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# Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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**Pentecost** is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit, and the continued growth given by our gracious God.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Let us celebrate God's presence among us at all times. We know the unique gift we have of God meeting our every need. Let us give praise to our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

### Gathering Music

*Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.*

*Arise in body or Spirit*

### Opening Sentences

- P** O Lord, open our lips,  
**C** and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
- A** Blessed God, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
**C** that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- P** Give praise to the Holy Trinity our true God,  
**C** who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.

### Gathering Song

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

WOV 780

### Greeting

*The pastor and the assembly greet each other.*

- P** The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care.  
☞ **Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## First Reading

## Deuteronomy 30:9-14

*Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.*

- Ⓛ A reading from **Deuteronomy**:

<sup>9</sup>The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

- Ⓛ The word of the Lord.  
☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 25:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

**<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

**<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

## Second Reading

## Colossians 1:1-14

*The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.*

☐ A reading from **Colossians**:

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown*  
Verses 1 & 5

**ELW 737**

## Gospel Reading

**Luke 10:25-37**

*Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.*

▣ The Holy Gospel according to **Luke**.

▣ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup>He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

▣ The Gospel of the Lord.

▣ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children’s Message

### Message

**Song of the Day**

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

**WOV 765**

## Prayers

We sing the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **Hear us, O God.** The assembly will sing:

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.  
OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.  
*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*

**A** United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence*

**A** Good and gracious God, you have placed your word of love in the heart of your church. Fill your church with compassion, that we will bear the fruit of your healing mercy to a broken world. We lift up those who accompany your chosen people especially, *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne, our synod companion St. Paul Lutheran Church, Reed City; McCallum United Brethren, Delton; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

**C** **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

**A** You created the earth with seeds sprouting up to new life. We pray for the flourishing of fruit trees and orchards, vines and bushes. Prosper the work of those who plant, tend, harvest, and gather. Hear us, O God.

**C** **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

**A** Show us your ways and teach us your paths of justice and love. Raise up community and national leaders to challenge and dismantle societal structures that perpetuate ethnic, racial, and religious profiling and discrimination. Be with those who safeguard the world, especially *Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas) and Julia Ehredt (Schrieners, Halsteads).* Hear us, O God.

**C** **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

Ⓐ Come near to all in need, especially *Jenny Anderson, Amber Andrews, Veronica Baarson, Marc Benda, The Beulah Benedict Family, Walter Brown, Audrey Burdick, Cherie Clements, Deanna Darnell, Bob & Bonnie Ehredt, Gene and Julie Fogarty and family, Mike Fruth, Greg Franks, Robert Glasgow, Lorie Gladyness, Karl Golnek, The Hannah Gutenmorgen Family, Charlene Hall, Sandy Hayward, Judy Heil, Mike Hoppe, Norma Ludlow, Bill Melcher, Obilyn Mowry, Gloria & Ron O'Beirne, Darlene Olson, Annette Poholski, Ken Plourde, Mike Shoemaker, Susie Smith, Jackie Stapel, Bev Teegardin, George Ulrich Jr., Sharon Varkula, Carol Vos, and Cheryl Wilke.* Orchestrate kindness in the face of cruelty, hope where there is despair, love in the face of neglect, comfort where there is death, and healing in illness. Hear us, O God.

☞ **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

Ⓐ Turn this community toward neighbors in need. Bring aid and support to those who are poor, beaten down, abused, forgotten, silenced, or avoided.

*(You may share your prayers at this time)  
Here other intercessions may be offered*

Ⓐ We give thanks for the saints who revealed your love and mercy in this life. Inspired by their witness, strengthen us to live in hope. Hear us, O God.

☞ **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

Ⓟ God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

☞ **Amen.**

### **Sharing the Peace of God**

Ⓟ The peace of Christ be with you.

☞ **And also with you.**

*(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)*

### **Offering Prayer**

Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine.

