



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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*May 28, 2023*

## Pentecost / Confirmation

### Pre-Service Music: Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Arr. K. Lee Scott

Grace Choir, 11 am only

*Stand*

## ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

### Hymn of Invocation: 906 O Day of Rest and Gladness

LSB 906

#### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

#### Exhortation

151

**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.

*Kneel/Sit*

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

#### Confession of Sins

LSB 151

**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.

#### Absolution

LSB 151

**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.

#### Declaration of Grace

LSB 151

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*





## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Pentecost 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

*Numbers 11:24–30*

<sup>24</sup>Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*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."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 7:37–39

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers

of living water.'"<sup>39</sup>Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: 497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

LSB 497

### Sermon

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## ✠ Confirmation ✠

*The pastor addresses the catechumens.*

### Confirmation Address

LSB 272

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

### Profession of Faith

- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you renounce the devil?
- R** *Yes, I renounce him.*
- P** Do you renounce all his works?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- R** *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- R** *Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- R** *Yes, 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.*
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you

have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

*The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:*

## Confirmation Blessing

LSB 273

**P** [Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

**R** *Amen.*

*The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation.*

*Stand*

## Collect for confirmation

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## The Peace

**P** Peace ☩ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**



*The catechumens return to their seats.*

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Christian church on earth and especially our congregation, Grace, that the Lord would bless us and direct us according to his perfect will; Let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the whole community that gathers here to be served by God; that faith, truth, and love may abound in this place from worship to Bible class, confirmation, and social ministry efforts, that all would be blessed and effective; Let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** As we journey together through this Pentecost season, that the strong in faith would be steadfast, and the weak and struggling in faith would be led to the knowledge of the truth through the sharing of the Gospel; Let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For Cara, Elijah, Brannon, Matthew, Madison, Caroline, and Zoë who today took vows in the faith that they would remain steadfast in faith and that they would be led in faith to do mighty things for the Kingdom of God; Let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our nation, for our community, for our government and military (including...); Let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who travel (including...); Let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who labor in many and various vocations; Let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who rejoice in their blessings (including...); Let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick, injured, and all those who care for them (including...); Let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all those in any kind of need, especially remembering the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison; Let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For other needs known or unknown within our lives, community, and world (including...); Let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Finally, for all of our needs known but to God; Let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

*Sit*

## Offering

## Offertory

LSB 159



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

*Stand*

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

### Preface

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.**

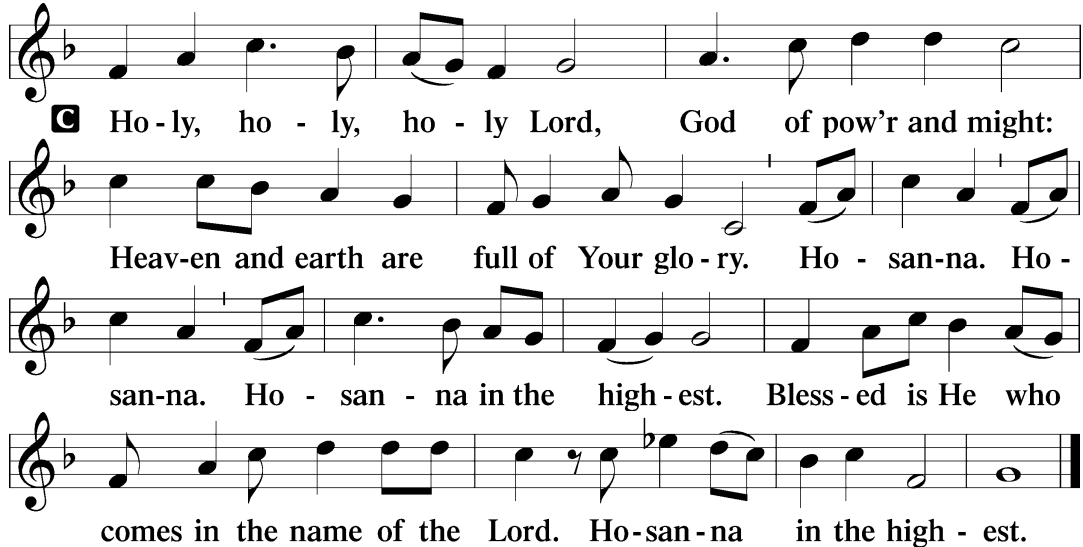
### Proper Preface

- 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

161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 163

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

**G** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

163

**G** 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.

*Sit*

## Distribution of Holy Communion

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AT GRACE LUTHERAN

*We believe, teach and confess that those who commune receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord---in, with and under the bread and wine---for forgiveness of sins and strengthening in faith and life. All baptized,*

