



Welcome to

Grace Lutheran Church and School

Bring in, build up, and send
out disciples for Jesus Christ.



Visitors

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Read more about worship on the
inside cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover
to tell us more about you.

Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the
green *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW)
and blue *With One Voice* (WOV) hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page
about additional resources for worship.

Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements
about ministries of Grace Church and School.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us
online at www.graceriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

The Day of Pentecost
May 19, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Grace

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ—to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Children's Resources

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery Care

The nursery is open and staffed at most worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Holy Communion

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. Contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Electronic Devices

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices during worship. Thank you.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

Altar Flowers

Flowers are sponsored today in honor of the 5th wedding anniversary of Carolyn Becker & Gale Schmidt

As We Gather

Come, Holy Spirit! On Pentecost, we gather together to remember what God has done, and to wait for God to do it again. On the night before his death, Jesus promises that he and the Father will send another Advocate. 50 days from his rising, this promise is fulfilled. The disciples, once so timid, become bold witnesses to the dreams and visions of our God. The Spirit continues to inspire and enliven our church, even today as new members are drawn in through Holy Baptism and public affirmation. The work of Christ, crucified and raised, continues through this Spirit who calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies Christ's church. Where will these fiery winds lead us next?



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Fantasia Super: Komm, Heiliger Geist, BWV 651

Johann Sebastian Bach

We face the cross in procession.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Concertato by Carl F. Schalk



All	1	Cre	-	a	-	tor	Spir	-	it,	heav'n	-	ly	dove,	de	-	scend
Choir	2	To	you,	the	Com	-	fort	-	er,	we	cry;	to	you,			
All	3	In	you,	with	grac	-	es	sev	-	en	-	fold,	we	God's		
Choir	4	Your	light	to	ev	-	'ry	sense	im	-	part,	and	shed			



up	-	on	us	from	a	-	bove;	with	grac	-	es	man	-	i	-
the	gift	of	God	most	high,			true	fount	of	life,	the			
al	-	might	-	y	hand	be	-	hold;	while	you	with	tongues	of		
your	love	in	ev	-	'ry	heart;		your	own	un	-	fail	-	ing	



fold	re	-	store	your	crea	-	tures	as	they	were	be	-	fore.		
fire	of	love,		the	soul's	a	-	noint	-	ing	from	a	-	bove.	
fire	pro	-	claim	to	all	the	world	his	ho	-	ly	name.			
might	sup	-	ply	to	strength	-	en	our	in	-	fir	-	mi	-	ty.

All	5	Keep far from us our cruel foe,	Choir	6	Oh, make to us the Father known;
		and peace from your own hand bestow;			teach us the eternal Son to own;
		upheld by you, our strength and guide,			and you, whose name we ever bless,
		no evil can our steps betide.			of both the Spirit, to confess.

All 7 Praise we the Father and the Son
and Holy Spirit, with them one;
and may the Son on us bestow
the gifts that from the Spirit flow.

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. composite, alt.

Music: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533

GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Setting by Michael D. Costello

The musical score is written for a single melodic line, likely for a voice or organ. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and common time (C). The score consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with '(organ)' and ends with 'This is the feast of'. The second staff continues with 'vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The third staff continues with 'Worth-y is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be'. The fourth staff continues with 'peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es wis-dom, and strength, and'. The fifth staff continues with 'hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of'. The sixth staff continues with 'vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The seventh staff continues with 'Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of'.

(organ) This is the feast of

vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Worth-y is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es wis-dom, and strength, and

hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of

vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of

all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to
 God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. This is the feast of
 vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-
 gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit,
 look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit.
 Kindle in us the fire of your love,
 and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

We sit.

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1–21

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

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

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth

- ℟ O LORD, how manifold | are your works!*

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.
- ☞ **Yonder is the great and wide sea**
with its living things too man- | y to number,*
creatures both | small and great.
- ℟ There move the ships, and there is | that Leviathan,*
 which you have made for the | sport of it.
- ☞ **All of them | look to you***
to give them their food | in due season.
- ℟ You give it to them; they | gather it;*

you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.
- ☞ **You hide your face, and | they are terrified;***
you take away their breath, and they die and return | to their dust.
- ℟ You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;*

and so you renew the face | of the earth.
- ☞ **May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;***
may the LORD rejoice in | all his works.
- ℟ He looks at the earth | and it trembles;*

he touches the mountains | and they smoke.
- ☞ **I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;***
I will praise my God while I | have my being.
- ℟ May these words | of mine please him;*

I will rejoice | in the LORD.
- ☞ **Bless the LORD, | O my soul.***
Hal- | lelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22–27

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

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

℟ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

We stand, facing the cross in procession.

GOSPEL VERSE

Paul Bouman

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!



HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.



[Jesus said:] "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

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

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.



We turn to face the cross in procession.

We sit.