☞ **Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen**



## Great Thanksgiving

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**C** **Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.**

**P** Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

**C** **This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.**

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

**C** **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

**P** God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Communion Songs:

*What Feast of Love  
As the Grains of Wheat  
One Bread, One Body*

**WOV 701  
WOV 705  
WOV 710**

## **Prayer after Communion**

- A** Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
- G** **Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.**

## **Mission Minutes**

*Arise in body or spirit.*

## **Blessing**

- P** God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

**Sending Song**

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

**WOV 721**

## **Dismissal**

- A** Go in peace. Christ is sending you.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

### **8:00 am**

**Assisting Minister – Mark Anton**  
**Lector – Jamie Heise**  
**Cantor – Cindy Olson**  
**Musician – Cindy Olson**  
**Pastor – Ken Scheck**

### **10:45 am**

**Assisting Minister – Kate Watson**  
**Lector – Joe Longcor**  
**Cantor – Cindy Olson**  
**Musician – Cindy Olson**  
**Pastor – Ken Scheck**  
**Fellowship – The Watson Family**

## **A Matter of Proximity**

Most people consider clarifying questions to be helpful things. That is, of course, unless the questions are attempts to find loopholes or ways around doing what is moral and just. Today we find that Jesus is not a fan of loopholes when it comes to serving our neighbors. In fact, the tale he weaves for the listeners today is shocking on its face. To suggest that the outsider, a Samaritan, saves the day in the story probably went a bit too far for those first hearers. Perhaps that's true for hearers today too, when we truly listen. The Samaritan is an unlikely hero.

This parable, often called "The Good Samaritan," highlights proximity as a tool in extending God's grace in the world. Those who do not want to help the injured person pass on the other side of the street. Perhaps the physical distance helps them feel disconnected from moral responsibility.

But notice the extreme proximity that the merciful Samaritan employs: he gets near to treat the beaten man's wounds, puts his own wine on the injuries as a sanitary agent, puts the man on his own beast, and pays for the man's needs with his own money. For Jesus, being a neighbor doesn't just mean tending to those who happen to be next to us. For Jesus, being a neighbor means leaning in, especially when others want to avoid the situation altogether.

To truly attend to the needs of the world we must come in close proximity to need. After all, Jesus himself, fully God, became fully human to get in proximity to us. And like the Samaritan, this wandering preacher from a nowhere town with a ragtag group of followers will save the day for us all. God in Jesus is the unlikely hero who draws close to our need.

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## Stewardship Information

Attendance: 38	Views: 76
Weekly Giving: \$5,806.00	Budget Amount: \$4,163.28
Renew Campaign Needed \$4842.00	
Renew Campaign Received \$ <u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL Outstanding \$4842.00	

**Welcome to worship today! We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are pleased that you are here among us to worship the ONE who gives us the desire to help our neighbor.**

**Today we begin receiving pledges of our financial support for the ministry here at Grace Lutheran Church in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**Grace Lutheran Church is seeking a Nursery Attendant during the 10:45 worship service.**

**Reminder: Congregational Annual Meeting is a week from today at 9:30 a.m.**

**Time and Talent Survey** The 2022 Time and Talent Survey is now available. You can find the survey on the Grace website and a copy was included in the July/August GraceGram. There is an envelope in the Gathering Area for completed surveys.

**Council Meeting Schedule Change** The monthly Council meeting has been moved from the 19<sup>th</sup> of July to the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Grace Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show** Do you own a classic or antique car, truck, or motorcycle? Do you enjoy looking at older model vehicles? Please come join us Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Grace Car Show. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. for vehicles and the outdoor service begins at 10:00 a.m. under the tent. There will be food at 11:30. Come join the fun!

**Replace, Repair, Renew Campaign.** As you can tell by the above numbers, we have paid off all of these items. Now we enter into the Renewal phase of the campaign which has a goal of raising \$4842.00 for a new HVAC system for the Fellowship Hall. Thanks again for your continued generosity.