



June 22, 2025 - Second Sunday After Pentecost

As We Gather:

The season of Pentecost has arrived! With the arrival of the Holy Spirit, this season of the Church Year is marked by growth. We see evidence of the growth the Spirit is seeking in this week's readings. The Lord and giver of life seeks to see His people grow faithful hearts through faithful worship, resulting in faithful service. When the way ahead isn't as clear or as comfortable as we would like, we rely on the Lord's wisdom, leading us back to His faithful servant, Jesus Christ, who clears the obstacles of our sinfulness and comforts us with His Word and sacramental gifts.

Welcome

Opening Hymn: LSB 825 "Rise, Shine, You People"

Opening Sentences

Pastor: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful

People: **and kindle in them the fire of Your love**

Pastor: Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel,

People: **"I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go."**

Pastor: Seek the Lord while He may be found,

People: **call upon Him while He is near.**

Confession of Sins

Pastor: Seeking our Lord, His wisdom, and His grace, we confess.

People: **Almighty and all-merciful God, in wisdom You have created all things, and in grace, You seek the lost and the erring. Yet through our selfish choices and sinful nature, we ignore Your wisdom and refuse Your grace. We prefer our own way, resisting the Holy Spirit and His work of bringing forth the fruits of faithfulness. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, console and correct us, that we might forsake our wicked ways and unrighteous thoughts and turn to You, the God who has compassion and abundant pardon.**

Pastor: The Lord is gracious, for He declares, "Listen to me, you stubborn of heart, you who are far from righteousness. I bring My righteousness; it is not far off, and My salvation will not delay." The Lord has brought His righteousness in giving His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for you. Through Him, and Him alone, you have forgiveness, life and salvation. Hear this good news: you are forgiven of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Introit (Psalm 71:20-23)

Pastor: You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again

People: **from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.**

Pastor: You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.
People: I will praise You with the harp for Your faithfulness, O my God.
 Pastor: I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.
People: My lips will shout for joy
 Pastor: when I sing praises to You
People: my soul also, which You have redeemed.
People: 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.

Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God in the Highest” (*Words and music in the hymnal - LSB page 204*)

1. **To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Good-will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing. Our thanks for Your great glory. Lord God our heavenly King.**
2. **To You, O sole-begotten, The Father’s Son we pray. O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry, Where You in pow’r are seated At God’s right hand on high.**
3. **You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that was not called by my name. ² I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; ⁴ who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig’s flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; ⁵ who say, “Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.” These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. ⁶ Behold, it is written before me: “I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap. ⁷ both your iniquities and your fathers’ iniquities together, says the Lord; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds.” ⁸ Thus says the Lord: “As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, ‘Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,’ so I will do for my servants’ sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.

Pastor: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – Galatians 3:23-4:7

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

⁴ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave,^[b] though he is the owner of everything,² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles^[c] of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Pastor: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the eighth chapter

²⁶ Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me."²⁹ For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³² Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. ³⁴ When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶ And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed^[c] man had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: LSB 718 "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

Sermon

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

All: 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 of the world to come.

Offering

Offeratory Prayer of Thanks

All: Thank you Lord for blessing us so we may be a blessing to others. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Benediction

Pastor: 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.
People: Amen.

Closing Hymn: LSB 643 "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

Announcements



ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of June 22, 2025

Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO
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Family for the Week: Sharon Barlow
St. John's, Monett - Rev. Andrew Kennell

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Robert Sick – (Ardella Frerich's granddaughter's husband – Prayers of thanks on his recovery)

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Gary Gardner – (health and healing)

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Carol Bresnick – (friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing)
Pat Bricco – (friend of Grace – health and healing)
Tresa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
Roger Harris – (Wendy's Dad – health and healing from flu)
Ervin Jung – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Deborah Knotts – (our cleaning lady – health and healing)
Wendy Koenig – (friend of Heidi Costello – health and healing)

Pastor Clif Loman – (former Pastor at Grace – health and healing)
Alissa Loveland – (Bob & Rachel Sanford's daughter)
Bill Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – health and healing)
Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)
Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)
Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend)

Long Term

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer – health & healing)
Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)
Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)
Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)
Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)
Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)
Jan Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel – health and healing)
Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)
Betty Gordon – (Health and healing)
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)

Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing cancer)
Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow – health and healing)
Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing, cancer)
Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother – health)
Robbie Krueger – (friend of Kathy Holle)
Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health & healing)
Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)
Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)
Kooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson healing)
Barbara Jean Wilson – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	June 22nd	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service – Bruce Sletten
Monday	June 23rd	NO Braille
Wednesday	June 25th	Pastor in Office
Thursday	June 26th	Pastor in Office
Sunday	June 29th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service Pot Luck Lunch after service
Monday	June 30th	NO Braille

Birthdays: Cheryl Lile-June 23rd; Jim Troyke, Rob Springer & Bryant Doss-June 26th

Anniversaries: Don & Cindi Wolf-June 24th

June

Greeters

22: Edith Chambers & Emily Ernest

29: Stan & Sharon Crandall

Ushers

22: Matt Miller

29: Rob Springer



Pastor Daniel Heitshusen's ordination and installation at Grace will be July 26 at 3:00 pm. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend! More details to follow – stay tuned!



Trinity Lambs Cottage will be opening a daycare for kiddos ages 6 weeks to 5 years in July. Information is available on our website:

trinity1874.com/daycare<<http://trinity1874.com/daycare>>. Spots are already filling up and

we are in need of Part-Time Caregivers. We have a fabulous director, Sonya Johnson, who will be excited to train and coach anyone with a heart for our mission to raise up the kiddos in our community. Trinity Lambs Cottage is also on Facebook and Instagram. More information is available on the church bulletin board.

The Presbyterian Church has asked for our help at “Come And Dine” on July 31st and August 14th. A sign-up sheet will be available for those willing to help.

Special Voters' Meeting will be held on July 13th after church services. We will discuss Pastor Heitshusen's housing allowance required for tax purposes.

Jo Hadley Update - Current Mailing Address:

Jo Hadley

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