



May 19, 2024  
Day of Pentecost  
**Grace Lutheran Church, Boulder, Colorado**  
Rooted in Grace + Reaching out in Christ's Love



*Welcome  
To Grace*

***In response to Christ's boundless love, members of Grace share that love by inviting all – regardless of ethnicity or race, educational or religious background, economic, physical, mental or social condition, gender identity or sexual orientation – to come and participate in the life of Grace. We are glad you are joining us for this worship service!***

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

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### **PARTICIPATING MINISTERS IN THE WORK OF GRACE**

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Presiding Minister	Pastor Matthew Weber
Assisting Minister	Carol Codrescu
Lector	Mikki Matheson
Pianist & Organist	Boyd Hamilton
Choir Director	Michael Hoffman
Lead Singers	Melissa Lubecke - soprano, Melody English - alto Simon Daum – tenor, Luke North - bass
Altar Guild	Mikki, Donna, and Susan
Usher	Tom Lawson
Financial Counters	Greg Niesen
Grounds	David Bartlett
Digital Worship Coordinators	Amy Stewart McIntosh

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## GATHERING

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### MUSICAL INVITATION TO WORSHIP

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

*Amen.*

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

*It is hard to believe in your abundance,  
that there is always enough to share.*

*We question your ways when they differ  
from the ways of the world in which we live.*

*We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.*

*We rely on ourselves  
rather than trusting your teachings and your ways.*

*Turn us again to you.*

*Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.*

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
you are made whole.

From Jesus, who gives us life in abundance  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

*Amen.*

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

## REETING

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.*

## HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



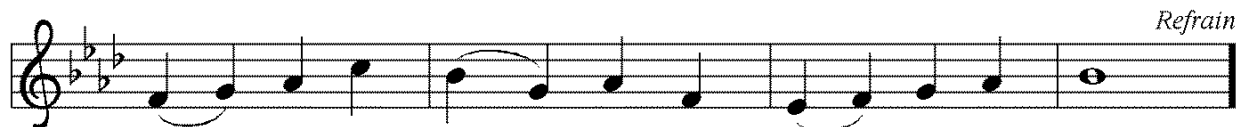
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



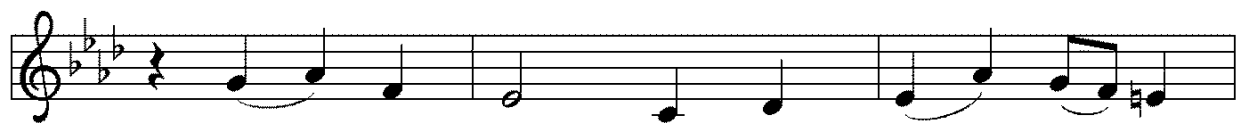
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you  
*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

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.*

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## WORD

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### **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.*

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

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



<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>‘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.

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

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

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

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

Word of God, Word of Life.

***Thanks be to God!***

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

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!

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

<sup>25</sup>*Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.*

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,

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

<sup>27</sup>*All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.*

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;

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

<sup>29</sup>*When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.*

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>*May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.*

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles;

you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>*I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.*

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>*Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!*

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

*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.*

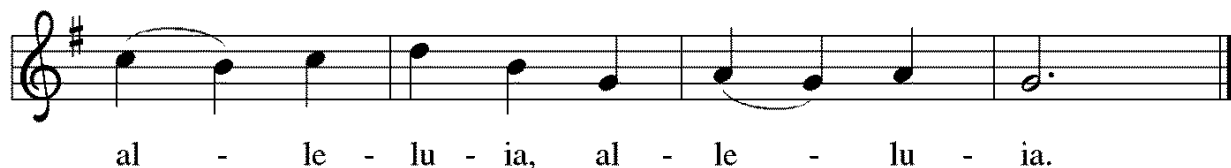
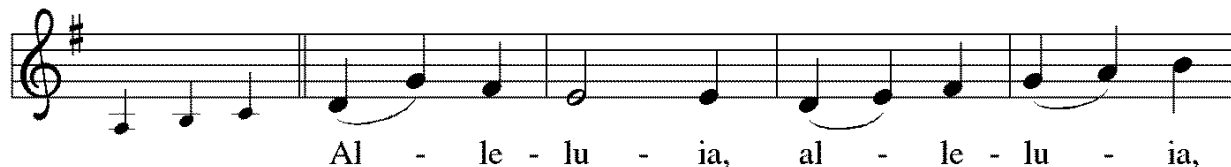
<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise 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. <sup>27</sup>And 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.

