

AND THE LORD SAID,  
"Indeed the people are one and they all have one language,  
AND THIS IS WHAT THEY BEGIN TO DO;  
now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.  
Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language,  
that they may not understand one another's speech."

# GENESIS 11:6-7



**Pentecost Sunday † May 24, 2026**



# The Opening

*Today's order of service follows the Worship Supplement Setting 1 (tan hymnal p.1ff).*

## Greeting and Prayer

### Opening Hymn TLH 234 *Holy Ghost, with Light Divine*

## The Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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

**C** Amen!

## The Confession and Absolution of Sins

*We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

**P** Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant forgiveness:


**C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.


## Lord, Have Mercy

*We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*

 **C** *Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.*

## Glory to God in the Highest

*A hymn glorifying and praising our God.*

 **C** *Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to all people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## The Prayer for the Day

*The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.*

**P** Let us pray... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



# The Scripture

## Gospel Reading: *John 7:37-39*

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup> "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." <sup>39</sup> But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

## Responsive Reading: *Psalm 51:7-12*

**P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**C** Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice.

**P** Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**P** Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

**C** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.




## Epistle Reading: *Acts 2:1-21*

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup> And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> "And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?" <sup>9</sup> "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> "Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene,

visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> "Cretans and Arabs-- we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." <sup>12</sup> So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" <sup>13</sup> Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. <sup>15</sup> "For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> ` And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. <sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.'

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

 **C** *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*These words are written that we may believe  
 that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## The Apostles' Creed

*We boldly confess what we believe.*

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was  
 conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered  
 under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He  
 descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the  
 dead. He ascended into heaven; and is seated at the right  
 hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to  
 judge the living and the dead.  
 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.

Hymn TLH 229 *Holy Spirit, Hear Us*

# The Sermon

## **Sermon Reading:** *Genesis 11:1-9 ESV*

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup> And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup> So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

## **THEME: DIVIDED BY SIN, UNITED BY THE SPIRIT**

I. Sin divides the united—at Babel and now.

II. The Spirit unites the divided—at Pentecost and now.

*How long after the Flood was the building of the Tower of Babel?*

*How did the people of Babel disobey God's command to "fill the earth"?*

*What was the motivation for building the Tower of Babel?*

*How do the LORD's actions in v.5-7 demonstrate His love and patience?*

*Why is the dividing nature of sin so dangerous?*


*What common language does the Spirit use to unite us to our Savior?*

*On what occasion did the Holy Spirit demonstrate this? (Acts chapter 2)*

*How does the Holy Spirit still work to unite God's people today?*

# The Response

## The Offertory

 *Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.*  
**☒ Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence, Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

**Hymn TLH 224** *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord*

## The Offering of Thankful Hearts

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your offering electronically, please scan the QR code on the announcement insert.*

## Prayer of the Church † The Lord's Prayer

*We boldly approach God's throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in time of need.*

**☒ 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.**

## Graduation Ceremony for Riley Oman and Elsie Snyder

*John 8:31-32 "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*


## Anthem by Grace Students and Alumni: *Go Now in Peace*

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

## The Benediction

*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)*

**☒** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

 **☒ Amen, Amen, Amen!**

**Closing Hymn TLH 235:1** *O Holy Spirit, Enter In*

# Welcome!

We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.

- † **Restrooms** are located to the right after you exit down the main aisle.
- † **Parent's Room** is located in the northeast corner of the sanctuary.
- † **Amplifying headsets** are available. Please ask an usher.
- † **If you are visiting with us today**, please sign the guest book in the entryway and we invite you to join us again.
- † **If you are looking for a church home?** Ask Pastor about a free one-on-one Bible study for new people. Where & when? Your convenience.

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# The Announcements

**Graduation Recognition:** Today we recognize our graduates from our Christian Day School. We thank God for the Christian foundation He has provided for all the children who attend Grace Lutheran School. We also congratulate and wish the Lord's richest blessings upon the other graduates in our midst:

- † Riley Oman – Grace Lutheran School
- † Elsie Snyder – Grace Lutheran School
- † Naomi Story – Immanuel Lutheran High School
- † Daniel Hein – Immanuel Lutheran College (BA Pre-Theology)
- † Max Milbrandt – Augsburg University (BA Business Management)

**Thank You** to our schoolteachers, staff, and volunteers! This past Friday marked the end of another school year at Grace. We cannot thank our teachers enough for all the hard work and dedication which you give toward the Christian education of our youth. May God bless your summer with rest and refreshment!

