Cemetery - please
take a few moments to stop by. They are very nice.

Please be sure to sign up for a couple of Sundays of
Worship Duty - sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.