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**The Day of Pentecost**

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**Welcome:** We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. For those worshipping in person please take time to register your attendance using the slips in the pew rack. These can be placed in the offering plates by the door as you exit.

**Prayer Requests** are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

**Lectionary Summary:** In returning to His Father by way of the cross and resurrection, Christ Jesus sends "*the Helper*" to His Church, that is, "*the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father.*" The Spirit testifies of Christ and glorifies Him by taking what is His and declaring it to the world in the preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (John 15:26; 16:7, 14). He convicts the world of sin by the word of the Law, He forgives sins and justifies sinners by the Word of the Gospel, and He bestows the faith that says "Amen" to this righteousness of God (John 16:8–11). Therefore, the Lord pours out His Spirit on the apostles, that by their preaching, the Spirit should be given to His entire Church. As the multitudes are gathered from all the nations by "*this sound,*" that is, by the preaching of "*the mighty works of God*" in Christ Jesus, so does God the Father pour out the Spirit of His Son "*on all flesh*" (Acts 2:6, 11, 17). The Lord God breathes upon the slain, and so shall they live; for so the Lord has spoken, and He shall do it (Ezek. 37:5–14).

**Order of Worship**  
**Divine Service LSB 151**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Greeting Time**

**Ringing of the Bell**

♪ **Opening Hymn: “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”**

*LSB 497*

**1** Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your graces now outpoured  
On each believer’s mind and heart; Your fervent love to them impart.  
Lord, by the brightness of Your light In holy faith Your Church unite;  
From ev’ry land and ev’ry tongue  
This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Alleluia, alleluia!

**2** Come, holy Light, guide divine, Now cause the Word of life to shine.  
Teach us to know our God aright And call Him Father with delight.  
From ev’ry error keep us free; Let none but Christ our master be  
That we in living faith abide,  
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide. Alleluia, alleluia!

**3** Come, holy Fire, comfort true, Grant us the will Your work to do  
And in Your service to abide; Let trials turn us not aside.  
Lord, by Your pow’r prepare each heart,  
And to our weakness strength impart  
That bravely here we may contend,  
Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend. Alleluia, alleluia!

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*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

### Introit

*Ps. 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

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

**C** **O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;**

**P** the earth is full of your creatures.

**C** **These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.**

**P** When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**C** **When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.**

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*

♪ **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

♪ **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

♪ **P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

♪**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

♪**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

♪**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

♪**C** **Amen.**

♪**Hymn of Praise “This Is the Feast”**

*LSB 155*

**C** **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

♪**P** The Lord be with you.

♪**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Ezekiel 37:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them,

O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Acts 2:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and 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, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice

and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; <sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. <sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

♪ **Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 156*

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*John 15:26–27; 16:4–15*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

♪ **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. <sup>4</sup>But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “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, and 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 heart. <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 Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <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 authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will

glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**♪C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Creed:** The Third Article and its explanation from the Small Catechism

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

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

*Sit*

Children's Message

**♪Sermon Hymn: "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"**

*LSB 768*

1 To God the Holy Spirit let us pray  
For the true faith needed on our way  
That He may defend us when life is ending  
And from exile home we are wending. Lord, have mercy!

2 O sweetest Love, Your grace on us bestow;  
Set our hearts with sacred fire aglow  
That with hearts united we love each other,  
Ev'ry stranger, sister, and brother. Lord, have mercy!

3 Transcendent Comfort in our ev'ry need,  
Help us neither scorn nor death to heed  
That we may not falter nor courage fail us  
When the foe shall taunt and assail us. Lord, have mercy!

**4 Shine in our hearts, O Spirit, precious light;  
Teach us Jesus Christ to know aright  
That we may abide in the Lord who bought us,  
Till to our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mercy!**

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**Sermon “Listen”**

**Pastor Buchhorn**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Preface**

*LSB 160*

♪**P** The Lord be with you.

♪**C** **And also with you.**

♪**P** Lift up your hearts.

