

Grace Lutheran Church

Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

“Let anyone who is thirsty  
come to me, and let the one who  
believes in me drink.”

~John 7:37.



Service of Holy Communion – Day of Pentecost  
(\* *the assembly may stand*  
*Congregation speaks responses in bold*

**PRESERVICE** “Abres Camino” by Osinachi Kalu Okoru Egbu

**WELCOME** (*Presiding Minister*)

**A LITANY FOR MEMORIAL DAY** (*Presiding Minister*)

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (*Presiding Minister*)

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG "Rest On Us" by Maverick City**

**Verse 1**

**As the Spirit was moving over the water,  
Spirit, come move over us.  
Come rest on us, come rest on us.  
(REPEAT)**

**Chorus**

**Come down, Spirit, when You move.  
You make my heart pound  
When You fill the room.  
You're here, and I know You are moving.  
I'm here, and I know You will fill me.  
(REPEAT)**

**Verse 2**

**Fire and wind, come and do it again.  
Open up the gates, let Heaven on in.  
Come rest on us, come rest on us.  
(REPEAT)**

**Chorus**

**Come down, Spirit, when You move.  
You make my heart pound  
When You fill the room.  
You're here, and I know You are moving.  
I'm here, and I know You will fill me.  
(REPEAT)**

**Bridge**

**Holy Spirit, come rest on us.  
You're all we want, You're all we want.  
(REPEAT)**

**Chorus**

**Come down, Spirit, when You move.  
You make my heart pound  
When You fill the room.  
You're here, and I know You are moving.  
I'm here, and I know You will fill me. (REPEAT).**

**\*GREETING** (*Presiding Minister*)

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.***

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE** ELW P.149-150

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Presiding Minister*)

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

A reading from Acts.

<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 people 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, “Fellow Jews 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.**

**FAMILY MESSAGE** Anne Corti, Director of Youth and Family Ministry

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION P.151**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**Alleluia.**

**Lord, to who shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia**

**\*GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

The holy gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

**SERMON**

Rev. Jennifer S. Michael

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY "Holy Spirit"** by Bryan & Katie Torwalt

**Verse 1**

**There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.  
No thing can compare; You're our living hope.  
Your Presence, Lord.**

**Verse 2**

**I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,  
Your Presence, Lord**

**Chorus**

**Holy Spirit, You are welcome here;  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,  
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.  
Your Presence, Lord.**

**Verse 3**

**There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.  
No thing can compare; You're our living hope.  
Your Presence, Lord.**

#### **Verse 4**

**I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,  
Your Presence, Lord.**

#### **Chorus**

**Holy Spirit, You are welcome here;  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,  
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.  
Your Presence, Lord.**

#### **Bridge**

**Let us become more aware of Your Presence;  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.  
(REPEAT 3 TIMES)  
Let us become more aware of Your Presence;  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness, Lord!**

#### **Chorus**

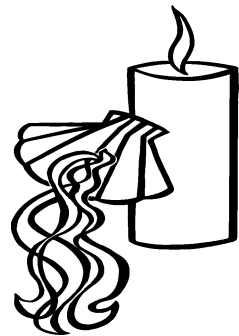
**Holy Spirit, You are welcome here;  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,  
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.**

### **SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM**

#### **WELCOME**

Our baptism is a significant part of our faith journey as we come from the baptismal waters to live a new life as children of God. Marked with the cross of Christ and sealed by the Spirit, we receive a new identity as followers of Jesus, and the story of Jesus becomes our story.

Our baptism sets us out on a lifelong journey, and I am so very honored to begin this journey with you and Simone. Let us begin...



## **PRESENTATION** (Presiding Minister)

I invite you to turn to face the baptismal font and hear the exciting words of God's promise.

God desires life for us and all creation. In baptism, God washes us, sets us free from our old life, and makes us an entirely new person. And there's more!

In baptism, God gives us a new family, the church, and shows us the very best way of being together in the world. Our best model for this way of being together is shown to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we practice this new life and this way of being together every day.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly in these words:*  
Who presents this child for baptism?

*Sponsors present the candidates:*  
We present *Simone Kelly Wright-Mateus* for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Simone* baptized into Christ?

*Parents and sponsors response:* We do.

*The presiding minister continues:*  
As you bring Simone to receive the gift of baptism, you get to be your child's first teacher as each of them learns what it means to practice a new way of life. This means you get to:

bring Simone with you to worship so that she knows she belongs to this big family of God;

hear the good news and share the meal with her, surrounded by sisters and brothers in faith;

teach them the prayers and texts that Christians over time have decided are the best ones to know by heart;

show them you love the stories of the Bible so she will also love these stories;

pray with them, and make prayer part of the rhythm of your days.

