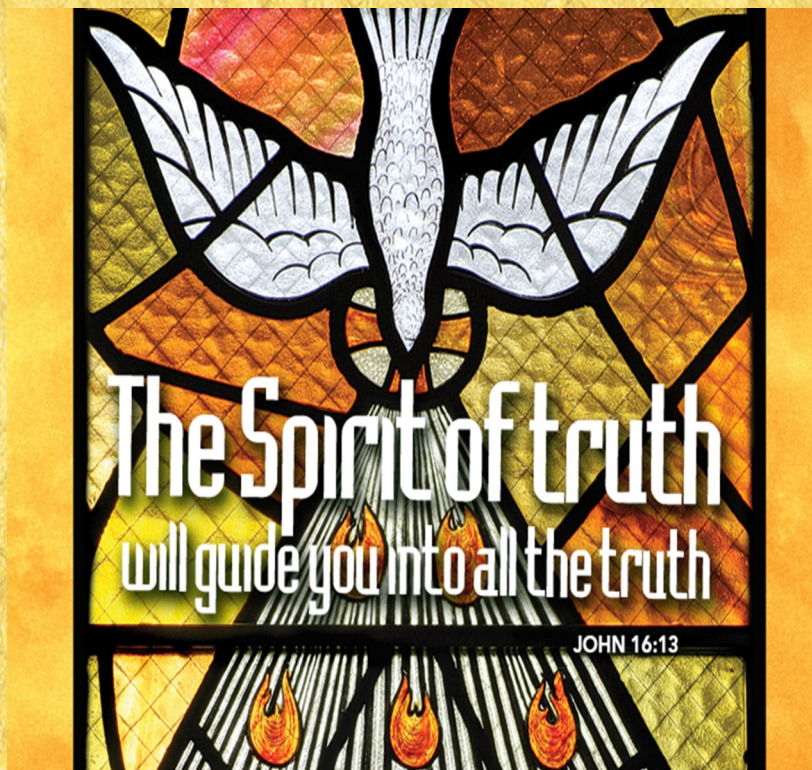


**Pentecost**

**May 23, 2021**



## **Grace Lutheran Church**

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**Music Director:** Mr. Scott J. Breiner

**Church Secretary:** Diana McArdle

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## Welcome

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here whether you are here to worship with us as a first time visitor, friend, neighbor, or lifelong member. If you have any questions, concerns, or need pastoral care, Pastor Althea would love to talk with you. Feel free to speak with her after worship or contact her by email or phone at: [pastoralthea3@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralthea3@gmail.com) or 484-345-0399.

## Mission Statement

Through God's Word and Holy Spirit, Grace Lutheran Church will be...

- Inviting all people to ***belong*** to the church of Jesus Christ,
- Equipping those who ***believe*** as faithful disciples of Jesus, and
- Sending members to ***become*** caring servants of God in the world.

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### Serving in Worship Today—

**Worship Assistant:** Shirley Blankenship

**Altar Guild:** Brenda Traa

**Sound Technicians:** Jim Foreman, Michael Piskun, Shawn Welfield

### In Our Hearts and Prayers

Greetings members, friends, and family of Grace! We are trying a new way of listing our prayer concerns in the coming weeks. If you notice someone who is missing or if anyone has someone new to add, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Althea via phone, Facebook, or email or contact our secretary in the office to add people who are on our hearts each week and include our ongoing concerns.

**Members of Grace:** Jim C., Cheryl R., Betty N., John N.,

**Family and friends:** Jody (niece of Grings), Maria, Cecilia, and Richard (friends of Wellfields), JoAnn (sister of Diana McArdle), Epiphany Lutheran Church and Pastor Jose Esclara and Family, Jim, Vicki, Don, Elliot, Barbara and Perry (friends of Meg LaSpina), Kurtz Family, Arcelay Family, and Virginia (friends of Pastor Althea), Bill and Annmarie (friends of Marlene D.), Tami (friend of Brenda T.)

**Those who have recently passed:** The Accardi Family (at the loss of their father/husband, friend of Wellfields)

**Servicemen and Servicewomen Serving Our Country:** Members & Friends of Grace: Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN; Sgt. Joshua McArdle, USMC; Sara Myers, USN; Cainan Johnson, USAF

**At Home** - Bonnie Condliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Rahme, Lois Reardon, & Skip Uhrmann

**Shores@Wesley Manor:** Dot Crawshaw, Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble

**Woodview Estates:** Lorraine Moore

# WITH ONE VOICE

BREAD OF LIFE

Congregation responses in bold print.

## GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Enter Holy Spirit

Congregation sings directed by Scott



1. En - ter Ho - ly Spir - it! Come en-joy our prais - es.
2. Je - us, be a - mong us, Bless us with your pres - ance.
3. Mer - ci - ful Cre - a - tor, Come, let us a - dore you.

