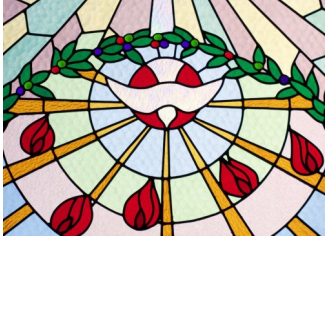


Grace at a Glance

Nothing Can Separate Us
Acts 2:1-4, Romans 8:18-39
May 28, 2023
Pentecost & Memorial Weekend



Scripture Acts 2:1-4, Romans 8:18-39

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Holy Spirit,
Give us tongues to proclaim your love to all peoples, and power to work for justice in all the world, through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.



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May Mission of the Month

The Mission of the Month for May at Grace Lutheran Church is Youth Link. Youth Link works with homeless youth ages 16-24. They are located in downtown Minneapolis but serve the Twin Cities.

On any given night in Minnesota, 4,000 young people will experience homelessness. Thanks to Youth Link and its supporters, new pathways can open up for young people facing barriers and help them build more stable futures.

At Youth Link the mission is to support and empower young people on their journey to self-reliance. Youth Link’s vision is a community in which all youth, without regard to their living situation, have an equal opportunity to pursue their goals and dreams, and an equal likelihood of achieving them.

Youth Link has over 40 years of experience connecting young people with a community of resources and support - whether it's basic needs, like a hot shower or a warm meal, assistance with employment or educational goals, accessing mental or physical health resources, or finding supportive housing. Youth Link helps young people at all stages of their journey.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this worthwhile effort to offer assistance and most of - hope - to the young people on the streets of Minnesota. Give them an opportunity to pursue their dreams and provide them with the tools necessary to reach them. Please use your blue multi-purpose envelope, mark mission of the month and place in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Grace. Thank you.

Thanks to all who helped and/or attended the Spring Rhubarb Festival this past Saturday!! It was a beautiful day and hopefully you had lots of fun as well as working for a good cause. We were able to raise a little over \$2000 in 3 hours!! We’d love to hear any input you might have to improve this event for next year!!

This Sunday we worship in the Sanctuary at Grace at 9:30 am.
Please join us for Pentecost & Memorial Weekend worship.

We have a dedicated free phone line which you can call in and listen to the livestreaming worship services. So if you don't have a computer or would rather just listen, call in on 1-(833) 579 - 2830. We are working on improving the quality of this experience. Please pass this number to your friends without computers.

We will continue to post recordings of the services each week on our website and Facebook page. Stay tuned for more information as we go forward. We pray for everyone to stay safe and healthy.

Your giving is very important to continuing our missions as always. You can give electronically using the give button on the website (www.gracelutheranstpaul.org), mail it in to the church (1730 Old Hudson Road, St. Paul 55106) or place in the offering at worship on Sunday.

The office hours are M-Thurs, 9:30-1:30. Feel free to call the church (651-774-9617) with any questions, prayers, or requests for help.

Upcoming events:

We want to celebrate our Graduates! If you or someone you know is graduating from high school, college, technical school , or any other program please let us know so that we can add them to our list to celebrate in June.

July 2nd we will have worship outdoors at **10:00 am** to celebrate the 4th of July. It will be followed by a picnic and some time for fellowship as usual. We will gather on the west side of the trees in the parking lot where there is shade in the morning.

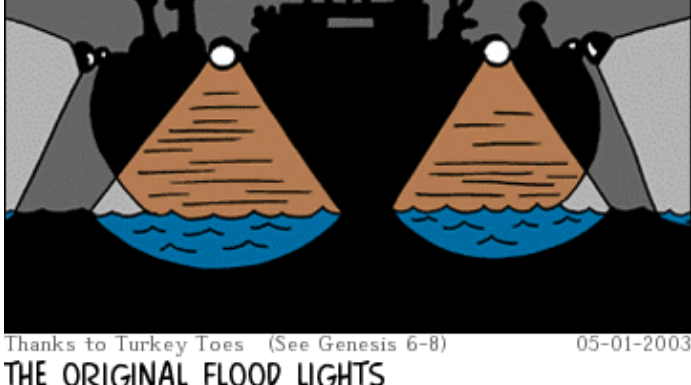


Monday, May 22, 2023 – Monday, May 29, 2023

Saturday, May 27	8:30 am Men’s Bible Study (virtual)
	10:00 am Visitation for Phyllis Acker
	11:00 am Memorial service for Phyllis Acker followed by light refreshments (Quilt meeting previously scheduled for today will take place the following Saturday at 10am)
Sunday, May 28	9:30 am Worship— Pentecost Livestreamed and recorded Phone in line 1-(833) 579 -2830
Monday, May 29	10:30 am Fellowship
	10:00 am Memorial Day Service at Union

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