SERMON: A Transformational Conflagration

Pastor David R. Lyle
John 15:26-27; 16:5b-15; Acts 2:1-21

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

(green) LBW #163



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, with all your grac - es
2. Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, now cause the Word of
3. Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the will your



now out-poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart; your
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right and
work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide; let



fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright - ness
call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light in ho - ly faith your church u - nite; from ev - 'ry land and
keep us free; let none but Christ our mas - ter be, that we in liv - ing
pare each heart and to our weak - ness strength im-part, that brave-ly here we



ev - 'ry tongue, this to your praise, O Lord, our God, be
faith a - bide, in him, our Lord, with all our might con -
may con - tend, through life and death to you, our Lord, as -

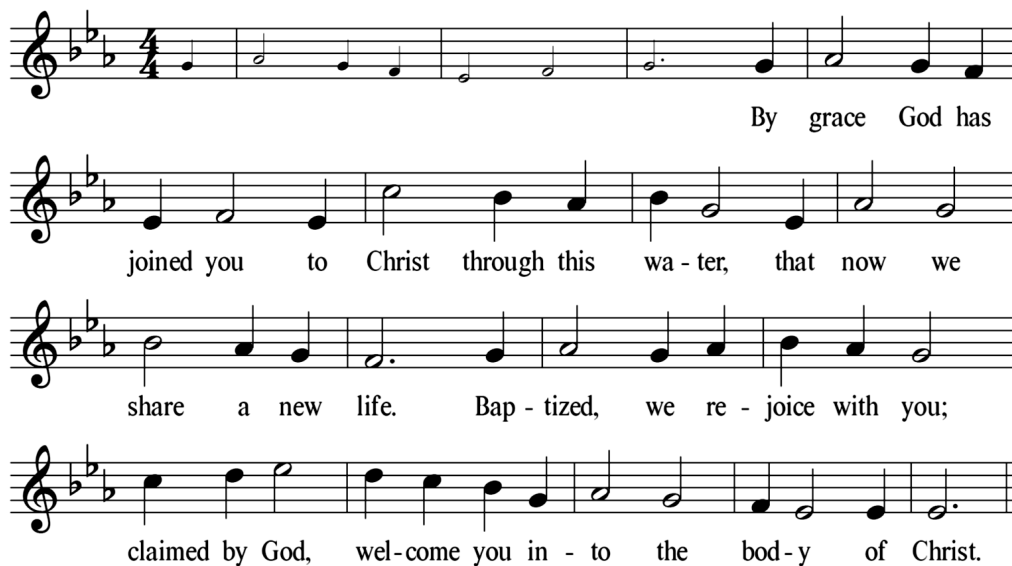


sung: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
fide. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
cend. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (page 121 *in the front* of the green *LBW*)

Evelyn Diane Aleszkiewicz

After the spoken welcome, we sing the following response:



By grace God has
joined you to Christ through this wa-ter, that now we
share a new life. Bap-tized, we re-joice with you;
claimed by God, wel-come you in-to the bod-y of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Komm, Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist, BWV 667

J. S. Bach

OFFERTORY VERSE: Ephesians 5:15, 18–20

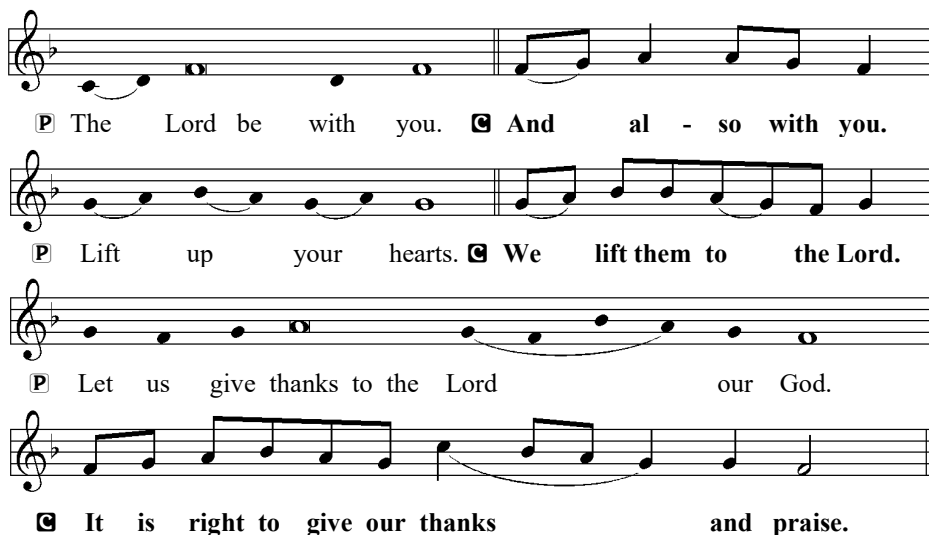
Walter Pelz

Look carefully how you walk, not as unwise but as wise;
be filled with the Spirit addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart,
always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
G **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary
 that we should at all times and in all places
 offer thanks and praise to you,
 O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord;
 who rose beyond the bounds of death
 and, on this day, as he had promised,
 poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples.
 At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy.
 And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



☐ Holy God,
Breath of life and Fire of love:
with a mighty wind you brought creation into being,
and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.