And the best part is you get to do all these things not out of fear or obligation but out of freedom and love, so that Simone will

come to deeply know God, live and love like Jesus, care not just about themselves but about others and the earth we all share, and show with their lives that God desires life for all.

Do you promise to mentor Simone in the faith and life we claim as Christians, as God gives you ability?

*Response:* Yes, and we need help!

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to mentor Simone in the faith we claim as Christians, as God give you ability?

*Response:* Yes, and we need help!

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support *Simone* and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

**We do.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors. The assembly joins in the responses.*

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

*The presiding minister addresses the parents, sponsors and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 to the dead.**

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT** (*Presiding Minister*)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into all the baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**BAPTISM**

*The presiding minister baptizes the candidate. Water is poured on the candidate head, as the presiding minister says:*

*Simone Kelly Wright-Mateus, I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

**You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.**

**Alleluia.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain *Simone* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

## **PRESENTATION OF THE OIL**

This oil is a symbol that you are baptized into the redeeming life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, our Lord. The sign of the cross made in oil on your forehead is a seal that can never be broken, keeping out whatever would try to steal the gifts and the calling of baptism away from you.

*Simone*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

*A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized and to the sponsor of the baptized as a representative of the congregation offers a blessing with a response from the assembly.*

Jesus is the light of the world. His light is your light, today and every day. Let us welcome our newest sisters in Christ!

**We love you already. We are thankful for all your gifts. We welcome you to this church and to the whole family of God. Help us do God's work to give thanks and praise, to share God's love, to make the world a better place.**

*The assembly welcomes the newly baptized with applause.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *(Assisting Minister)*

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless those newly baptized, especially Simone Kelly Wright-Mateus. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name, especially Mary Tlachac and her family, Rose, Fred, Betty, and the Peterson and Gravatt families.... We also pray for those we name aloud now or those we name silently in our hearts.

*A brief moment of private petitions is observed.*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

**PEACE** (*Presiding Minister*)

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING ANTHEM** – “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”      Choir

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE ELW 885**

**“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER** (*Assisting Minister*)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*DIALOGUE** (*Presiding Minister-spoken*)

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.**

**\*PREFACE** (*Presiding Minister-spoken*)

*The presiding minister continues:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - ELW P.153**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE** (*Presiding Minister-spoken*)

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore,  
his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food  
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:  
wash away our sin,  
that we may be revived for our journey by the love 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** (*Assisting Minister*)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom 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.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION** (*Presiding Minister*)

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

*At Grace Lutheran, believing in Jesus Christ, we invite ALL to the sacrament of Holy Communion. Receive the host and then take one of the small cups. Wine is the outer rings and grape juice is the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available. Once communion is received, follow direction of ushers to return to pew leaving cups in bowls provided.*

**LAMB OF GOD ELW PG 154**

# COMMUNION ANTHEM

## "Tender-Hearted God"

Susan Palo Cherwien

Simone

by James Sawyers, Jr. (2026)



1. Ten - der - hear - ted God, Par - ent of the worlds,  
2. Ov - er - flow - ing Fount, Christ ere time be - gan,  
3. Dove of sound and flame, Dwel - ling - place of peace,  
4. Dream of God's de - light, In this earth - ly sphere;



Pour - ing out your - self in lov - ing grace,  
Lov - ing, you en - clothed your - self with earth;  
Sing - ing hope and heal - ing to our hearts,  
All cre - a - tion thriv - ing from God's love



You made all that is Good and ver - y  
Set - ting power a - side, Stretch - ing out your -  
Lov - ing, you in - still, Ev - er you em -  
Laugh - ter, love, and light O - ver - com - ing



good, And up - hold it in your kind em - brace.  
hands, You em - brace the suf - fering of the world.  
brace, And your touch new life to us im - parts.  
fear, In the hands of ten - der - heart - ed God.

### **\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING** (*Presiding Minister*)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*Assisting Minister*)

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BENEDICTION** (*Presiding Minister*)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG** "Make Us One" by Jesus Culture

**Verse 1**

**One with the Father, one with the Spirit,**

**One with the Son of God.**

**One with our sister, one with our brother,**

**One family by the blood.**

**Chorus 1**

**Make us one, make us one.**

**Your will be done. Make us one.**

**Verse 2**

**One heart with heaven, one mind connected,**

**One body unified.**

**Bind us together now and forever.**

**Jesus be glorified!**

**Chorus 1**

**Make us one, make us one.**

**Your will be done. Make us one.**

**(repeat)**

## **Bridge**

**We confess all our offenses.**

**We confess we've been afraid.**

**We repent of all our pride.**

**Let all the hurt be washed away.**

**For all the wars and violence against our enemy.**

**Come heal our land with Your great river.**

**Restore the family, and...**

## **Chorus 2**

**Make us one, make us one.**

**Your will be done. Make us one.**

**Make us one, make us one.**

**Let Your kingdom come.**

**Make us one. Make us one.**

**\*DISMISSAL** (*Assisting Minister*)

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia!***

*We wish to thank the following readers who added special meaning to*

*our Pentecost service:  
Allen Cheek, Ukrainian  
Christy Fosse, Portuguese  
Sujata Katikala, Telugu  
Lisa Katt, Polish  
Sherrill O'Brien, French  
Juan Prat, Spanish  
Jim Sawyers, German*



## **Prayer List – Week of May 24, 2026**

*We pray for those in need of Christ's healing touch*

### **NEW TO OUR PRAYER LIST**

05/24

Peterson and Gravatt families  
Mary Tlachac and her family  
Rose Kuhns  
Fred Ullrich  
Betty Freshcorn

05/17

The family of David Frost  
Anita Kennebeck (Erickson)

### **ONGOING MEMBER CONCERNS**

Carol Gutcher  
Kathy Jenkins  
Brenda Gerding  
Jerralynne Duncan  
Joe Watson  
The Katt/Watson Family  
Christine Vickers  
Mike Campbell  
Troy Brueggemeier  
Yvonne Daily  
Sandra Laettner  
Thelma Rodriguez  
Maggie Scott  
Tim Smith  
Richard Andree  
Kathy Crouthamel  
Sandra Taylor  
Dora Hepner  
Ralph Hepner  
Mary Brueggemeier  
Lisa Hamilton  
Dave Davies

Joseph Ciccarello (Colegrove)  
Larry Krauss (Colegrove)  
Leila Ritari  
Ian (Hills)  
Judy Zimmerman, (Milo)  
Kathy Dowsett (Milo)  
Pr. Wayne Gollenberg (Milo)  
Pat Dooley (Milo)  
Jim Laughner (Davies)  
Denise Heppel (Davies)  
Fred Bondzeit (Davies)  
Brenda Giroux (Laettner)  
Alexander Boltenko (Matheson)  
Stephanie Williams (Hall)  
David Griffin (Threm)  
Jeanette Wolfe (Lindgren)  
Miles Brown (Vickers)  
Margaret Hoffman (Tlachac)  
Steve Mateus (Albisu)  
Ed Hoornstra (Hoornstra)  
Ann Maurer (Maurer)  
Chris Adams (Castor)  
Jahn Van de Putte (Cheek)  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Preschool staff & Families  
Scott Eidam  
Dean Mayle (Lindgren)

### **OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS**

Iren Bidmead (Gould)  
Eric Bidmead (Gould)  
Ashley Wilson(Crosby)  
Bob Pihl (Missbach)  
Richard Taylor  
BettyJo Stracke (Gould)  
Shane Rose (Armstrong)  
Karen Brown & Family (Perrone)  
Kim (Perrone)

# ***We welcome you to Grace Lutheran Church!***



***Grace is a place of faith, hope and healing for ALL.***

*We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced,  
LGBTQ+, rich, poor, black, brown or white.*

*We extend a special welcome to crying newborns, squirming children,  
and frazzled moms and dads.*

*We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like some of us,  
who can't carry a note in a bucket.*

*You're welcome here if you're "just browsing", just woke up or just got out of jail.*

*We don't care if you're more Lutheran than Martin Luther,  
or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.*

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*We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet,  
and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.*

*We welcome starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians and junk-food eaters.*

*We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.*

*We welcome you if you're having problems, down in the dumps  
or if you don't like "organized religion",  
we've been there too.*

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*We offer a special welcome to those who are left-wing, right-wing, or middle of the road.*

*If you are here only because you are visiting grandma  
and she wanted you to go to church with her, we welcome you.*

*We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both.*

*We welcome those in flip flops or three-piece suits.*

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*We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now.*

*We welcome vacationers, snow-birds, year-rounders, seekers, doubters....and you!*

*We welcome you to Grace Lutheran Church,  
because we are a "house for all sinners and saints",*

*Gathered by the grace of God.*

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**WORSHIP LEADERS – May 24, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.**

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| PRESIDING MINISTER   | Rev. Jennifer S. Michael                                                       |
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