*believing Christian guests are invited to examine themselves, as exhorted by St. Paul. Those who are in agreement with this statement are invited to join us at the Altar. If you have a question regarding this, please ask to speak with the Pastor or one of the Elders.*

*Both individual and common cups are available. Also, if you would prefer to receive non-alcoholic white grape juice, there are individual cups in the center of the tray.*

*Please hand your completed family attendance card to the usher on your way to receive communion.*

## **Distribution Hymn: 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

*LSB 594*

## **Distribution Hymn: 597 Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying**

*LSB 597*

*Stand*

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

## **The Dismissal**

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✙}$  in peace.
- C** **Amen.**

## **Post-Communion Collect**

- A** Let us pray.  
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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.**

## **Hymn to Depart: 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

*LSB 803*

## **Closing Response**

- A** Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Meet the 2023 Confirmands



### **Caroline Elizabeth Benninghoff**

Cara is a 13 year old who is in seventh grade at Benton Middle School. She was born in Bethesda, Maryland and was baptized at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg. Cara has been dancing since she was three years old, plays the viola and loves to sing. She will be moving to New Orleans this summer and will greatly miss her Grace family. She plans to stay active in church by participating in various music activities and helping her mom with the altar guild.

**Elijah Marten House** is a 13-year-old 7th grader at Saunders Middle School. He was born in Lansing, Michigan, and baptized at Messiah Lutheran Church in Holt, Michigan. He is a competitive athlete in lacrosse and swimming and plays the trumpet. Elijah's parents are Scott and Erin House, his siblings are Jonah and Lydia and his sponsors are Carl and Sherry Morse. Following Confirmation, Elijah plans to stay active in church by serving as an usher.





### **Brannon Howard**

Brannon, age 11, is a military child from Fort Belvoir. He is currently an advanced academics student with Fairfax County Public Schools and will be attending South County Middle School in the fall. He excels in the areas of mathematics and science and his extra-curricular activities include lacrosse and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. He is the son of Thomas and Angela and brother to Liam. Following Confirmation, Brannon plans to stay active in church with being an Acolyte.

**Matthew David Ravert** is turning 13 in June and will be entering the 8th grade at Saunders Middle School in the fall. He was born in NagsHead, NC, and baptized at Grace Lutheran Church. He is a travel soccer player and enjoys distance running for the Saunders track team. Matthew's parents are Courtney and Steve and his brother is Owen. Following Confirmation, Matthew plans to stay active in church by helping with the technology during services.



**Madison Wayenberg** is eleven years old and entering the 7th grade. She is a military child and was born at Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA and was baptized at Faith Lutheran Church in Lacey, WA. When she is not creating works of art, she enjoys playing volleyball and skateboarding. She has two younger brothers; Brandon and James Wayenberg. Following confirmation she plans to carry on serving within the church with the Board of Tech and Board of Fellowship.



**Caroline White** is a rising homeschooled senior whose hobbies include reading, taking her dog on walks, crocheting, and tinkering with Legos. She aspires to be a NICU nurse after high school. Her sponsor is the one and only Mrs. Judy Haeske and plans to stay active in the church by serving on the Altar Guild. Fun fact: Caroline is a junior lead volunteer at Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center and has been working there for almost a year!



**Zoë White** is a rising sophomore who enjoys taking care of her leopard gecko, Rupert, learning about nuclear power plant disasters in school, and going for long bike rides. In her future, Zoë wants to pursue a career as a mechanical engineer like her father. Her sponsor is the fabulous Ms. Karen Huff and she plans to be active in the church by working on the Boards of Property and Technology. Fun Fact; Zoë has watched the Bee Movie over 20 times.

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