

# GRACE

The Day of Pentecost May 23, 2021 8:30 a.m.

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

## Grace Council Statement on Racism

The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

## As We Gather

Fifty days after the resurrection Jesus has gone back up into heaven and the apostles are huddled together in a house. All of a sudden a sound like a violent wind fills the whole place where they were sitting. Tongues of fire rest on their heads and they begin to testify as the Spirit gives them ability. They are speaking. Something is happening. They have been filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit has broken into their lives and God is on the move. The Spirit breaks into our lives, too, when we are huddled in our own houses of sin and death, fills us with that same Holy Spirit, and propels us out into the world with the fire now resting on our heads. With new courage and power, we testify to God's mighty deeds in our own languages as the Spirit enables us. And we follow the risen Jesus to all sorts of new places. God is on the move. Something is happening. Come, Holy Spirit!

# + GATHERING +

**PRELUDE:** Pentecost Suite Walter Pelz Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord ENTRANCE HYMN: Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove Concertato by Carl F. Schalk Cre tor Spir - it, heav'n - lv dove. de scend 1 а All you, Com - fort - er, 2 To the we cry; to you, Choir fold, God's 3 In with grac - es en you, sev we All 4 Your light to ev - 'ry im - part, shed Choir sense and on from a - bove; with grac es i up us man the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the while al - might hand be - hold; you with tongues of y your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing fold re store as they were be - fore. your crea - tures fire of love. the a - noint - ing from a - bove. soul's fire pro - claim to all the world his ho - ly name. in - fir - mi - ty. might sup - ply to strength - en our

All 5 Keep far from us our cruel foe, Choir and peace from your own hand bestow; upheld by you, our strength and guide, no evil can our steps betide.

Choir 6Oh, make to us the Father known;<br/>teach us the\_eternal Son to own;<br/>and you, whose name we ever bless,<br/>of both the Spirit, to confess.

All 7 Praise we the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit, with them one; and may the Son on us bestow the gifts that from the Spirit flow.

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. composite, alt. Music: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533

#### GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

### **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.

**KYRIE** (from *Missa Brevis in D*)

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

#### HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

Benjamin Britten

Women sing parts marked **I**. Men sing parts marked **I**. All sing parts marked **G**.





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

#### • And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

# + WORD +

#### FIRST READING: Acts 2:1–21

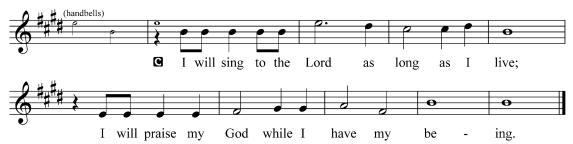
When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue 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."

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- 6

#### ANTIPHON



Choir O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

#### **C** ANTIPHON

- **Choir** You send forth your Spirit and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.
  - **G** ANTIPHON
- **Choir** May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
  - **G** ANTIPHON

#### SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

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.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL VERSE**

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people; set them on fire with your love. Alleluia!

Richard Hillert

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

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "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>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."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

SERMON: Something is Happening

Pastor Troy E. Medlin Acts 2:1–21



HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



Text: German hymn, 15<sup>th</sup> cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts.2–3; tr. composite Music: *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524

Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott 7 8 8 8 8 8 10 8

#### NICENE CREED

- **P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- 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 hie,
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.



#### OFFERING/ANTHEM: Blest Spirit, One with God Above

Johannes Brahms arr. Matthew N. Lundquist

Giving is one of the ways we participate in all that God is doing through Grace. <u>Click here</u> to give online, or visit <u>GraceRiverForest.org</u>.

Blest Spirit, one with God above, Thou source of life and holy love, O cheer us with thy sacred beams, Refresh us with thy plenteous streams.

O may our lips confess thy name, Our holy lives thy praise proclaim, With love divine our hearts inspire, And fill us with thy holy fire.