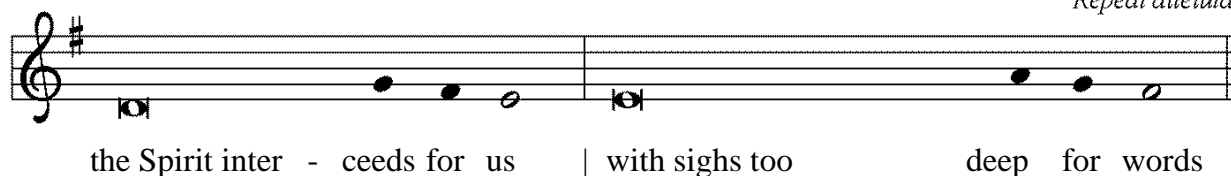
Word of God, Word of Life.

*Thanks be to God!*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Repeat alleluia*



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

*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 holy Gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> chapters.

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

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

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

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When 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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All 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 Lord.

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

**LITANY OF CELEBRATION**  
*for 75 Years of Ministry in this Building*

We celebrate the years that we have been together as the people of God here in this place with praise and worship and service. Let us thank God for blessings received, for our ancestors in faith whose vision led them to build this building as a home for ministry in this place.

For the Church universal, of which this building is a visible symbol,  
*We give you thanks, O God.*

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered in your name,  
*We give you thanks, O God.*

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,  
*We give you thanks, O God.*

For fulfilling our desires and petitions as you see best for us,  
*We give you thanks, O God.*

For our past, and for a growing vision of the future that lies ahead,  
*We give you thanks, O God.*

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and continual new life through baptism,  
*We give you thanks, O God.*

For the forgiveness of our sins when we have fallen short of your glory,  
*We give you thanks, O God.*

For the table around which we gather, where we have a foretaste of your eternal kingdom,

*We give you thanks, O God.*

For the fellowship of all your saints, for the faith of those who have gone before us, for the great cloud of witnesses,

*We give you thanks, O God.*

O God, from living and chosen stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit, we who gather here in this place, together with the whole people of God, may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.

*Amen.*



# HYMN OF THE DAY "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" ELW 800

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.*



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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 sharing of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon your whole church, that your love is proclaimed to all people. God of grace,

*hear our prayer.*

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. God of grace,

*hear our prayer.*

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 wisdom and discernment to all who vote in elections. God of grace,

*hear our prayer.*

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. Hold in your care especially those who we name before you now ... God of grace,

*hear our prayer.*

For the members and ministry of this congregation; for those who had the vision to start Grace and to build this building; for those who sustain your ministry here in this place and those who will steward your future ministry here. May our worship and our work be pleasing in your sight. God of grace,

*hear our prayer.*

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. God of grace,

*hear our prayer.*

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

*Amen.*

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

*And also with you.*

## **ANTHEM**

“Veni Sancte Spiritus”

W.A. Mozart

*from K. 47*

Come, Holy Spirit,  
Fill the hearts of your faithful,  
And by your love in them,  
Kindle the fire,  
That by the diversity of all tongues,  
All people have been gathered together in a unity of faith.

