

*Grace Lutheran Church  
Welcomes You!*



*Everyone is Welcome!  
Taste and See that the Lord is Good,  
Let us rejoice together!*

# Grace Lutheran Church

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Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025

Pastor Jim Helgren

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**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG** - ELW #399 – “O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** - ELW p. 94 *Please stand in body or spirit to receive forgiveness.*

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

**A: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

**A: 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.

**A: Amen.** *Assembly sits.*

**GREETING - p. 203**

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

**A: And also with you.**

**KYRIE - p. 203**

**HYMN OF PRAISE – P. 204a**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** - Please see insert. Response after the prayer: **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** – Acts 2:1-21 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 104:24-34, 35b** - Please see insert and read responsively

**SECOND READING** – Romans 8:14-17 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – p. 205a**



S205a

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Please stand in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

P: The holy gospel according to ....

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** – John 14:8-17, 25-27 Please see insert.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**A: Praise to you, O Christ. The assembly sits.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** - ELW #396 – “Spirit of Gentleness”

**NICENE CREED** - p. 104

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.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** - p.206 Response after each portion of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**A: hear our prayer.**

**PEACE** - p. 206 *Please stand in body or spirit*

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**A: And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN** - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” hymn - ELW #884

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING - p. 206**

**LORD'S PRAYER - p. 208**

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.

**LAMB OF GOD - p. 208**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**COMMUNION FOLLOWED by READING - p. 113**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.  
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

**BLESSING - p. 209 - Response after the blessing:**

**A: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL - p. 209 - Response after the dismissal:**

**A: Thanks be to God. *The assembly sits.***

**SENDING SONG - ELW #398 – "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"**

Postlude

## Announcements

### **TODAY 6/8/25** *Day of Pentecost*

Worship with Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

### **MONDAY 6/9/25**

Bible Study – 2:00 p.m.

### **NEXT SUNDAY 6/11/25** *The Holy Trinity*

Worship– 8:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

Thank you, John Weber, for  
being our Guest Organist today!

Retirement Open House **TODAY** for

**Pastor Paul Lillenas**

@ St. Paul Lutheran Church –

Hickory Grove, Auburn

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

### ***We pray always for . . .***

*Pastor Steve Billington, Linda Daniels, Char Helgren, Becky Knake, Richard Roesener,  
Joan Wellensiek, Andy Wellensiek & Haleigh Werner*

### ***We also remember in our prayers . . .***

*Winfrida, Juliana, Hassan & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania*

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the south office.*

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or 402-826-0613 (cell)***

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



# Today's Readings

Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025

## 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.**

## First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and

said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But 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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

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

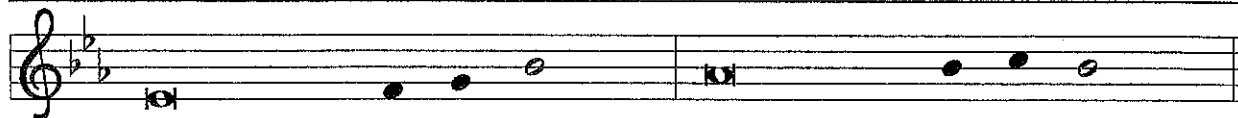
<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

or Genesis 11:1-9 [not printed]

## Psalm

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; tone 4



How manifold are your <sup>1</sup> works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full <sup>1</sup> of your creatures.

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

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*Psalm, continued*

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships <sup>1</sup> to and fro,  
and Leviathan,  
which you made for the <sup>1</sup> sport of it.  
<sup>27</sup>All of them <sup>1</sup> look to you  
to give them their food <sup>1</sup> in due  
season.  
<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they <sup>1</sup> gather it;  
you open your hand,  
and they are filled <sup>1</sup> with good things.  
<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face,  
<sup>1</sup> they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return <sup>1</sup> to their dust.  
<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit,  
and they <sup>1</sup> are created;

and so you renew the face <sup>1</sup> of  
the earth.

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD  
en- <sup>1</sup> dure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in <sup>1</sup> all your works.

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

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long <sup>1</sup> as I live;  
I will praise my God  
while I <sup>1</sup> have my being.

<sup>34</sup>May these words of <sup>1</sup> mine please God.  
I will rejoice <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>Bless the LORD, <sup>1</sup> O my soul.  
Hal- <sup>1</sup> lelujah!

## Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit

bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

or Acts 2:1-21 [printed on p. 1]

## Gospel

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>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'? <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in

my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

[<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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."]

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