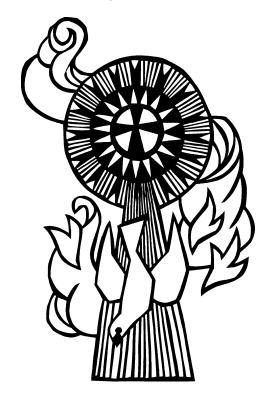
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Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025

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.

Holy Silence is observed as	we enter i	to worship.
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Welcome

Gathering Music

O Spirit All-Embracing

arr. Aaron David Miller

Arise in body or Spirit

Easter Good News

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



- 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:



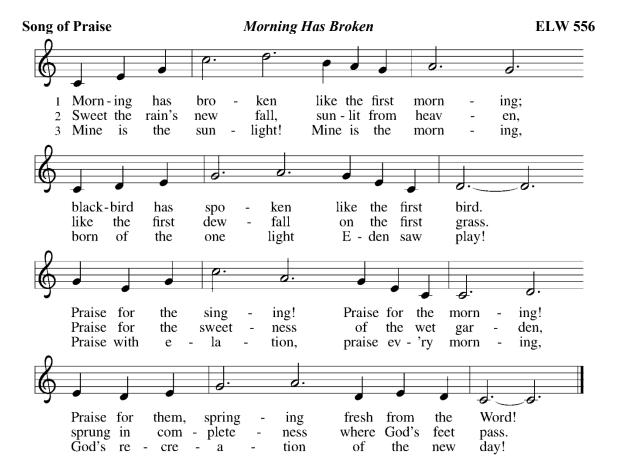
Come, stream of end-less flow-ing, and res-cue us from death; Come, fire of glo-ry gra-cious, bless all who trust in you; for vi-sion we im-plore you, for wis-dom's pure de-light;



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.

Easter Greeting

- P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope, be with you all.
- **⚠** And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

- Let us pray . . . God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth.
- By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, 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

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

L A reading from **Acts**.

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 nation 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, "Men of Judea 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:

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.

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."

L The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b



Refrain



Send forth your Spir -it and re - new the face of the earth.

²⁴ How manifold are your works, O LORD!

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

²⁵ Yonder 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 $^{\mid}$ to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the $^{\mid}$ sport of it.

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

²⁸ You give it to them; they | gather it;

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

²⁹ When you hide your face, ¹ they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return ¹ 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.

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

 33 I 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!

Second Reading Romans 8:14-17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.

L A reading from **Romans**.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

Arise in body or spirit.





Gospel Reading John 14:8-17

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

P The Holy Gospel according to **John**.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁸ Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

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

Please be seated.

Children's Time

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

Message

Song of the Day

O Day Full of Grace

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- dav full of grace that now ap - pear ing on we see 1 0 full 2 day of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
- 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
- 4 God came to us then at Pen te cost, the Spir it new
- 5 When we on that fi nal jour ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri zon, bring light from our God that we may earth ar - riv ing; then came to the world that light sub was hang and then and moved the cross ing; he a - rose life re - veal that we might no more death be ing, in gath - er us pre - par ing, we'll in song, our hearts a



God, shine be bun - dant in joy this sea son. for us joy all re - triev all lime, great for us ing; for Je sus stone, that we, un - to him be - long ing, might join with an lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel ling. This flame will the of the heav-ens shar and there will glow, all joy ing, we



in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla now zon. em - brace, all shame and des - pair mor - tals did re - mov ing. gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing mark of ef - face and bring to us all true heal ing. join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor -

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers

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

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

Me pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge. Bless our leaders and partners, including Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrisy and Kjersten, our synod companion Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Ledge; Delton Seventh Day Adventist; Doster Community Reformed Church; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken. Hear us, O God.

Q You give us new life.

(A) We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God.

Q You give us new life.

(Varkula), Seth Domke (Domke), Hudson Schick (Markwart), and Leopold Schick (Markwart). Hear us, O God.

Q You give us new life.

(A) We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially Jennie Anderson, Pastor Michael Anton, Mark Arens, Bob Bolton, Frank Bolton, Chris Bush, Cherie Clements, the family of Kari Cross, Pat DePew, Kim Domke, Bob Ehredt, Bonnie Ehredt, Greg Franks, Lori and John Giacalone, Lisa Golnek, Larry Griswold, Joy Jenks, Michelle Kaufman (pregnancy), Dana Lepien, Larry Maupin, Dawn McElgunn, Linda Melcher, Dr. Michael Menolasino, Sandy Mikolajczyk, Martha Misak, Kate Muraski, Jody Neagle, Lisa Nurenberg, Corrina Palmer, Kali Ranguette (pregnancy), Tammy Rodriguez, Lynnze Rudesill-Nuyen, Angie Stanton, Kathy Surratt, Ed Szumowski, Al Throop, Claudia Throop, George Ulrich Jr., Jeanette Ulrich, and Brenda Watson. Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Hear us, O God.

You give us new life.

- Me pray for this congregation. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Hear us, O God.
- **Q** You give us new life.

Here other intersessions may be offered.

- Me offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Hear us, O God.
- **Q** You give us new life.
- We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
- Amen.

Please arise in body or spirit.