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## MEAL

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### OFFERING

*Our gifts to God's work in the world reflect our thanksgiving for the many gifts God has given us. Thank you for your offerings which support God's work here at Grace, and for your offerings which support the work God does through other agencies and organizations.*

### OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,

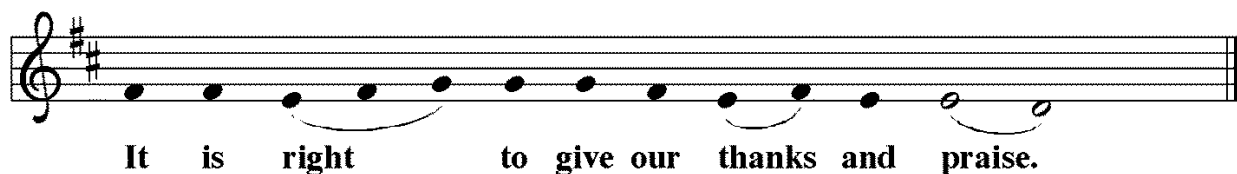
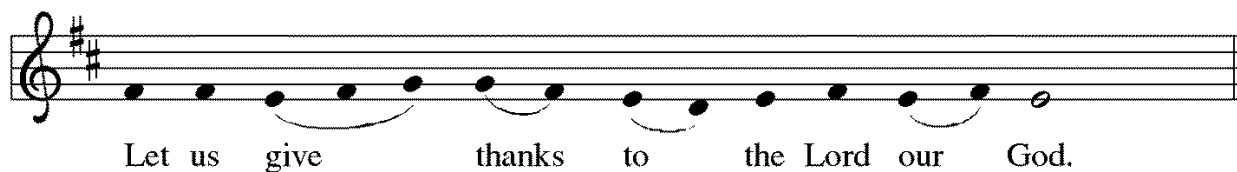
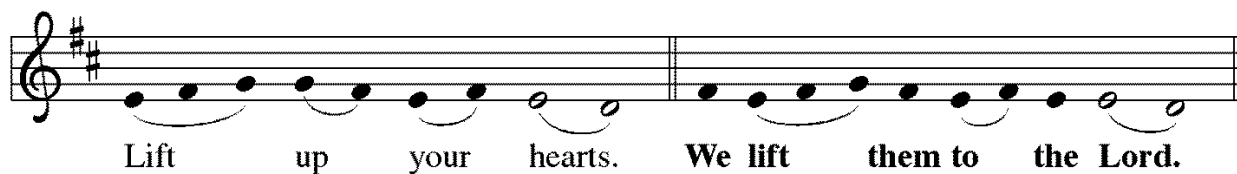
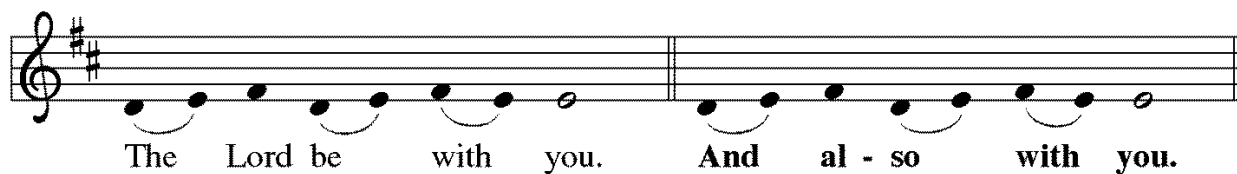
*you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.*

*Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.*

*Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.*

*Amen.*

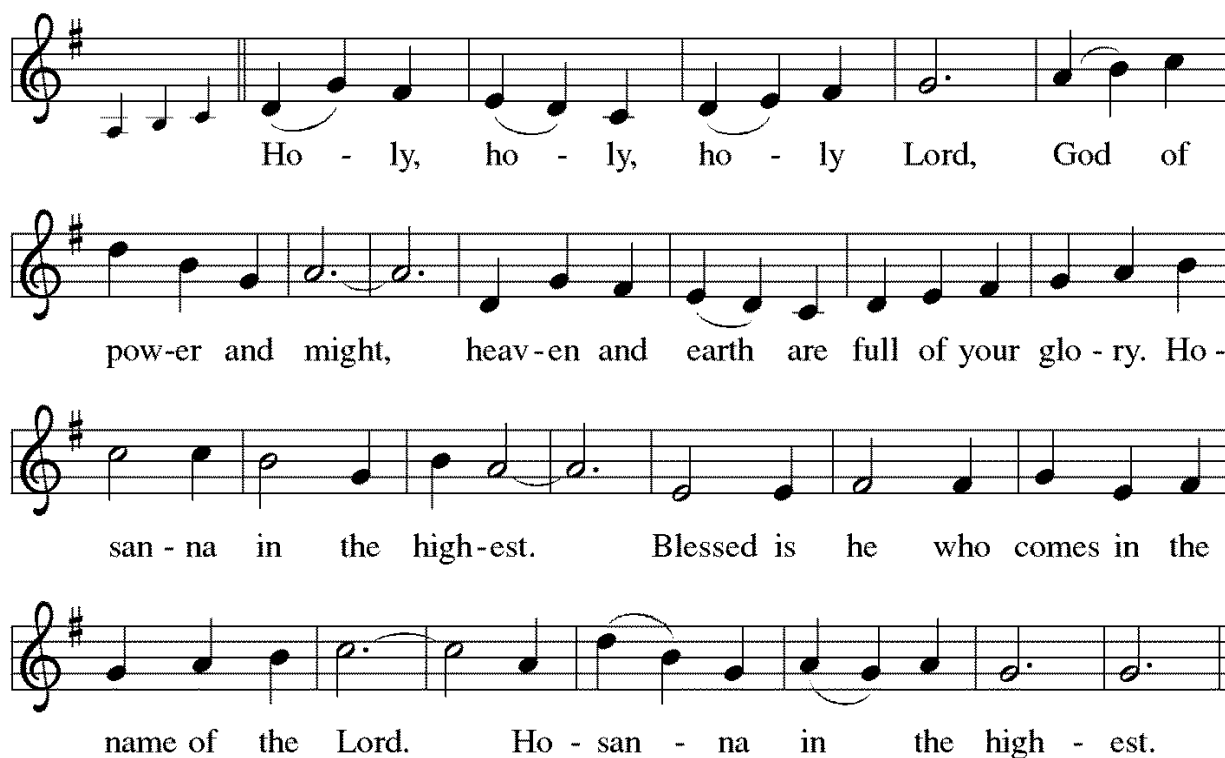
## GREAT THANKSGIVING



## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right ... we join their unending hymn:

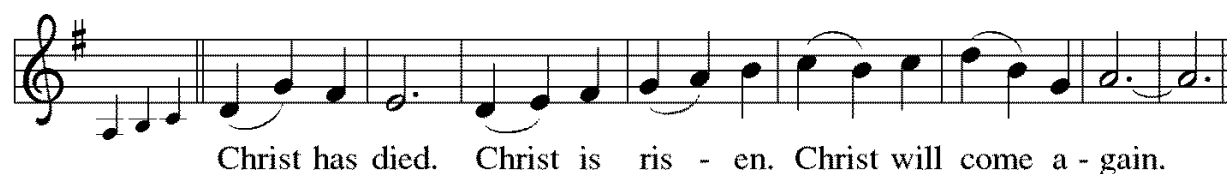
## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

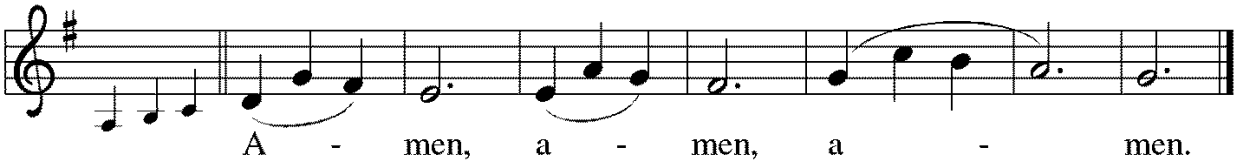
## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
... as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:



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

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.



## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your mercy, and teach us to pray:

*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.*

## DISTRIBUTION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

Come!

*Thanks be to God!*

*This is God's table. We invite all who are hungry for Christ's presence in their lives to receive this gift of mercy and forgiveness at the table.*

*For those who are not in the sanctuary: if you don't have bread, or you don't have wine or grape juice, Martin Luther reminds us that God's grace is fully present in each element – that receiving only the bread or only the wine is entire forgiveness.*

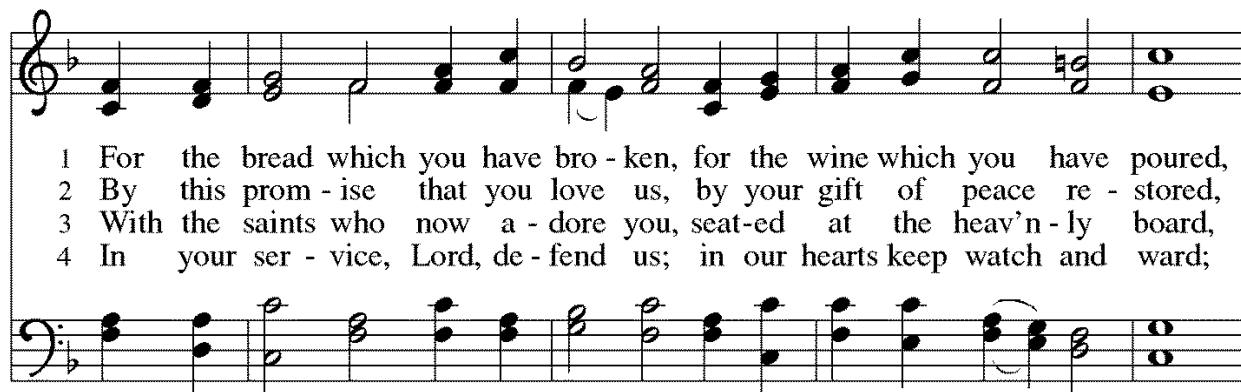
*Further, those of you who might not receive communion for whatever reason, please recognize and understand that God's forgiveness and mercy and love are fully and completely provided to you in ways additional to Holy Communion.*

## AGNUS DEI

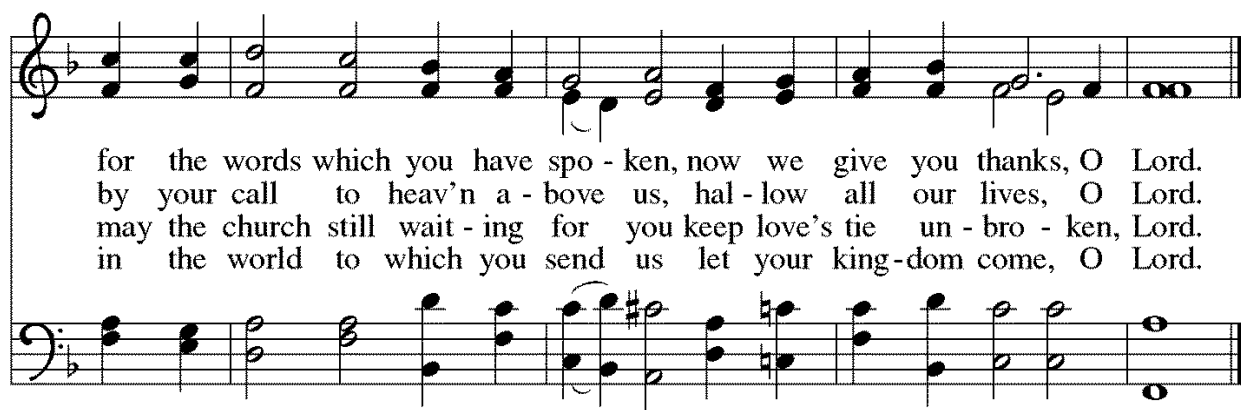
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



