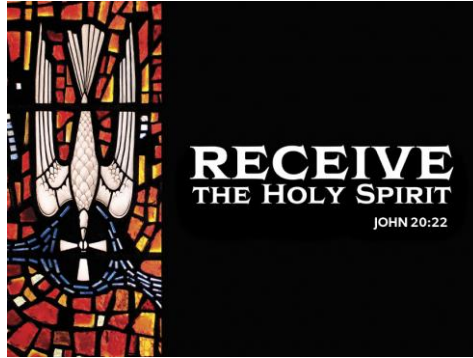


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**May 28, 2023; 9:00 A.M.**  
**Day of Pentecost**



### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### **OPENING MUSIC**

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

Dietrich Buxtehude (Public Domain)

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

We gather at this font, O God,  
creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow.  
We praise you for the water you provide us each day.

We praise your Spirit, hovering over this font.  
We bless you for this cleansing water of rebirth,  
this flood of endless mercy,  
and for all the baptized around this blue planet.

We ask you, almighty Provider, to give us the water we need,  
and we praise you for the sustenance you grant at this font.  
By the water of our baptism empower us to pour out ourselves for others  
and to safeguard the waters of your earth.

To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Sea of holiness, Spring of salvation, Cloud of mystery,  
be all praise and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

### "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

ELW 786 (One License)

*Please be seated.*

## WELCOME

*Please stand as you are able.*

## 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### "This Is the Feast"

ELW pg. 140

(verse 1- low voices, verse 2- high voices, verses 3, 4, & refrain- all)

## 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.**

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING:

**Acts 2:1-21**, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 119*

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM:

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

*The Psalms are found in the ELW, in the front section, beginning on page 339. We will read them responsively together.*

## SECOND READING:

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 174*

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

## GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to John. **John 20:19-23**, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 115*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"**

ELW 403 (One License)

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

ELW pg. 105

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts \_\_\_\_\_. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## PEACE

After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. We invite you to share a physically distant sign of God's peace with one another—wave a greeting of peace to people around you, and/or text a greeting of peace to someone.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

Thank you for your generous offerings and commitment to Grace's mission and ministry. You are invited to place your financial offerings in the offering plate. Additional ways to give include mailing your offering to the church office, or by giving online: by texting the amount you would like to give to 877-698-3604, through the Vanco Mobile App, or online at Grace's website (Use the QR code provided). You are also invited to call the church office to learn more about the automatic withdrawal Electronic Giving Program.



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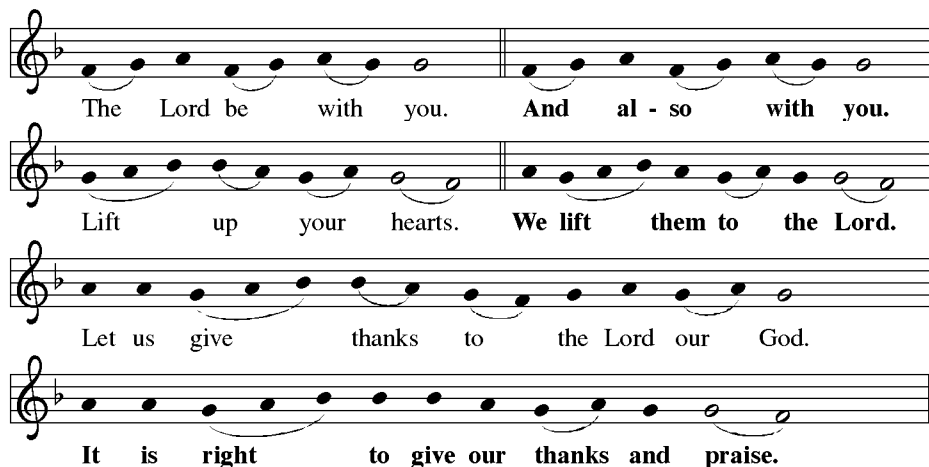
"Come, Holy Spirit"

John W. Peterson (One License)

Let us pray. Generous God,  
in this meal you offer your very self.  
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
In the breaking of this bread  
reveal to us the Risen One.  
In the pouring of this wine  
pour us out in service to the world;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

ELW 208, left column

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's table.*

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

*Please be seated. The congregation will commune, beginning with the front pews, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine or juice. Extend your hands to receive a wafer from the pastor or communion assistant. Then please pick up one cup from the trays (red wine or white grape juice), and then place empty cup in a tray on the front pew before returning to your seat. Gluten free elements are available upon request. If you would like the communion elements to be brought to you, please notify an usher.*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**"Spirit of Gentleness"**

ELW 396 (One License)

**"Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"**

ELW 814, repeated (One License)

*Please stand as you are able.*

### COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### BLESSING

The God of all,  
who raised † Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

**"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"**

ELW 400 (One License)

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **CLOSING MUSIC**

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" setting, Michael Helman (Augsburg Fortress)



## **Worship Team**

A/V Team: Bill Nattress, Andy Bellavia, Mark Miller

Communion Assistants: Michelle Anderson, Robin Gibbs, Anne Johnson,  
Judy Rooney, Bruce Rosborough

Greeters: Donna Freeman, Luca Kozlow

Reader: Caryl Dierksen

Ushers: Gayle Hoch, Al Wilson, Fay Wilson

Children's Sermon: Andy Bellavia

Altar Guild: Brian Gerloff, Carole Gerloff, Jessica Hanlin, Carolyn Liedtke

Musicians: Jan Burns, Paul Lockwood

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

## **Presence Light Sponsor:**

To the glory of God.

## **Bulletin Sponsors:**

In honor of my family, given by Joyce Shook.

Thank you for sharing time to hear God's word and pray together. A video recording of worship will be posted to Grace's website later in the day.



You are welcome to join Grace Lutheran Church's Facebook group for news & ministry opportunities.

Peace be with you as you go forth to share God's grace.

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