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Day of Pentecost

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During Easter, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead. We especially celebrate the resurrection every Sunday throughout the year. It's because of Christ's death and resurrection that we are assured of forgiveness from our sins and receive everlasting life with God. The liturgical colors are white, a color of triumph and glory, and gold, a color of joy. As we celebrate the fiftieth day of Easter we recognize the entry of the Holy Spirit with its color – red.

Welcome

Gathering Music

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Arise in body or Spirit

Easter Good News

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- A** This is the day that the Lord has made;
- C** **we will rejoice and be glad in it!**
- P** Open to me the gates of righteousness;
- C** **I will go through them and praise the Lord.**
- A** I shall not die, but live,
- C** **and declare the works of the Lord.**

Gathering Song

Bring Forth the Kingdom

W&P 22

D G/D D D/F# G D/F# A D

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!

Leader G D/F# G A D All G D/F# A D

Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king - dom of God!
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king - dom of God!
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God!

Refrain
G D/F# Em A D G D/F#

Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the

Em A D G D/F# G A D

king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,


G D/F# Em/G A D G D/F# A D

bring forth the cit - y of God!


Easter Greeting

- ☐ Holy people of God, given new life through the resurrected Christ, and enlightened by the Spirit: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

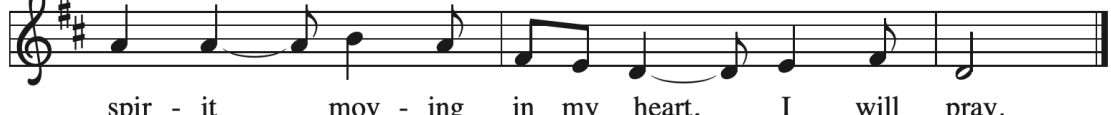
Refrain




Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing



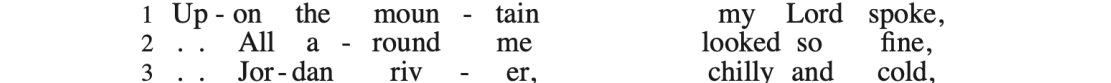
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the




spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,

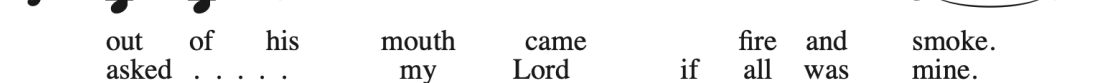


2 . . . All a - round me looked so fine,

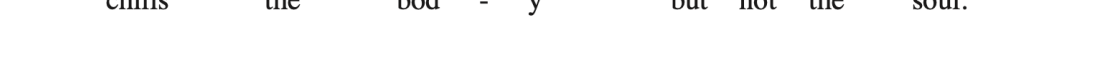


3 . . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,


Refrain



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.



asked my Lord if all was mine.



chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us pray . . . Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world.
- C** **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.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

📖 A reading from Acts:

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, 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.

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

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

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

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

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 104:24-34, 35B



Refrain



²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

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

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.


²⁶**There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.**

²⁷**All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season. **

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

³⁰**You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.**

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. **

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.

³⁴**May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.**

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah! **

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

☐ A reading from **Romans:**

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise 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. ²⁷And 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.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Please arise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, - Lord to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

☐ The Resurrection Gospel according to **John**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“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. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless 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. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

☐ The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Message

Please arise in body or spirit.



1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
 2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
 3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
 you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
 and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
 We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
 to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.
 you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
 to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
 Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
 for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
 un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
 in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Please be seated.

Prayers

*We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **Hear us, O God.** The assembly prays, **You give us new life.***

Ⓐ Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence

Ⓐ We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized. God, in your mercy, guide and direct *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrisy and David, our synod companion Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Petosky; Saint Ambrose Catholic Church, Delton; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

☑ **You give us new life.**

Ⓐ For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. Hear us, O God.

☑ **You give us new life.**

Ⓐ For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. Be with those who safeguard the world, including *Parker Stancil (Freedlund), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkula), Julia Ehredt (Schreiner, Halstead), and Seth Domke (Domke).* Hear us, O God.