COMMUNION "For the Bread, Which You Have Broken" ELW 494



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823-1895

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## **BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

*Amen.*

## **PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.

*Amen.*

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## SENDING

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### BENEDICTION

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

*Amen.*

SENDING HYMN "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

ELW 400

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -  
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

*Thanks be to God!*

## **MUSICAL INVITATION TO SERVICE**

### **Scripture Readings for The Holy Trinity, May 26**

*Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17*



We pray for **those undergoing treatment:**

- Carroll Holl (Gamble's friend) recovering from heart surgery and a subsequent stroke
- Pr. Ron Roschke receiving treatment for cancer
- Hugh Ouellette (John Laitinen's cousin)
- Paul Herzegh (Mary and Charley Zabel's friend) receiving treatment for cancer
- Marilyn Engelbrecht (Sandi Stahl's friend) receiving treatment for cancer
- Petra Landfester fighting breast cancer
- Tony Pappas (John Laitinen's friend)
- Marsha Herrmann receiving treatment for cancer
- Margurite DuPont (Tom Dozier's childhood friend) fighting metastatic breast cancer
- Karen O'Loughlin's Godchild
- Mary Dorsett
- Robert Reish (Sandi Stahl's friend)

We pray in **celebration with:**

- Melissa Lubecke (Graduated with a Doctorate)
- Carly Croft (graduated with a Master's Degree on May 10)
- Brandon Hayes (traveling to Germany this summer for a post doc)
- Austin Hayes (awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and traveling to Norway in December)

We pray for **hope and healing for:**

- Chris Hayes (Austin and Brandon's mother) recovering from hip replacement
- Steve Kavalin (Hiroko Akima's friend) recovering from a six-bypass surgery
- Nick Vanderborgh
- all those affected by the 2023 Israel-Hamas War
- all those affected by the war against Ukraine
- Donda Combs and Marie Jauncey (Hiroko Akima's friends)
- Janix, Bob, and Jay Hogle (Patty Meyers' friends)
- John Laitinen
- Coqui Stetson (John Laitinen's daughter) recovering from a car accident
- Emmanuel Rusaka
- Susan Hull (Patty Meyers' friend) with ALS and other concerns
- Avis Fjestad (Anne Peterson's sister-in-law)
- Carl and Jan Stubenrauch
- Allan Wolfe
- Pete Tafoya
- Rich Harris (John Laitinen's cousin)

## Grace Partner in Ministry

The designated Partner in Ministry (PiM) offering for May 2024 is **Kutandara**.

When our office administrator is not writing eNotes, laying out bulletins, creating annual reports, or learning how to use our amazing new AV system, she wears her *other* hat, Executive Director of local non-profit music school and community center, Kutandara.

Kutandara has been bringing Zimbabwean music to Boulder County and beyond for 25 years (Happy Birthday!), and seeks to allow everyone to experience the power and connectedness of music - either by participating, listening and dancing, or enjoying videos from the comfort of their own home.

In 2022, Grace's donations helped fund musical equipment and teacher stipends for 3 of Kutandara's partners on the ground in Zimbabwe, while Grace contributions in 2023 helped sponsor the 2nd annual Friendship Festival - an event that brought together 10 youth musical groups in the capital city of Harare. For some, it was the first time that they had been outside their village.