7<sup>th</sup> century Latin hymn tr. John Chandler (1837)

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

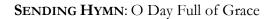
#### COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER

Julie Hinz

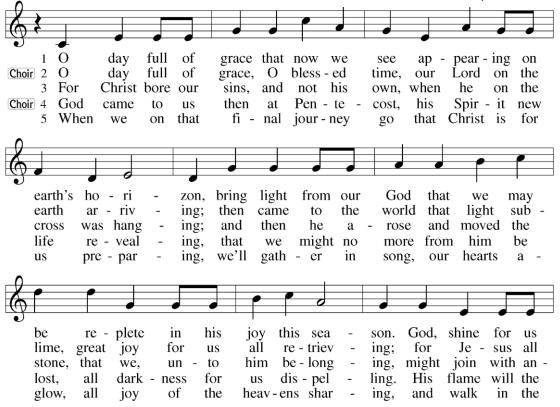
# + SENDING +

#### **BENEDICTION**

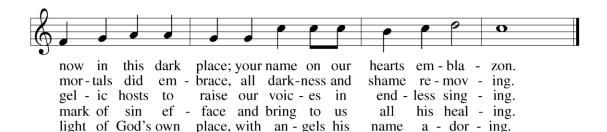
- May God, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk in newness of life.
   Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- G Amen.



*(green)* **LBW #161** Concertato by Carl F. Schalk



12



Text: Danish folk hymn, c. 1450; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001 Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842

Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress

#### DISMISSAL

- Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **A** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE:** Pentecost Suite O Day Full of Grace Walter Pelz

#### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister The Rev. Karl Reko, assisting minister The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor Jeremy Zimmer, organist Members of the Grace Parish Choir Christian Anderson and Candace Horton, trumpets Tim Coffman and Brad Payne, trombone Kyle Bellin, timpani Eunice Eifert, videographer Al Swanson, sound board operator

# LET US PRAY...

#### Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Diane Amati Rose Mary Anderson Annalise Balock Cathy Barker Jim Barker Len Berghaus Ed Borg Rosemary Cheatem Hans Dumpys Carl & Donna Gruendler David Gruendler Don Heimburger

Felipe Altamirano (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker) Valerie Anderson (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke) Pat B. (friend of Pat Anderson) Greg Ball (friend of Irmgard Swanson) Vera Leora Barnett (friend of Paul Eichwedel) Sophie Bartell (granddaughter of Marvin and Judy Bartell) James Beglin (cousin of Cathy Schnittker) Frances Benson (sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat) Karen Berglund (friend of Carol Stanger) Florence Breed (cousin of Irmgard Swanson) Nancy Brinkman (friend of Karen Brunssen) James Cordes (brother of Bruce Cordes) Family of Jim Cozzi (friends of Diana Sicuro) Linda DeMeyere (friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack) Stella Dillberg (mother of Gretchen Weaver; grandmother of Grace School student Julia Weaver) Patti and Neal Enslin (friends of Marilyn Heppner) Seth Flanders (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker) Benjamin Galiher (nephew of Paul May) Luke Gawencka (friend of Eunice Spurgat) Stacy Gibb and family (friends of Kristin Vogen) Thomas Griffith (son-in-law of Cathy and Paul Schnittker) Mike Guss (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening) Jerry Haase (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke) Jill Hanssen (niece of Ann Mason) Harry Heppner (brother of Ken Heppner) Alice Hollis (friend of Marge Sanger) John Hunt (friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner) Doug Kelner (friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson) Don Kersten (brother of Phyllis Kersten) Andrew Korcek (friend of Eunice Spurgat) George Kozuchowski (friend of Timothy Douma) Arnold Krubsack (brother of Irmgard Swanson) Kathryn Krubsack (niece of Irmgard Swanson) Tom Kuehnert (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening) Maxx Kusper (friend of Deb Maxwell) Lily (friend of Carrie Douma) Karen Luebbe (mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel)

Patricia Herendeen Bob Jandeska Joan Koerber Jerry Koenig Carolyn Martin Karen McMahon Jennifer Murtoff Paul Nelson Pat Scala Jim Scherer Rich and Bonnie Stasack