We praise you for the gift of your Son,
who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.

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 death, resurrection,
and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit,
we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal:
anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love,
that, with thankful hearts,
we may be witnesses to your Son.

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

☑ **Amen.**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI

C 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.

COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.
The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper,
giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.*

*We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread
and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).*

*Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.
Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.*

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions lovingly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

Stanzas 1–3, Thomas T. Lynch, 1818–1871, alt.; Stanza 4, K. Lee Scott

(blue) **WOV #680**

Text: Johann Niedling, 1602–1668; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948
Music: O HEILIGER GEIST, *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623

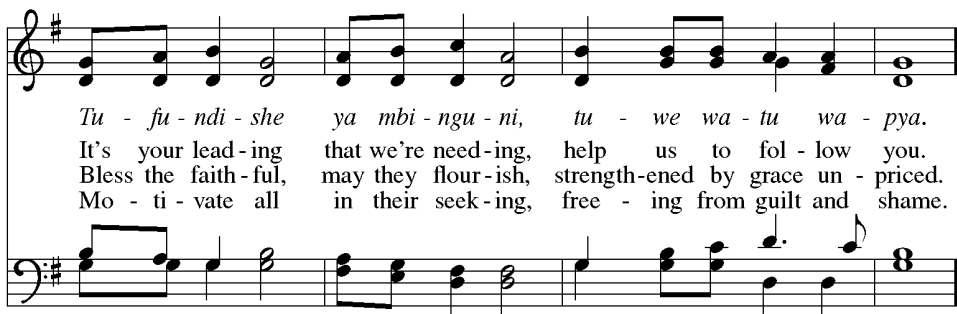
HYMN: Gracious Spirit, Head Our Pleading

(blue) **WOV #687**



Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead-ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
 nor rootless liberty;
 turn disquiet to contentment,
 doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
 unswayed by earth's allure.
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,
 which you alone assure.

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

G Amen.

A Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those
whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

We sit.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

G Amen.

SENDING HYMN: O Day Full of Grace

(green) **LBW #161**

Concertato by Carl F. Schalk



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
Choir 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
Choir 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, his 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 -
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more from him be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be re - plete in his joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
lost, all dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and walk in the



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

Text: Danish folk hymn, c. 1450; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001

Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842

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DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: O Day Full of Grace (from Pentecost Suite)

Walter L. Pelz

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

The Rev. Karl Reko, assisting minister

Lori Martin, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Christian Anderson and Candace Horton, trumpeters

Tim Coffman and Brad Payne, trombonists

Tina Laughlin, timpanist

Ruth Nelson, Mary Margaret Bartley, lectors

Carson Krischke, Tyler Henderson, crucifer/Bible bearer

Eliza Granke, Mary Rasmussen, Susan Scherer, Gerlinde VanDriesen, ushers

Cindy Rohlfling, Catharine Amato, altar guild

Ruth Reko, greeter

Al Swanson, Ryan Koehne, livestream audio/video

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For the 5th anniversary of **Carolyn Becker & Gale Schmidt**

For the 45th anniversary of **Ed & Ann Mason**

For the Baptism of **Evelyn Diane Aleszkiewicz**

For our new members: **John & Karen Murphy, Jennifer Irvine & Philip, Judy Negron & Katharina Sonksen, and Erika Raskopf**

For those who mourn

Delores Clark (sister of Carl Gruendler)

Gerald Murphy (Brother of John Murphy, uncle of Luke and Grace)

Those serving in the armed services

Jacob Benson (*great-nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

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John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

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Those studying abroad

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Those who are homebound

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Joan Koerber

Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, MAY 19

Library Open (self service) **8:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**
Adult Faith Formation (Seminar Room) **5/19/24**
Worship – Holy Communion **10:00 a.m.**
New Members Reception (Atrium) **11:15 a.m.**
Bach Cantata Preview (Seminar Room) **3:00 p.m.**
Bach Cantata Vespers **3:45 p.m.**

MONDAY, MAY 20

Evangelism Committee (Offsite) **7:00 p.m.**

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Knitting Group (Church Library) **1:00 p.m.**
Germany Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) **7:00 p.m.**
Church Council (Conference Room) **7:30 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

School Chapel Service led by 8th Grade **8:25 a.m.**
Cornerstones (Church Library) **10:00 a.m.**
Germany Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) **7:00 p.m.**

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Grace Notes Mailing Crew (Church Library) **9:30 a.m.**
Boy Scouts (3rd Floor Commons) **7:30 p.m.**
Women's Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) **7:30 p.m.**

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