This year, Kutandara seeks to create not one, but two, Friendship Festivals - the 3rd annual event in Zimbabwe during Artistic Director Randy McIntosh's visit, and an inaugural event in Colorado...to bring together world music enthusiasts in friendship and support of each other. Learn more at <https://kutandara.org>

Thanks to the Grace Foundation, all gifts through our designated offerings will be matched dollar for dollar in 2024 up to \$2,000/month. Please make your check to "Grace Lutheran Church" and add "PiM: Kutandara" to the memo line. You may place checks in the mail slot at Grace, send through the US mail, or use our electronic giving option Simply Giving on the Grace website. Thank you for your generosity!

## Rooted in Grace

Today we **celebrate two events**: the liturgical observation of Pentecost and the 75th anniversary of the dedication of Grace's sanctuary. Since Pentecost is often called the birthday of the church, the convergence of these two dates is especially significant

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Please consider staying after church today for Grace's **annual congregational meeting**, at which time we will elect new officers for the coming year. The meeting will take place in the sanctuary today at approximately 11:15 a.m. If you would prefer to attend the meeting remotely, we invite you to join via Zoom (Meeting ID **873 1627 2216**).

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Patty, Erin, and Catherine Meyers will be hosting a **Celebration of Life** for Bob on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 am with a big picnic in their backyard. Please join them at 790 Cypress Drive in Boulder. Enter the backyard through the south gate and bring your good memories of Bob to share.

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**Adult Sunday School** takes a break for the summer. See you in the Fall!

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**Lectionary Bible Study** continues on Wednesday, May 22, at 11:00 am. The study focuses on the lectionary texts for the next Sunday's worship, taking a deeper dive than is possible within the constraints of the service. Join us for spirited discussion and fellowship time! The readings for The Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024, are:

- **Isaiah 6:1-8** *Isaiah's vision and call*
- **Psalms 29** *Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)*
- **Romans 8:12-17** *Living by the Spirit*
- **John 3:1-17** *Entering the reign of God through water and the Spirit*



It's time to sign up for **summer music**! Church members, friends, and family are all invited to consider offering their gifts of music to Grace this summer while our choir is on break. Questions? Ask Michael.

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Grace is ready to welcome more students and community groups into our beautiful Sanctuary for recitals and our very practical and functional Fellowship Hall for meetings. But, in order to do that, **we need building hosts!** Building hosts are compensated \$60 for each 4-hour period.

Recitals are normally scheduled on Tuesday evenings, Thursday evenings, Sunday afternoons, and Sunday evenings. If you are interested in being trained to join the building host pool, please let Amy know.

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As you know, it's spring and the plants have started growing. You might notice that the grass that is Grace's lawn will be unmown through the month of May. This is intentional. The Council decided that we would abide by recommendations for "**No Mow May**" for the health of the ecosystem.

Rest assured that Grace's lawn will be mown again, and well-kept through the summer beginning in June.

## Reaching Out in Christ's Love

Thank you for your donations of blank greeting cards for the inmates of **New Beginnings**. Your cards allow the women to communicate with loved ones.

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Remember **Harvest of Hope** food pantry when you shop for groceries this week. Our donations make a difference for those who struggle to find food each week.

## This Week at Grace

### Sunday, May 19: Day of Pentecost

~~8:45 am Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Hall~~

**10 am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary + YouTube**

**11:15 am Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary + Zoom**

6:30-8:30 pm Hora Romaneasca, Fellowship Hall

### Monday, May 20

7-8 pm NA, Fellowship Hall

7-8 pm NarAnon, Library

7-9 pm Harmonia Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Tuesday, May 21

12-1 pm Staff Meeting, via Zoom

### Wednesday, May 22

*Grace Sanctuary Dedication Anniversary, 1949*

**11 am Lectionary Bible Study, via Zoom**

6-7:15 pm ETP Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thursday, May 23

**9 am-12 pm Quilters, Fellowship Hall**

### Friday, May 24

6-7 pm AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall

8-9 pm NA Meeting, Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, May 25

9 am-12 pm Organist Practice, Sanctuary

### Sunday, May 26: The Holy Trinity

**10 am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary + YouTube**

6:30-8:30 pm Hora Romaneasca, Fellowship Hall

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