The Holy Spirit Will Always Help You

PENTECOST/CONFIRMATION
May 31, 2020

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

OPENING HYMN: #181 – Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit

SERVICE OF THE WORD: ................................................................. p. 38

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
C: And also with you.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION: ...................................................... p. 38

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
C: Amen.
M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

SONG OF THE LITURGY: ................................................................. p. 39

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

M: Let us pray:

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: The Lord promised the Holy Spirit to all his people. Joel 2:28-29

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young
men will see visions. 29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

MEN & WOMEN’S CHORUS: (8:00) .........................................Open Thou Mine Eyes

SECOND LESSON: The Holy Spirit filled the disciples to teach people to call on the name of the Lord. Acts 2:1-21 1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. 5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” 14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.
GOSPEL LESSON: Jesus promised the disciples the best Helper. John 16:5-11

5 But now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6 Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. 7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

HYMN: #176 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

SERMON: Everyone needs a helper

1. The Holy Spirit comes to you
2. The Holy Spirit teaches you
3rd Article of the APOSTLES’ CREED: *(10:30 only)*

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.

What does this mean?

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.

OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

You may place your offering envelopes in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.

*You may “check in” using the Shelbynext app on your phone.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Praise to you, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify you as the Lord and the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things, as you gave a new life of understanding to the disciples in your Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word, you have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. In thanksgiving for your gifts to us, we confess:

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing 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.

M: Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.
C: In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

M: Holy Spirit, highest comfort in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of your Word and promises: “Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you.” And in your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.

C: 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.

Special prayers and intercessions

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER: .................................................................p. 43

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CONFIRMATION: (8:00)
Eleora Janosek Fredrich       Jade Kathleen Johnson
Gianni Davis Grippo           Christian Adair Ryan
Emma Grace Groth              Emily Paige Walker
Elijah Arthur Johnson

HYMN: #471 – Renew Me, O Eternal Light

PRAYER

C: Amen.

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BENEDICTION


CLOSING HYMN:  #183 – Holy Spirit, Light Divine

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ALTAR FLOWERS were donated by Howard and Sandy Jaeger in memory of their parents, Norden & Mildred Jaeger and Elmer & Barbara Rinearson, and in celebration of their 19th Wedding Anniversary. The two red bouquets are a gift from Grace Congregation in honor of the seven confirmands.

Worship attendance:  8:00 AM – 94;  10:30 AM – 86  (314 online views*)

*This number reflects the number of online views as of Friday morning, May 29th.

Wednesday Gospel of Mark Class:  17 Zoom Classroom Logins
Organist:  Jeff Wegner

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:
Susan Nelson – 1928 W Orangewood Avenue, Apt 19, Phoenix, AZ 85021 (Rehab)
Dianne Bailey – 4551 E Franklin Avenue, Gilbert, AZ 85295 (her son’s home)

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:
SUN - Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM; LiveStream service at 8:00 AM
WED - Online Gospel of Mark Bible Class, 7:00 PM – Join the Zoom Classroom by using the following link:  http://www.graceglendale.org/onlinebibleclass. You do not need to register ahead of time.
THU - Elders Meeting, 3:00 PM; School Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Forward in Christ & June Bible-reading & activity calendars are in the Narthex and south entrance to the church.

SCHOOL RE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION…Re-enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year is now open. Much of the registration paperwork will be completed on-line (Click Here for Online Registration Form or visit www.graceglendale.org and click ‘School’ then ‘Documents & Forms’). Please complete one form per child. To be fully registered, parents will also need to attend Registration Day on August 5.

ONLINE CALENDAR…To access the online calendar, go to www.graceglendale.org and click “Calendar” at the top of the homepage. The online calendar is updated regularly.
IN PERSON WORSHIP…You can gather to hear God’s Word, sing, pray, and rejoice in the fellowship you have come to know and love. BUT it looks a little different.

- The church has been professionally cleaned.
- Please do not attend if you are showing any hint of illness or feel uncertain about being in public again. Livestreaming continues every Sunday at 8:00 AM at www.graceglendale.org or https://www.youtube.com/user/GraceGlendaleAZ/videos
- Our pastors and vicar will be wearing masks. While some of our members are unable to wear masks, at your discretion, we encourage you to wear one, too.
- Please social distance (6 feet) before, during, and after the service.
- Worship information will be projected on the screens so that you may participate.
- There will be no physical greeting or handshaking.

If you have any questions, please call Pastor Clark at 623-937-2010, ext. 303.

TUITION FUNDING FOR THE 2020-2021…Now is the time to secure funding for your child’s tuition for next school year! Several organizations are currently awarding tuition funding through a variety of programs for the 2020-2021 School Year. Please take advantage of these programs by clicking on Mr. Walker’s STO Workshop. (Available at www.GraceGlendale.org/School) If you need help, please contact Mr. Walker at 623-937-2010, ext. 302.

LAMBS OF GRACE PRESCHOOL is accepting applications for preschool in the fall. Contact Shawna Tech for a tour. Call 623-937-2010, ext. 319 or email stech@graceglendale.org to set up an appointment to check us out!

TASTE AND SEE…Tune in on Saturday, June 27, to watch the livestreamed opening worship service. Visit https://wels.net/event/taste-and-see/ for additional information.

DONATE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE! Scan the image you see here using your phone’s QR code reader! PLEASE use your checking or savings account number and bank routing information for donations (not the debit card number). Contact Debbie at ext. 322 if you have any questions or need help with setting this up. Automatic deductions for offerings may also be accessed from the graceglendale.org site with the “Click Here to Donate Online” button at the bottom of the page.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Need amounts are based on a goal of $886,600 by 6/30/2020.

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