**Bridal Shower:** Women of the congregation are invited to a bridal shower for Hannah Kazemba at Grace on Sunday, May 31 at 2pm. Hannah is marrying Grace member Daniel Hein on June 13. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**Graduation Open House:** Celebrate Naomi Story's graduation from ILHS! Open house from 2-6pm on Sat. June 6 at the Baker's residence: 15782 Neon St. NW, Ramsey, MN 55303. See the invitation on the bulletin board for more information.

**Vacation Bible School:** The dates of VBS are being rescheduled to July 27-31. We welcome children age 4yr – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We need volunteers to teach, coordinate crafts, oversee snacks, and run recess. Please speak with Pastor if you can help!

**Suggestions Requested:** You are invited to provide your suggestions for how to use God's gift of \$282K from the Marie Miller bequest. Please send your suggestions to Dale Enns who will log them for discussion at future Council and Voters Meetings. These can be in any form including email, text, or verbal. Examples of previous suggestions include: LSB hymnals, replace failing electronic piano, furniture, multiple building improvement as well as sanctuary improvement projects, donations to ILC Building Fund or other CLC funds, an endowment.

**"The Branches":** If you would like to start receiving "The Branches" (A CLC women's magazine) please contact Sandy Hulke: [thebranchesmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:thebranchesmagazine@gmail.com). Previous subscriptions will automatically be renewed. Any changes? Contact Sandy.

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**CLC Call News:** Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC, has **returned** the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Stephen Krause of Grace School, Valentine, NE, has **returned** the call to Faith School, Markesan, WI. <> Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's, Melrose, WI, and Trinity, Millston, WI, has **received** the call to Living Hope, Appleton,

WI. <> Pastor Chad Seybt has also **received** the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Church, Cheyenne, WY, has **returned** the call to Mt. Zion, Madison Heights, MI.

## Serving Us † Today

*A day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Psalm 84:10*

<b>Organist:</b> Sue Nelson	<b>Church Cleaners:</b> Kuehne
<b>Usher Team 3:</b> Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelly; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever; Uriah Wales	<b>Counting Team 4:</b> Kyle Aymond; Thomas Graham; Kevin Hulke; Clint Welker

## Serving Us † Next Sunday

<b>Organist:</b> Janelle Hein	<b>Church Cleaners:</b> Naumann
<b>Usher Team 3:</b> Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelly; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever; Uriah Wales	<b>Counting Team 1:</b> Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Dave Rust

## Upcoming † Calendar

*If the Lord wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15*

<b>Sun. 5/31</b>	9am	Trinity Sunday Worship Service
<b>Sat. 6/6</b>		MN Delegate Conference @ Berea, Inver Grove Heights
<b>Sun. 6/14</b>	10:15am	Board Meetings
	11:00am	Church Council Meeting
<b>Sun. 6/21</b>	10am	Quarterly Voters Meeting (rescheduled from 7/19)
<b>Thu. 6/25 - Sun. 6/28</b>		CLC Delegates Convention Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI
<b>Mon. 7/27 - Fri. 7/31</b>	9-11:30am Daily	Vacation Bible School (rescheduled from July 13-17)

## In Our Prayers † Encouragement List


*Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18*

**Judy Dahlin** remains homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Dorothy Hammond** remains mostly homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Jean Gunther** remains homebound due to chronic illness. **Jane Cowan** is receiving chemo and radiation treatment for cancer. **Bob Rust** is receiving chemo and radiation treatment for cancer. **Dave Rust** underwent successful eye surgery this Thursday. **Need prayer?** Please inform Pastor Naumann and your need will be included in the next bulletin.

## Our Response † to the Gospel

*God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

**Last Week Attendance:** Worship: 105

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	3,301	CLC:	399	<small>QR Code for Online Giving:</small> 	
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC:	1,440		
-Under/+Over	Grace:	-2,099	CLC:	-1041.2		
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	105,147	CLC:	28,899		
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	108,000	CLC:	28,800		
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	(2,853)	CLC:	99		
GLC Other:	-	Living Faith:	-	Tuition Aid:		50
SAF Endowment:	-	MDF:	-	Kinship:		140
ILC Student Aid:	-	ILC Bldg.:	-	IIF:	-	
				CEF:	-	
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	5,658	Sanctuary:	20,234	