Joyce and John Lunde (friends of Susan Messerli) Kathy Lyons (sister of Karin Danganan) Anne Matthys (mother of Susan Curran) Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell) Jim McCarthy (father of Lori Thomas) Carole Nelson (mother of Michael Nelson) Julie Novak (daughter of Eunice Spurgat) Elaine Pierce (friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson) Jacob Pletan (great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt & Gick Schmidt) Sarah Ponder (friend of Hans and Donna Dumpys) James Powers (friend of Al Swanson) Susan Prather (cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott) Ronald Riley (friend of Al Swanson) John Rohleder (friend of Sandy Grams) Florence Saeger (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko) John Schuurman (friend of Timothy Douma) Lindsay Shaner (brother of Bob Shaner) Kim Shannon (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening) Mary Lu Shipstad (friend of Marilyn Heppner) Huxley Shoup and family (friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner) Nancy Stelling (friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten) Lee Stephens (brother of Tony) Jennifer Sylvester (daughter of Janet Sylvester) Martin A. Thieme (brother of Susan Franzone) Mary Jo Thies-Dietrich (mother of Heidi Bohlmann) Jan Thomson (sister-in-law of Christine Phillips) Rev. Mark Van Scharrel (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko) Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel) Kim Walsh (niece of Cathy Schnittker) Verna Walsh (aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz) Bob Weaver (husband of Gretchen) Daniel Wenzel (friend of Pat Anderson) Lucy White (friend of Mary Beth Logas) Nola Williams (Grace School student) Deborah Wilson (niece of Carolyn Garber) Randi Woodworth (sister of Tammy Bretscher) Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

#### **Benevolence** ministries

Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic

#### For those who mourn

The Rev Richard Gahl (friend of Bob Burke)

#### Thanksgiving for

The birth of **Eleanor Joan Kaiser** (daughter of Laura and Ryan Kaiser; granddaughter of William and Sheila Nicholas) The birth of **Cameron Eric Valencia** (son of Lindsay and Andrew Valencia, grandson of Laura and Kevin Clauss)

#### Those serving in the armed services

Daniel Behrens (relative of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska) Timothy Berghaus (grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus) Kevin Buss (nephew of Christa Krout) Reid Beveridge (son-in-law of the Schnacks) David Danford (son of John and Karen) E. Michael Garcia Goetting (son of Mary Goetting) Matthew Garmatz (grandson of Margaret Garmatz)

Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher) Kari Paetzold (niece of Jim and Sharman Galezewski)

#### Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak *(Germany)* Drew Krueger *(England)* 

#### Those who are homebound

Christopher Davis	Carolyn Martin
Marie Gierke	Joanne Nelson
Ronald Gresens	Barbara Rinnan
Gloria Hillert	Kathleen Wrobel

#### Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (friend of Bob and Margaret Burke) in Oakhill Correctional Center Cheryl Luchetta (friend of Joan Koerber) in Logan Correctional Center

#### Copyright Acknowledgments

Portions of this liturgy reprinted from Lutheran Book of Worship, copyright © 1978 by Augsburg Fortress, With One Voice, copyright © 1995 by Augsburg Fortress, and Evangelical Lutheran Worship, copyright © 2006 by Augsburg Fortress. Graphics and Sending Hymn reprinted from Sundaysandseasons.com. All rights reserved. All of the above printed and live streamed by permission of Augsburg Fortress liturgies license #SAS018423.

Readings come from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Prelude, Entrance Hymn, Psalm, Anthem, Sending Hymn, and Postlude reprinted and/or livestreamed by permission of OneLicense.net license #A-704569.

Bradley Larson (cousin of Rhea Sprecher) Sonny Putman (nephew of Susan Franzone) Rusty Robb (grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie) Matthew Shinkwin (friend of Eunice Spurgat) Christopher W. Sylvester (grandson of Janet Sylvester)

#### Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

NAME(S)
E-MAIL ADDRESS
MAILING ADDRESS
CITY/STATE/ZIP
PHONE NUMBER

Check all that apply:

- I am visiting Grace for the first time.
- I would like to know more about Grace Church.
- **I** am interested in a path toward membership.
- I would like to know more about Grace School.
- □ I would like to receive Grace's weekly e-mail, Sunday Is Coming.
- □ I would like one of the pastors to contact me via (check one) □ Phone or □ E-mail.

## GRACE LUHHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

7300 Division Street River Forest, Illinois 60305 Phone: (708) 366-6900 Fax: (708) 366-0966

www.graceriverforest.org gracechurch@graceriverforest.org David R. Lyle, Senior Pastor Troy E. Medlin, Associate Pastor F. Dean Lueking, Pastor Emeritus Michael D. Costello, Cantor Jeremy Zimmer, Assistant Cantor William Koehne, Principal Gerald Koenig, Principal Emeritus Pat Gulik, Parish Nurse Julie Modrich, Children's Ministry Coordinator Gwen Gotsch, Communications Coordinator Jim McClanahan, Director of Administration & Finance Rich Brooks, Facilities Manager

Bring in, build up, and send out disciples for Jesus Christ