GRACE LUTHERAN CHAPEL

*Grace Chapel exists to make and keep disciples for Jesus Christ.*

The Day of Pentecost

**Saturday, May 22, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.**

*Welcome to Grace Lutheran Chapel and to our worship with Holy Communion. As Lutheran Christians we believe and confess that Christ’s Body and Blood are present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. This meal benefits those who acknowledge and confess their sin and trust in Christ alone for their salvation. Where Christ’s true body and blood are present, so also is the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Baptized and instructed Christians who share in this belief are welcome to this meal of our Lord’s grace and forgiveness.*

WELCOME/GREETING

OPENING HYMN “O Holy Spirit, Enter In,” No. 913

**1 O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin,
    Your dwelling place now make us.**

**Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine,**

**To joy and gladness wake us
    That we may be Truly living,
    To You giving  Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.**

**2 Give to Your Word impressive pow’r, That in our hearts from this good hour
    As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity We faithful witnesses may be,
    Your glory ever showing.
        Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching;
     Let our preaching And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.**

**3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
    In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death And live in love and holy faith,
    From You true wisdom learning.
        Your grace and peace On us shower;
     By Your power Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior’s blessing.**

INVOCATION

 *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

 **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:3, 5b; 66:4*

 *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,*

 **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

 *Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;*

 **let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**

 *Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,*

 **my salvation and my God.**

 *All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;*

 **they sing praises to Your name.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 38:18, 22; 140:6; 145:8*

 *With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*

**for the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

 *I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.*

 **Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**

 *I say to the Lord, You are my God;*

 **give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O Lord!**

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are 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, Your Son, our Lord.*

 **Amen.**

 *In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.*

**Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.*

 **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise” No. 946

**1 Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
    Of heav’nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
    Lord God, almighty Father, heav’nly King.**

**2 Lord Jesus Christ, the Father’s only Son,
    You bore for us the load of this world’s sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict’ry won,
    Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**3 Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
    At God’s right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
    With all the heav’nly host we glorify.**

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SALUTATION

 *The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray. O Holy Spirit, You call people to faith and faithfulness and gather them in*

*the Church. Breathe Your life into us that we may ever rejoice in the power of Your*

*presence among us and share Your outpoured blessings as You direct us from generation*

*to generation. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You*

 *and the Father, ever one God, world without end.*

 **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. 2And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. 3And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” 4Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

7So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. 9Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” 10So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

11Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ 12Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. 14And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

*This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE Acts 2:1-21

 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9Parthians and Medes and 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, 11both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” 12And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

 **4**But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. **15**For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. **16**But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: **17**“‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; **18**even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. **19**And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below,  blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; **20**the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. **21**And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

 *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

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

 *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.*

 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

 **26**“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. **27**And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

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

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

 *This is the Gospel of the Lord.* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES’ CREED

 **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

 **And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

 **I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

SERMON “Day of Pentecost”

 Acts 2:1-21 – Pastor Nate Ruback

SERMON HYMN “O Day Full of Grace,” No. 503

**1 O day full of grace that now we see Appearing on earth’s horizon,
 Bring light from our God that we may be Replete in His joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts emblazon.**

**2 O day full of grace, O blessèd time, Our Lord on the earth arriving;
 Then came to the world that light sublime, Great joy for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace, All darkness and shame removing.**

**3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the cross was hanging;
 And then He arose and moved the stone That we, unto Him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise Our voices in endless singing.**

**4 God came to us then at Pentecost, His Spirit new life revealing,
 That we might no more from Him be lost, All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface And bring to us all His healing.**

**5 When we on that final journey go That Christ is for us preparing,
 We’ll gather in song, our hearts aglow, All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God’s own place, With angels His name adoring.**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*God has made His dwelling place with man; He will dwell with us, and we will be His people; and God will be our God. In confidence of this, let us raise to Him our prayers on behalf of those in need and all people.

Almighty Father, You met a divided world with one saving love and will, manifested in the incarnation, suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Make us one people in Him, and bless all efforts to come to the true unity of Your Word by the power of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Give Your rich and abundant blessing to Your Church, O Lord, that she faithfully hold to Your Word even amid trial and persecution, and give Your blessing to all pastors and servants of the Church in their service to us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Give us Your Spirit, O Lord, that we welcome the stranger and boldly speak Your Word to those who have not heard it. Guide us by Your grace that we be faithful witnesses until You come in Your glory to finish Your new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Govern the nations, O Lord, and bless our leaders, that they be people of good moral conscience and integrity, for the sake of the poor and the oppressed, and for the encouragement of virtue and good works. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Guard those in need, O Lord, from the pain of body or mind, from the suffering of illness, and from the fear of death. Bring them the comfort of Your presence, healing according to Your will, patience in the day of trial, and deliverance at the last. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Recalling the saints of old who trusted in You, we pray You, O Lord, to bring us with them to the great and holy day when the old is past, tears are dried up, fears are ended, and death is no more. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Bidden by Your promise, we Your people commend to You these concerns of our hearts, these prayers of Your Church, and these petitions on behalf of all people as they have need, through the mercy and because of the merits of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
 In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

*As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.*

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Therefore, gracious God, we commemorate that Christ had to suffer and die, but most of all that He is the firstborn from the dead, the firstborn of the whole creation; that glorified at Your right hand, He speaks on our behalf; and that He will come to judge the living and the dead on the day You have appointed. Send Your Holy Spirit among us that we be Your people and serve You in all blessedness. With grateful hearts, we beseech You to hear us, to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and to teach us to pray as our Lord has taught us:*

LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

 *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

 HYMN - “Lamb of God,” No. 550

**1 Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
    To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God. *Refrain***

***Refrain:* O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**2 Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God.**

 ***Refrain***

**3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
    To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain***

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DISMISSAL BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

*Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

 **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.*

 **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling,” No. 650

**1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light;
 Holy Spirit, ever brooding O’er a world of gloom and night;
 Holy Spirit, ever raising Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.**

**2 Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church’s very life;
 Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife;
 Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.**

**3 Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church’s ministry;
 Quick’ning, strength’ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free;
 Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.**

POSTLUDE

*Grace is for all!*