

May 24, 2026

Day of Pentecost



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We welcome you to worship here at Grace!

*Note that all text written in **bold** is for congregation participation.
Most of our hymn songs are found in the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*
red hymnal found in the pews.*

S=service music in the front part of the hymnal.

GATHERING

Thank you for joining us as we worship our Lord together!

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

WELCOME

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

PRELUDE *Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit* from Meiningen Gesangbuch

Please stand as you are able.

A Pentecost Proclamation: Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed

them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘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.

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

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

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

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

OPENING HYMN *Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove* **ELW #404**

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

ELW S138

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

ELW S140

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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.**

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49:8-12 *(Read Responsively)*

L: ⁸ Thus says the LORD:

In a time of favor I have answered you;
on a day of salvation I have helped you;

**C: I have kept you and given you
as a covenant to the people,**

L: to establish the land,

C: to apportion the desolate heritages,

L: ⁹ saying to the prisoners, “Come out,”

C: to those who are in darkness, “Show yourselves.”

L: They shall feed along the ways;
on all the bare heights shall be their pasture;

**C: ¹⁰ they shall not hunger or thirst,
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down,**

L: for he who has pity on them will lead them
and by springs of water will guide them.

**C: ¹¹ And I will turn all my mountains into a road,
and my highways shall be raised up.**

L: ¹² Look, some shall come from far away,

C: some from the ends of the earth,

L: and some from the land of Syene.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all.

We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord. **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.

The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* **ELW #401**
Verse 1, 3, 5 ALL, Verse 2 WOMEN, Verse 4 MEN

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.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Holy, Heavenly Love

by Mark Browse

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

ELW #883

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

OFFERING PRAYER

**Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
 You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will
 hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
 that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In
 the name of Jesus, Amen.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**P: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our
 broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *Brief silence.***

**A: God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in
 relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to
 proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

**A: Almighty God, You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter
 budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean
 water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Lord in your mercy, **hear
 our prayer.****

A: God of justice, we thank you for giving your law to humanity. Guide and encourage all who shepherd your people in communities from preschool classrooms to the world stage. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick (*especially those on our prayer list and those we name now, out loud or in our hearts*). Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Eternal Light, God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW S144

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVERYONE IS INVITED to receive Holy Communion. The ushers will invite worshippers forward to receive communion in front of the altar steps. Once you have received the wafer and the red wine/white grape juice, place your empty cup in the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. If you do not wish to receive communion, or are worshipping with children who have not had First Communion, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing and cross your arms over your chest to show your preference to the pastor.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

SENDING**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW #400

*Please be seated. Enjoy the postlude music.
and meditate on how God spoke to your heart today.*

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. by Fred Bock

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*We are glad for your presence today.
We hope you come again soon!*

**We thank all those serving in worship today:
Worship Assistant: Ruth Bowden**

The flowers sponsors this week are:

Kathy Nigsch, wishing her father Wally Wopatek, a
Happy Heavenly Birthday!

&

Ruth Dildilian Traa, in honor of her and her twin sister
Rachel, as they celebrate their birthday!



**Please join us after worship for a time of prayer and gratitude for the
life of Bob Klingensmith.**



CELEBRATING AMERICA

CAPE SHORE CHORALE

and Director of Music

Scott J. Breiner

AMERICA'S 250th

guest conductor Jason Koenig

Sunday, June 7, 2026 @ 3 P M

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

30th & Bay Avenue

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Lite refreshments



HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

May 24, 2026-May 31

Day of Pentecost 5/24/26

- 8:00AM Spoken Worship
- 8:45AM Adult Forum
- 10:15AM Traditional Worship

MONDAY 5/25/26

Office & Food Pantry Closed in Honor of Memorial Day

- 7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY 5/26/26

- 9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
- 5:30PM CASA Training
- 6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous
- 7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY 5/27/26

- 9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
- 11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge
- 6:00PM AA Book Study
- 7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

THURSDAY 5/28/26

- 9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
- 12:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous
- 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30PM AA 12-Step
- 5:30PM CASA Training
- 7:00PM Al-Anon

FRIDAY 5/29/26

- 10:30AM Grace Stitchers
- 7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

SATURDAY 5/30/26

- 7:30AM & 8:30AM Weight Watchers

The Holy Trinity 5/31/26

- 8:00AM Spoken Worship
- 10:15AM Traditional Worship

**Office Hours this Week:
Tues-Fri 10:00-3:00**

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