♪**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

♪**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪**Sanctus**

*LSB 161*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and

the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 162*

**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.**

### The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 162*

### Pax Domini

*LSB 163*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**♩C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

*LSB 163*

**♩C** **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*Sit*

### Distribution Hymns

**♩** “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

*LSB 636*

**1** **Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight’s splendor, There with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav’nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**

- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev'rence greet Him.  
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You.**
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven, And His blood, for you once given.**
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation, Pledge and seal of my salvation!**
- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.**
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.**
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.**
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.**

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♪ “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

LSB 617

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!
  
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!
  
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

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*Stand*

♪ Post-Communion Canticle “Thank the Lord”

LSB 164

- ☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**✪C** Amen.

## Benediction

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**✪C** Amen.

## ✪ Closing Hymn: “O Day Full of Grace”

*LSB 503*

- 1 O day full of grace that now we see Appearing on earth’s horizon,  
Bring light from our God that we may be Replete in His joy this season.  
God, shine for us now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts emblazon.**
- 2 O day full of grace, O blessed time, Our Lord on the earth arriving;  
Then came to the world that light sublime, Great joy for us all retrieving;  
For Jesus all mortals did embrace, All darkness and shame removing.**
- 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the cross was hanging;  
And then He arose and moved the stone That we, unto Him belonging,  
Might join with angelic hosts to raise Our voices in endless singing.**
- 4 God came to us then at Pentecost, His Spirit new life revealing,  
That we might no more from Him be lost, All darkness for us dispelling.  
His flame will the mark of sin efface And bring to us all His healing.**
- 5 When we on that final journey go That Christ is for us preparing,  
We’ll gather in song, our hearts aglow, All joy of the heavens sharing,  
And walk in the light of God’s own place, With angels His name adoring.**

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**WE REJOICE** with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Creek Broders, Todd Fredrickson, Harley Henderson, Janice Mitchell, Teresa Tiedtke, Brenda Fletcher, Betty Heithold, Ray Jensen, Dave Zach, Cindy Lubberstedt, Rod Tompkins, Braxton Biermann, Braydon Biermann, Loree Echtenkamp, Bryn Tiedtke, Myles Tiedtke, Izabelle Ruwe, Ralph Beiermann, Lacy Blohm, Kevin Heithold, Amanda Jareske, Megan Jensen & Duane Suehl

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Trevor & Holly Hurlbert, Michael & Leann Centrone, Galen & Kathy Wiser, Trey & FayeMarie Wheeler, David & Melodie Longe, Alan & Tammy Nissen, Dana & Sonya Tompkins

**LAST WEEK** our offerings were \$7,773.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the Recognition Brunch last week. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.

**SPECIAL GUEST:** Today we welcome as a guest presenter during our Bible Class Hour Rev. Paul Flo. Pastor Flo is our Siouxland Hispanic Ministry pastor based out of South Sioux City. Join us during Bible Class as we have an opportunity to be updated on his work. On Pentecost people from a variety of nations and languages were gathered in Jerusalem. Still today we have people from a variety of nations living in our area that need to hear the good news about Jesus. May God bless his efforts.

**ONLINE WORSHIP:** Livestream of our Sunday morning services is being offered each week. Check the church's website [www.gracewayne.com](http://www.gracewayne.com) or Facebook page for the link which should be available on Sunday morning. A recording of the service is still available to watch later in the day or week. May God bless your worship time.

**WITH SYMPATHY:** The public visitation for our sister in Christ, Lanora Sorensen who died April 22 will be held in our sanctuary Thursday, May 27 from 5-7 p.m. A private committal service will be held the following day. A public celebration of Lanora's life when more of her family can gather is being planned for July 3 at 10 a.m. Our sympathy to her family and all who mourn her loss.