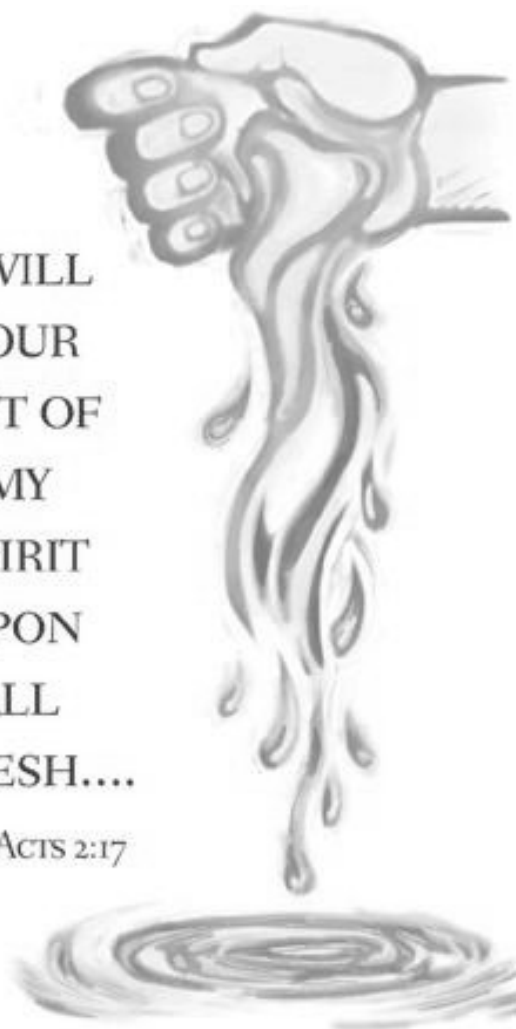


Spir - it, you are wel - come here and now.  
 Je - sus, you are wel - come here and now.  
 Stay, for you are wel - come here and now.

*Please stand as you are able*

I WILL  
POUR  
OUT OF  
MY  
SPIRIT  
UPON  
ALL  
FLESH....

ACTS 2:17



## CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we celebrate the beginning of the church.

**We are called as disciples of Christ.**

We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples.

**We thank you, Almighty God, for sending your Spirit to be among us.**

We call on the Spirit to be with us as we worship. **Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Pastor:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, we come to you open and willing to be in relationship with you again.

You know our hearts and our innermost secrets. We call on you now to make us whole, refresh us, and bless us so that we may do your holy work in the world by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, and through our Savior Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

**God of Grace, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We humbly repent and we want to be close to you again. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Restore our relationship with you. Uphold us and strengthen us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may live and serve you once again through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Pastor:* God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved through faith. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven. May God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that you may know Jesus' great mercy and love for you. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove ELW # 404



1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and  
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us  
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us  
 4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian  
 know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in  
 from his pas - tures stray. Lead us in ho - li -  
 joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -

and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.  
 ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.  
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God  
 ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

## 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



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



8  
GLORY TO GOD



Refrain: Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



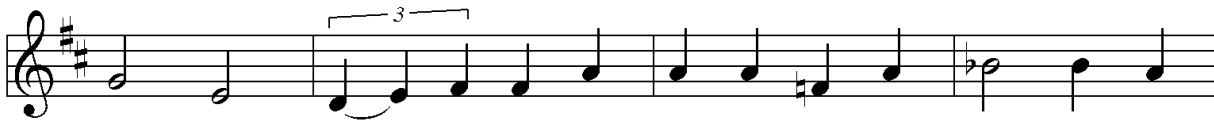
① Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al- might- y God and Fa- ther, we



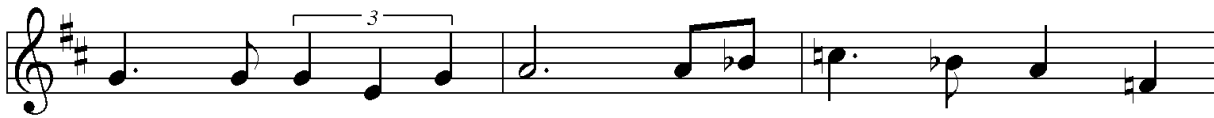
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Refrain:



② Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.





☒ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
II



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☒ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray....**Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

*Leader:* A reading from Acts.

*Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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.

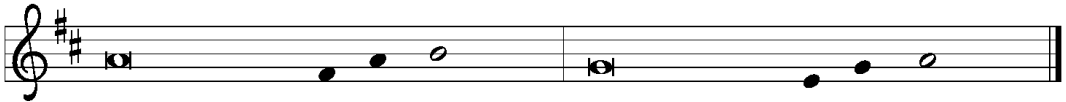
<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<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.' ”

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



### PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

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

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

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them | look to you / to give them their food | in due season.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27***Leader: A reading from Romans*

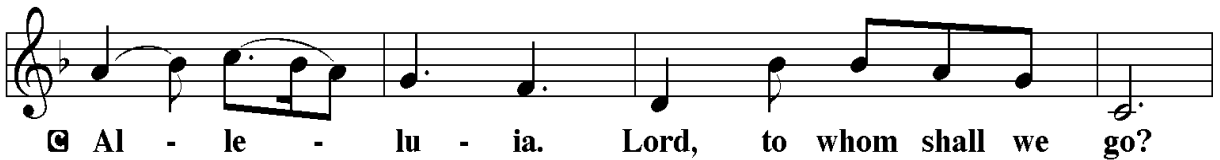
*By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.*

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

*Please stand as you are able*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

## GOSPEL READING: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The holy gospel according to St John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.

<sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

## SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright



## HYMN OF THE DAY

O Living Breath of God

ELW #407



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:  
 O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:  
 O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

*Refrain*

Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

Music: VÄRVINDAR FRISKA, Swedish folk tune

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## 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.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

*We are thankful for however you are able to continue supporting our ministry at Grace.*

*Offering may be received through the mail, church office, or Simply Giving online. Please call the church office if you need assistance with Simply Giving, or have any questions or concerns.*

## OFFERTORY

*Come Holy Spirit*

by Raymond H. Haan

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*We pray together for however we have made offerings to God in our lives.*

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. You are our Creator and bless us with all that we have. We are thankful for many things in our lives. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need. Bless our time, our talents, and all the offerings we give back to you for your holy work, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Pastor:* Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

*Leader:* Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit's creative work.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Leader:* God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Leader:* God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so that they exercise your gracious will in the lives of people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Pastor:* God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Leader:* God of love, fill this congregation with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Leader:* God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Pastor:* In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

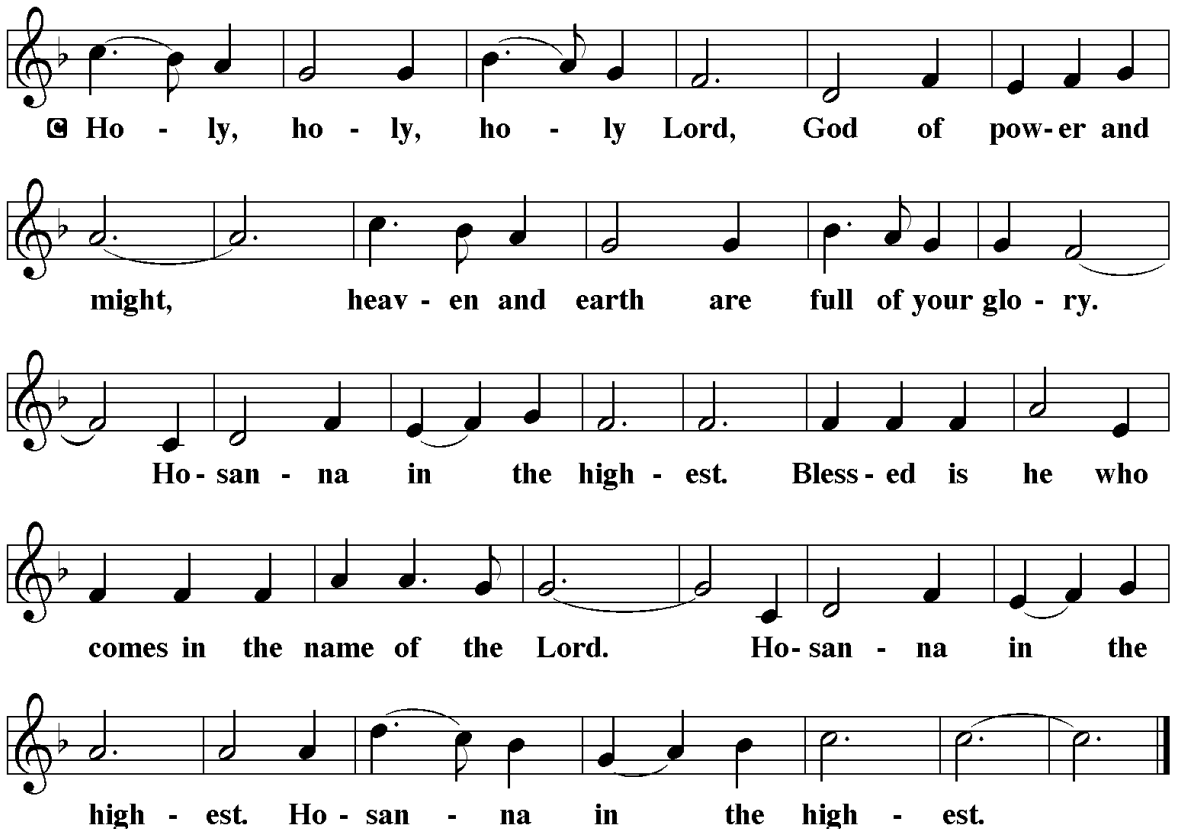
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, [on this day,] as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for Jesus' coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

