



*Sunday, May 20, 2018, 11:00 a.m.*

## ***Pentecost Sunday***

*Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You to Worship*

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### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **GREETING**

**L:** A warm welcome to you on this special day as we celebrate the birth of the church of Jesus Christ! Join us in singing our praises to God. Let us share in Christian worship and fellowship as brothers and sisters in Christ.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** Come, Holy Spirit,

**ALL:** **The wind of God, the breath of Life.**

**L:** Come, Holy Spirit,

**ALL:** **Our Advocate, our Counselor.**

**L:** Come, Holy Spirit,

**ALL:** **Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.**

**L:** Come, Holy Spirit,

**ALL:** **Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.**

**L:** Come, Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** **May we feel God breathing through our worship. *May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.***

#### **OPENING SONG**

"One Spirit"

Praise Team

#### **PENTECOST CONFESSION**

**L:** We do not stop enough to listen to the still-speaking God. And like the people of Jerusalem long ago, we often misunderstand the Spirit's movement among us. In the silence and stillness of this moment, let us draw near to God and listen.

Let us confess together:

**ALL:** **We confess to you, Renewing Spirit, that we confuse unity with uniformity, and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means nothing. We deny and destroy the beauty you created. We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not know how. Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. And empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love. Amen.**

**L:** Hear the good news! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided, but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth. We are loved and forgiven in Christ's name. Thanks be to God!

**PRAISE SONG**

“Light the Fire”

Praise Team

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**ALL: 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.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**ALL: And also with you.**

*The pastor and the congregation verbally greet one another in the name of the Lord. Shaking hands is optional.*

**PRAISE SONG**

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Praise Team

**THE OFFERING FOR THE MISSION & MINISTRY OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**THE OFFERING SONG**

“We Are an Offering”

Praise Team

**THE OFFERING PRAYER**

**ALL: Spirit of Wind and Fire, pour out on these gifts of our labors and transform them into your work in this world. Make them be a blessing for all who search for your bounty. May your Spirit continue to call us forth to living a life of giving. Amen.**

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

Black Pew Bible, p. 885

**L:** Word of God. Word of Life.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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

**L:** How manifold are your works, O LORD!

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

**L:** Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,

**ALL: living things both small and great.**

**L:** There go the ships to and fro,

**ALL: and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.**

**L:** All of them look to you

**ALL: to give them their food in due season.**

**L:** You give it to them; they gather it;

**ALL: you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

**L:** When you hide your face, they are terrified;

**ALL: when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

**L:** You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

**ALL: and so you renew the face of the earth.**

**L:** May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

**ALL: O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

**L:** You look at the earth and it trembles;

**ALL: you touch the mountains and they smoke.**

**L:** I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

**ALL: I will praise my God while I have my being.**

**L: May these words of mine please God.**

**ALL: I will rejoice in the LORD.**

**L: Bless the LORD, O my soul.**

**ALL: Hallelujah!**

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

**Black Pew Bible, p. 919**

**L: Word of God. Word of Life.**

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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

**Black Pew Bible, p.878**

**L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.**

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Holy Gospel is read.*

**L: The Gospel of the Lord.**

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**SERMON SONG**

“May the Spirit of God Descend Upon This Place”

Praise Team

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**ALL: We believe in God, known as Creator, Son and ever-present Spirit. We believe God gave birth to the church with the gift of the Holy Spirit - stirring the disciples and us to tell the Good News, heal the sick, feed the hungry, take care of the poor, welcome the stranger and be a community of forgiveness and joy.**

**We believe the Spirit is still moving, still acting, still turning the world upside down with love. We believe the Spirit gives us different gifts to use, all for building up the church and showing the world a community of compassion and wisdom.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit will not be contained in dull, lifeless forms, but surprises us and empowers us to do new things, to risk loving, to venture boldly into God's world.**

**We believe in the church, wind-powered, fire-tinged and Spirit-filled.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

“The Spirit Intercedes For Us”

Praise Team

**L: Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.**

Lord of life, you baptize your people with the fire of the Spirit. Grace your church everywhere with your visions and dreams, so that as we testify, all will hear the gospel and call upon your saving name. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

**L: Your creating Spirit renews the face of the earth. Bring to birth new life in the earth's land forms and waters. Awaken us from the slumber of neglect to show tender care for our home. Hear us, O God.**

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

**L: Your Spirit swept over the waters and you created the human family. Now we are divided, scattered like dry bones. Connect the nations with the strength of the Holy Spirit, so that all will live in hope. Hear us, O God.**

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

**L:** Your Spirit sighs with every need. Guide us in honoring the dignity of everyone and opening our lives to others. Pour your healing mercies into the lives of all who need your care (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** **Your mercy is great.**

**L:** Your Spirit has called and gathered this congregation into life in Christ. Help us in our weakness, teach us to pray, search our hearts, and intercede for us, your beloved saints, according to your will. Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** **Your mercy is great.**

**L:** By your Holy Spirit you have called and gathered people from every nation under heaven. Gather us with all the saints at the heavenly banquet that has no end. Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** **Your mercy is great.**

**L:** By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL:** **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.**

#### **BLESSING**

**L:** May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**L:** May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**L:** May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**L:** And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

#### **SENDING SONG**

"Shine Jesus, Shine"

Praise Team

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