☑ **You give us new life.**

Ⓐ For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way *especially Pastor Michael Anton, Mark Arens, Veronica Baarson, Bob Bolton, Frank Bolton, Diana Brown, Walter Brown, Chris Bush, Cherie Clements, Pat DePew, Allison Domke (pregnancy), Bob and Bonnie Ehredt, Lisa Golnek, Caitlyn Habben (pregnancy), Lorraine Handsbarger, Jamie Heise (pregnancy), Virginia Henion, Bill Miller and family, Martha Misak, Virginia Moomey, James Neiderheiser, Jan Northrup, Lisa Nurenberg, Corinna Palmer, Rick Palmer, Sharon Palmer, Shirley Peterson, Annette Poholski, Patty Renne, Jennifer Rohr, Mike Shoemaker, Ron Smith, Barry Swanson, Al Throop, George Ulrich Jr., Jeanette Ulrich, and Brenda Watson.* Hear us, O God.

☑ **You give us new life.**

Ⓐ For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. Hear us, O God.

☑ **You give us new life.**

Here other intercessions may be offered

☐ We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light.

☑ **Amen.**

Please arise in body or spirit.

Sharing the Peace of God

☐ The peace of risen Christ be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

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

Offering Song

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of five lines of music. The first line is the refrain. The second and third lines are the main body of the song. The fourth line contains two verses. The fifth line is the final refrain. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Be known to us, O Lord, as you were made known to the disciples.
- ☒ **Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

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.**

- Ⓐ It is our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow the way of humble service and love, and so, with the church on earth all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Table Prayer

- Ⓟ 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.
- ☒ **By dying on the cross, Jesus has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.**
- Ⓟ 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:
- ☒ **Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**
- Ⓟ Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
- ☒ **This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.**
- Ⓟ With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Congregation:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

- Ⓟ Pour your Holy Spirit upon us as we share this meal in the body and blood of our Lord.
- Ⓢ **Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful people until we feast at your table in glory.**
- Ⓟ Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Amen, Come Lord Jesus; Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

Congregation:



A - men, Come Lord Je - sus; A -



men, Come Lord Je - sus.

- Ⓟ Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains are scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Amen, Come Holy Spirit. Amen, Come Holy Spirit.

Congregation:



A - men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. A -



men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u-ni-ty of the Spir-it all glo-ry and hon-or is
yours, O God, now and for-ever,
A - - - men.

☐ All glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever.

Lord's Prayer

- ☐ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:
- ☑ **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

- ☐ Holy things for holy people.
- ☑ **One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God.**
- ☐ Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God!**



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
 gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the
 as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
 mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,
 true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

O Living Breath of God

ELW 407



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
 vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
 prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Prayer after Communion

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
- Ⓒ **Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Mission Minutes

Blessing

- ⒫ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- Ⓒ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ⒫ The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.
- Ⓒ **Amen.**

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Refrain

Dismissal

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

☐ You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

8:00 am

Assisting Minister – Mark Anton

Lector – Phil Poholski

Cantor – Cindy Olson

Musician – Cindy Olson

Pastor – Ken Scheck

10:45 am

Assisting Minister – Paul Kuhlman

Lector – Bill Freedlund

Cantor – Mary Kuhlman

Musician – Cindy Olson

Pastor – Ken Scheck

Fellowship – Graduation Celebration

After the Wind and Fire

Jesus had his own way of urging hearers to “not miss the forest for the trees.” Recall some of his familiar lines: “You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel” (Matthew 23:24), “Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear?” (Mark 8:18), or “Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?” (Luke 6:41). Look deeply. Listen carefully. Then pay attention to what is most important.

Attention-grabbing as the wonders on the Day of Pentecost may be—a house filled with rushing wind, tongues of fire alighting on the heads of apostles, and the whirling of alien languages from stupefied mouths—take care to not let their bewildering extraordinariness blunt the true and greater wonder of this gospel event: the Advocate comes.