On 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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

May all blessing, praise, and thanks be to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

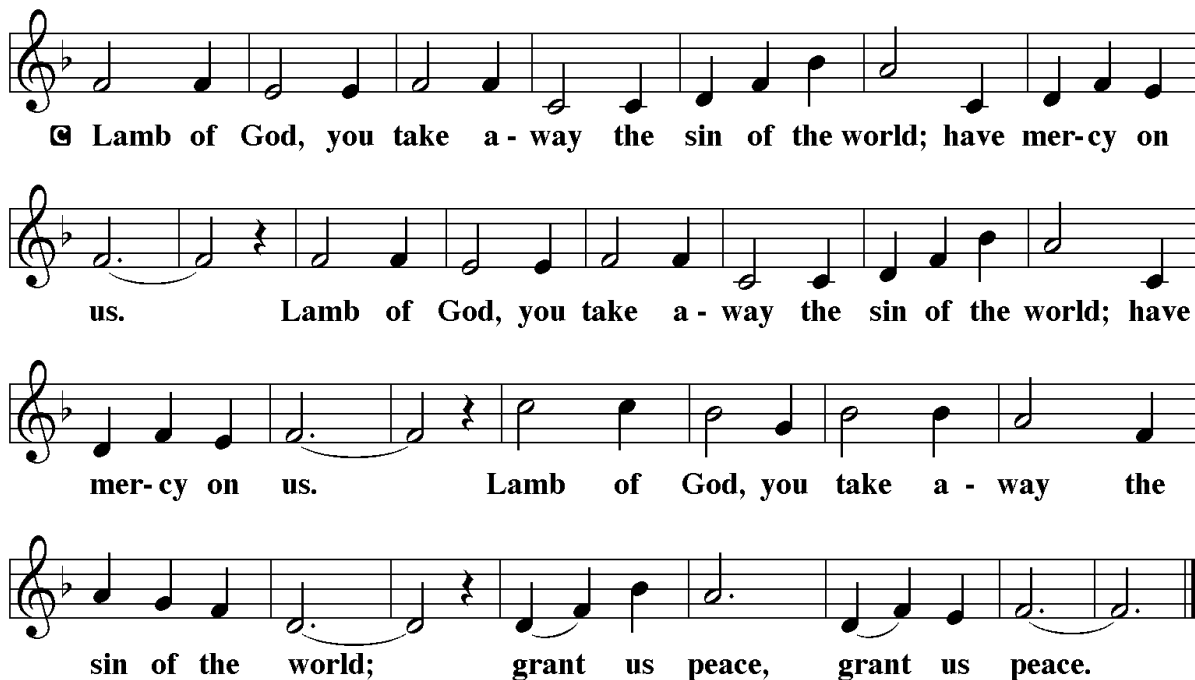
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we  
 forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
 and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come to us, Lord Jesus.**

## COMMUNION HYMN



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*We will partake of the bread and grape juice together.  
Wait for direction from the pastor.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **God's love endures forever.**  
Let us now commune with the Lord together.

This is the body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** *(brief silence)*  
This is the blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.** *(brief silence)*



## CANTICLE

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
 Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses,  
 that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL

See back page ....

# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

May you feel the power of the Holy Spirit as we go forth from this place.  
Know that the Spirit's presence will always be with us as we continue serving the church. May the Holy Spirit guide us as we serve our neighbor and all in need. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

O Day Full of Grace

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Verses 1, 3, & 5, All; Verse 2, Men; Verse 4, Women

*Please be seated for the postlude.*

*Take this time to listen to the music and contemplate the message presented today.*

### POSTLUDE

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit* Spiritual, arr. By Fred Bock

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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### SENDING HYMN


O Day Full of Grace

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1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

## INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

The following people have been elected to Grace's Council.

**President:** Stephen Gring, **Vice-President:** Ellie Granieri, **Secretary:** Kevin Thomas  
**Council Members:**, Jim Merce, Corinne Rhodes, Aud Suckiel, Jane Thompson, Jill Welfield  
**Treasurer:** Heidi Toth

We give thanks for these brothers and sisters in Christ and their willingness to serve in leadership at Grace. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been *elected* to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this place of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been *elected*?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized? **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation.

Almighty God bless you and keep you always, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

**Amen.**