**USE YOUR GIFTS:** Beginning in June, some of the areas of service which were temporarily discontinued due to pandemic precautions we hope to resume. That means that we will be looking for those who would like to serve the Lord and our congregation as Greeters and Lay Readers. Greeters help to provide a friendly welcome and distribute bulletins to people entering our sanctuary. Lay Readers assist during the worship service by reading the Old Testament and Epistle lessons during the service. If you would like to help in either role, please indicate it on your attendance registration sheet.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** As we gather today, we will study “The Restoring King.” Josiah becomes king of Judah at only eight years old. During the eighteenth year of his reign, Josiah begins the restoration of the temple. When they clean the temple, Hilkiah, high priest and Josiah’s faithful teacher, discovers the Book of the Law. Hearing the words of the Law, Josiah tears his clothes in repentance and directs Hilkiah to inquire of the Lord concerning the people. The Lord responds, telling Josiah that because of his penitent heart He will hold back the disaster from Josiah’s kingdom. For those who cannot attend in person, visit <http://bit.ly/onlinesundayschool> to access an online video overview for Lesson 9 and additional family materials.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** "Before Kings" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
The person who excels in their work will be noticed by kings. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the King who took note of us before we did any work. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN SERVICE PROJECT:** For the month of May, regarding to our service project, the Sunday School will be requesting age appropriate and non-offensive stickers. As always, if you are interested in helping with this activity, the Sunday School will be collecting any donations for this project in the marked bin by the Sunday School office, in the basement. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**THANK YOU:** Derek Jareske would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate his future internship opportunity in Hagerstown, Maryland, during the brunch that took place on May 16th. Your support and encouragement are greatly appreciated!

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The Children's Sunday School program will continue regular instruction, 9:15AM to 10:15AM, during the months of June, July, and August. During these summer months, beginning with June, music practice for the Sunday School students, both Lower and Upper Divisions, will take a break, and as we look toward the fall, we will hope to bring back this experience after Rally Day. As such, parents should continue to drop off, and pick up, students in the classroom areas, but as some classes are combined during the summer months, parents should be reminded to make sure to look for a classroom teacher when dropping off any children. As always, if parents have any questions, please feel free to contact Derek Jareske by email (dejare01@gmail.com). Also, please continue to check for updates, in the bulletin, newsletter, and our Facebook page.

**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER:** The Jr. High and High School Youth Group want to thank you for taking the time to support, pray for, and encourage us throughout this past year as you always have. All of you have meant so much to us, during a time of great uncertainty in a lot of ways. Two things have been certain though and that is first God's love and second your commitment. The Youth Group is also working on a fundraiser to help make it to the National Youth Gathering that takes place July 2022. On the wall leading into the Fellowship Hall, you will find a lot of envelopes. If you feel led to support this effort, please take an envelope and you the dollar amount on each one is merely a suggestion. You can donate more, or less depending upon your interest. All proceeds will go towards our trip to the Gathering, and if you write a check, please make it out to LYF Grace Lutheran. Thank you again for all your support! We could not do anything without your help!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> THRU 17<sup>TH</sup> 5:15PM TO 8PM**

*Is there just one God? . . . Who is God? . . . What is God like? . . . Does God love me? . . . Can I know God?* Our kids grapple with questions like these every day. At Mystery Island VBS, we'll uncover the truth about our Creator God and how His love applies to their lives. Grab your sunscreen and get ready for a taste of paradise as you track down the one true God at Mystery Island! Our Daily Schedule will include: Dinner starting at 5:15PM followed by a large group opening 5:50PM, small group rotations through lessons, games, and crafts, and large group closing at 8:00PM. Thursday June 17th will be a special evening with a family friendly island themed movie being shown immediately after our large group closing at 8pm. Concessions will be sold including popcorn, candy, and drinks. All proceeds from the movie go towards helping the Youth Group make it to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas during the summer of 2022! Be sure to encourage your friends to register, and we will see you soon for a swash buckling, rip roaring, high sea sailing tale of an Island Adventure!!!

## **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

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**LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR:** Keith & Karen Knudsen

## **THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Bible Class
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 am.	Bible Class
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5:00 pm.	Lanora Sorensen Visitation
<b>SATURDAY</b>		Daum/Stolzer Wedding
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Bible Class
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship