

# Grace Episcopal Church

May 24, 2026

*The Day of Pentecost*

## Grace's Mission

We are disciples of Jesus, helping one another be the hands and feet of Christ  
by sharing God's love with the world.

**Opening Hymn**

*Hail thee, festival day!*

**Blue Hymnal #225**

**Holy Eucharist Rite Two**

Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p355

**Gloria**

**Front of Praise Book S-280**

**The Collect**

**BCP p 211**

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Lessons**

**BCP 357**

A Reading from the Book of Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

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.

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

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.

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

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 104:25-35, 37

### *Benedic, anima mea*

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to  
number, \*  
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.

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

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified;  
\*

you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

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

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for  
ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they  
smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my  
being.

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

## A reading from 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body~ Jews or Greeks, slaves or free~ and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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**Sequence Hymn**

*Breath on Me, Breathe of God*

**Blue Hymnal #508**

The Holy Gospel according to **John 20:19-23**

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 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 Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**Fr. Steve Ashby**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p 358**

**Prayers of the People**

**Form III**

**BCP p 387**

A **Prayer for Change:** Lord, give us the courage to view the future with hope and expectancy and, most of all, with faith. In the face of change, help us set aside our fears, and urge us to seek and see your hand at work, while opening our hearts to recognize that change brings new life. *Amen.*

Let his resurrection power bring healing and hope to those for whom we pray, For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially we pray for Valorie Lephart, Vivian, Paul, Sue & Michael. Baby Drake, Aria, Charlie, Willow, George & Sandy Luther, Clare McElroy, Martha Mackey, Phil Bennett, Beth and Ray, Bill, Janet, Chris, Matthew, Janice, Carolyn Stacks, Judith Junda, Sheila Smith, Kathy Hill, Sherry Occkial, Franny E., Kevin, Patty, Erin, Pat Newyear, Gail, Sue, Susan Shepherd, Katherine R., Bill Trsek, Shirley Wilkes, Peggy Burkacki, \*Victoria Antoino, and Riley Gumto

We celebrate the birthdays of Paul Fussner, Andy Ludvik, and Gary Hill.

Holy God, we pray for our sisters and brothers who were baptized into the one body, who were made to drink of the one Spirit, and who now have died in Christ. Especially our sister Jeanne Schupp. May those who have called upon your name, O Lord, be saved forever.

**The Peace**

**BCP 360**

**Announcements**

**Holy Communion**

**Offertory Hymn**

**Grace Choir**

**The Doxology**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharist Prayer A*

**BCP 365**

**Sanctus**

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord*

**Praise Book S-125**

**Memorial Acclamation**

The Great Amen Book		Praise
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP p 364
Fraction Hymn	<i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia</i>	Praise Book S-154
Communion Hymn	<i>Spirit Song</i>	Praise Book #48
The Post-Communion Prayer		BCP p 365
The Blessing		
Closing Hymn	<i>My country, tis of thee</i>	Blue Hymnal # 717
The Dismissal		

### Sunday School Note:

**We will be taking a summer break starting June 7<sup>th</sup> and resume September 13<sup>th</sup>**

We will offer social time during the service as long as supervision is available.

(Volunteers needed, if interested please see Debbie Zimmerman)

**Choir** will be taking a summer break! Our last Sunday service will be May 31<sup>st</sup>. Don't worry! PopUp Choir will begin the following Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please show up on Sunday morning by 9am to warm up those beautiful voices!

**Request a Hymn forms** will be available Today! May 24<sup>th</sup>.  
All are welcome!!!!



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