Sharing the Peace of God

- P 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 . . . Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace.
- **A**long with the gifts we bring, come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with your risen body in the world. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **2** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **☑** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

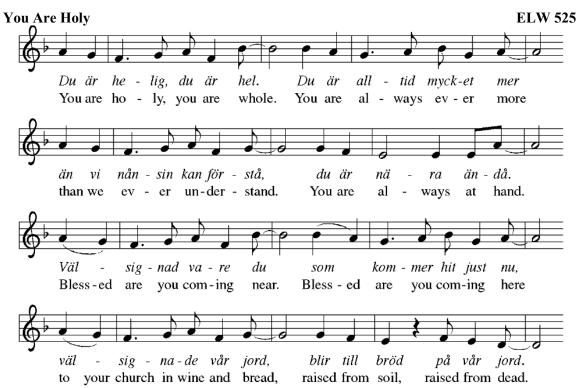




Table Prayer

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P 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

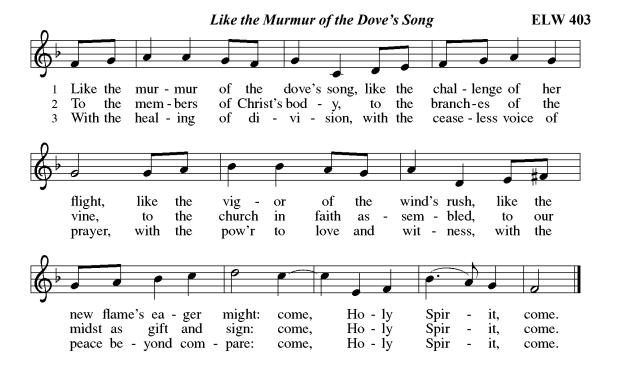
- **P** Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- **☑** Thanks be to God!

Please be seated.

Jesus, Lamb of God







Prayer after Communion

- ⚠ Let us pray . . . Living God, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
- **Send** us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

Mission Minutes

Arise in body or spirit.

Blessing

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- Amen.



Dismissal

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- **G** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- **@** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

9:30 am

Assisting Minister – Vickey Argo Lector – Mark Anton Musician – Cindy Olson Cantor – Cindy Olson Pastor – Ken Scheck Fellowship – Jeanette Markwart

Let's Dance!

What on earth actually happened on this day of Pentecost? What was the miracle that revealed the presence of God? What was the Holy Spirit up to?

In the Acts of the Apostles we hear that the disciples spoke in various languages (2:4). Are we hearing about a miracle of the tongue, an ability to speak so that others might understand? The scripture also says each person in the crowd heard the disciples "speaking in the native language of each" (v. 6). Did we just hear that it was in fact a miracle of the ear? Is this story about people being able to comprehend the power of God's presence?

In a broken world, in a world of "me, me, me first," our impulse is often to choose one interpretation or the other—and to make sure we end up on the "correct," winning side of the discussion. But when we return to the death of Jesus on the cross, observed some fifty days ago, we see that he offers us a third and holy option. Rather than taking sides in our walk with Jesus, we align with his heart, capable of embracing all.

To consider that the Pentecost story is a miracle of both the tongue and the ear is to accept a beautiful invitation—an invitation, at the birth of the church, to enter into a sacred dance of both speaking and listening. To consider it a dance would be to acknowledge a natural flow of the Spirit drawing us to not one or the other but to both in loving turn.

In John's gospel reading for the day, Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (14:15). The commandment Jesus speaks of is "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (13:34).

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Welcome to worship today! We are thrilled that you are here. 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 God, who comes to us with the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

Stewardship Information

Please use this QR Code to access online giving. Attendance: 45 Views: 196 Weekly Giving: \$855.00 Budget Amount: \$4,366.17

May Online Giving: \$2,376.08



Cost of ALL materials for Landscaping Project \$789.31
Brat Sale Received To Date \$664.00
Gift Towards Landscaping Project \$200.00
Landscaping is Paid Off, Extra to General Fund +\$74.69

 Grace Projects Goal
 \$ 25,252.00

 Received To Date
 -\$ 4,550.00

 Total Needed
 \$ 20,702.00

Given this week toward Grace Projects: \$0.00

Noisy Offering is being collected today to benefit Barry County Cares.

Women of Faith meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 am here at Grace. We are finishing up studying "Listening to God" on June 10. All women are welcome. Starting June 17, we will have summer meetings. These will be more casual, without an official study resource.

Brothers of Grace will meet this Thursday, June 12 at 6:00 pm. All men are welcome.

The nursery is available weekly during the 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.

Parish Administrator is Anna Scheck; **office hours 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm Monday-Thursday.** Cindy Olson will be the new parish administrator, as Anna will start a full-time job with the Barry Community Foundation on July 1st. Cindy is the PA-in-training!

Adult Forum Please join us after worship with Pastor Ken, with a study on Hebrews.

The Annual Church Picnic is on Sunday, June 22 at the Poholski's house. Food will begin at 12 noon. The Poholski's are providing hot dogs, chips, lemonade, and iced tea. Please bring a dish to share, and a lawn chair. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area soon.

The Outreach Committee will meet on Monday, June 9 at 3:00 pm.

The Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 17 at 4:45 pm.

Congregation Council will meet on Tuesday, June 17 at 5:30 pm.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on July 13 after worship. Please plan to attend, so that we have quorum. **Reports are now due on June 17 at the council meeting.**