All the times and events of Jesus’ life—among close followers, watchers from afar, believers as well as doubters; the astounding miracles, puzzling parables, curious teachings, and scandalous associations—were for one purpose only: to open to all of them, to the whole world, the mercy and love of God.

But Jesus will not be at hand for long in the room, at the table, on the road and hillside, at the temple or synagogue, in the boat. The sound of his voice will become a memory; the image of his face will fade from sight. So, what happens when the hopeful days with Jesus end?

The Advocate comes! Yes, we retell the story now of an extraordinary moment of one ancient day on Pentecost, but oh, the greater, true gospel wonder is the ever-extraordinary presence of Jesus’ Spirit bringing us hope and the way of God’s mercy and love meant for, given to, and enduring in the world forever. Pray that we have eyes to see it and ears to hear of it.

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Brat Sale the Brothers of Grace are having a pork brat sale benefiting the Alpha Women's Center. A reminder that if you have ordered brats they will be available for pick up on **Thursday, May 23rd between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** here at Grace. Brats will be made on **Wednesday, May 22nd from 5:00 p.m. until approximately 7:30 p.m.** The sign-up sheet to help is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. If you have questions or need an alternate time to pick up your order, please contact Joe Longcor.

Annual Grace Church Picnic You are cordially invited to the annual Grace picnic at the home of Phil and Amy Poholski on **Sunday, June 9th**. Hotdogs, condiments, chips, lemonade, and iced tea are provided. Please bring a lawn chair if you are able, and walking shoes if you would like to walk through the woods. If you are planning on bringing a dish to pass (which is optional) please use the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. The picnic is held regardless of rain or shine. We hope to see you there.

Blood Drive Grace will be hosting a blood drive on **Thursday, May 23rd**. The sign-up for helping and for donating cookies/juice is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. The Red Cross is very grateful to Grace for hosting donor drives. If you would like to donate blood you can use the Red Cross Donor App from the Apple or Google Play Stores or you can call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment. Thank you for supporting this event.

Women of Faith meet **Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.** A reminder that we will NOT meet on Tuesday, May 29, which is the day following Memorial Day. Our final meeting for the year will be Tuesday, June 11 and we will resume in the fall.



Hand2Hand Program Final Collection Sunday Today is the final donation date for the 2023-2024 school year for the Hand2Hand program. A big thank you to Patti Comp for leading this ministry of love here at Grace, and to Green Street UMC for coordinating the collection and distribution of the donations.

Thank you for your generosity over the course of the 2023-2024 school year. It is greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for our students over the summer.

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 risen Christ who breathes new life into us.

Stewardship Information

Please use this QR Code to access online giving.



Attendance: 55	Views: 358
Weekly Giving: \$1,880.00	Budget Amount: \$4,366.17
Noisy Offering: \$30.89	Hand2Hand: \$50.00
Spring Flower Sale: \$1,344.00	

Grace Projects Goal	\$25,252.00
Received To Date	<u>-\$ 2,255.00</u>
Total Needed	\$23,007.00

Given this week toward Grace Projects: \$0.00

We Welcome Pastor Ken back from his time away. We are thankful for God's Holy Spirit who was able to sustain Grace during this time of refreshment and renewal. We were blessed with many pastors who filled in as Pastor Ken was taking time away to seek God's peace, healing and transformation.

Graduation Celebration Please join us **TODAY** following the second service in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the graduation of Anna Scheck from the University of Michigan. We hope you can join us.

Commitment Sunday today we are filling out pledge forms for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This information will help Grace leadership balance anticipated income with the budget. In early June, the Committee will have a draft budget available for review.

The nursery is available weekly during the 10:45 worship service. Aurora Collins is the Nursery Attendant. She would love to have some little ones visit her. Please spread the word that Grace provides childcare during this worship service. **A reminder that the nursery will not be available on Sunday, June 2nd.**

Adult Forum please join us at 9:30 with Joe Longcor leading the study.

Vehicle Needed Aurora, our nursery attendant, needs to borrow a car so she can take her driving test. If you can help, please call her at 269.953.5200.