

Day of Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion
Graduation Sunday and Outdoor Service
May 24, 2026
9:30 am

Grace Lutheran Church
Camp Hill, PA

**-the congregation is invited to stand*

WELCOME TO GRACE

A warm welcome to all who are celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord during this Easter season. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a guest card which are found in the pews. Following the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor.

We hope that this bulletin will help guide you through our worship service.

INTRODUCTION

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

God gathers us in unity.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Blessed Be Your Name

Matt & Beth Redman

Abundant Grace

INVOCATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

Today, we are delighted to recognize high school and college graduates of Grace Lutheran Church. It is our privilege to affirm these members of our congregation who have completed one phase of their lives and move with great expectations to another.

Graduates, please stand as your names are read.

Emma Madden, Mitchell A. Hearn, John Hartman, Cecelia "Cici" Perella-Carvalhaes, Vaughn Manlove, Liam Scott Barber, Chaney Helman, Joel Ryder, Jacob Hartman, Sydney Boyer, Charlotte Leisenring.

The presiding minister addresses the graduates.

Graduates, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare to begin new endeavors, be mindful of your grounding in faith, and of your vocation to serve God in all your life's work and accomplishments.

The assembly stands as able.

Let us pray. Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially for the milestones that *Emma, Mitchell, John, Cici, Vaughn, Liam, Chaney, Joel, Jacob, Sydney and Charlotte* have attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they also know your love and experience your peace in all the experiences they encounter. Bless also the parents of these students, who have raised their children and nourished them in the Christian faith. Give them strength in your continuing presence and give them many joyful reunions with their sons and daughters, who may be leaving home soon to begin new and varied ventures, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW#860

***GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace and peace of God be with you all.

And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

WORD

FIRST READING – Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved.' "

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴ How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your
creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too
many to number,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷ **All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and
return to their dust.**

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³² You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴ May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b} **Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b} No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

The holy gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands

and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands as able.

***NICENE CREED**

Let us profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each prayer concludes:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

***THE PEACE**

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share the peace with one another.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

MEAL

OFFERING

We respond to the grace given us by sharing our gifts with others through the offering. Today's regular offering supports the ongoing ministry of Grace church. You can give online, by cash, or by check.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Goodness of God

*J. Johnson/B. Johnson/Ingram/Cash/Fielding
Abundant Grace*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***THANKSGIVING AT TABLE**

Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every hope in you. Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your children may be blessed with power and grace, and that this bread and cup may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

*In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God, for you have rolled away the stone of despair, the stone of oppression, the stone of lament, the stone of grief, the stone of death, the stone of sin, the stone of fear. Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace, breathe on us your power, breathe on us your eternal life, that all who labor, all who stumble, all who hunger, and all who fall shall meet you in the breaking of the bread and be lifted up by your touch. Shape your church to be your risen body; make our scars beautiful like your scars, make our lives life-giving like your life, and make our communion holy with your saints, until you come again in glory and we eat with you in your kingdom, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

Amen!

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly may be seated.

Those communing at home or in their seats are invited to prepare their elements then to be led through eating and drinking the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.

Please come forward to receive the body and blood of Christ in the bread and the wine.

The Lutheran Church welcomes all to the Lord's Supper. If you are not a Christian and wish to inquire about the Christian faith, we invite you to speak to the minister.

COMMUNION MUSIC

All Who Are Thirsty

Brenton Brown/Glenn Robertson

Abundant Grace

***BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of the Risen Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

SENDING

***BLESSING**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

This Little Light of Mine

ELW #677

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

All the People Said Amen

arr. Dan Galbraith

Abundant Grace

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister The Rev. Chad Butz

Assisting Minister..... Sue Painter

Lector..... Michelle Knight

Communion Assistants Tom Blackburn, Marti Bert

Director of Music..... Kristopher Hartman

Technology OperatorChris Jury

Abundant Grace

Keyboard.....Bonnie Barton

Guitar/VocalsKelly Smith, Dave Lebo, Justin Manlove

This Week at Grace: May 23-29, 2026

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

The Bulletins & Mailings are given to the glory of God.



Connect with Us



EVENTS

We hold in prayer especially this week....

Paisley Krull, Beverly Earhart, Zach & Pat, Tricia Butz, Barry Fenicle, Weston, Megan & Donny Weibel, Carson Osswald, Karen Osswald, Dr. Robert Little, Ed Klemmer, Jaclyn Atkins, Robert Schweitzer, Cheryl A., Amy Vogel, Alice M., and Dean Jury.

Welcome to Our Church Cards

If you are visiting Grace at one of our worship services, please take a moment to complete one of the “Welcome to Our Church” cards found in the pews, both narthexes and in the library. We’d love to hear from you.

Senior Send-Off Sunday in the Parking Lot

Join us on Sunday, May 24 for Outdoor Worship in the parking lot where we plan to send off our seniors and then enjoy a meal after worship. If you haven't already signed up, no worries, we'd still love for you to come. *Please note in case of inclement weather the service will move into the sanctuary and the meal will be in the social hall.*

Emma Madden, Mitchell A. Hearn, John Hartman, Cecelia "Cici" Perella-Carvalhaes, Vaughn Manlove and Liam Scott Barber are graduating from High School this year. Chaney Helman, Joel Ryder, and Jacob Hartman, as well as Tom & Gloria Boyer's granddaughter, Sydney Boyer, and Donna Leisenring's great-granddaughter, Charlotte Leisenring are graduating from college this year.

School's Out and Grace's Pantry Shelves are Out Too!

Grace's Giving Pantry Shelves are looking a bit bare. School's out and kids will be home for lunch, so families' needs will increase. Here's what we can use: Cereal, tuna, soup, mac'n cheese, ravioli, and canned fruit. If you have any questions, contact Susan Ryder at ryder.susan@comcast.net

Assist Local Families Experiencing Homelessness

Grace will host Family Promise HCR the week of June 7. You can help during this week by preparing a meal, driving the 15-passenger van, or hosting a meal. If you're unsure and want to give it a try, you can stop in and shadow someone who's volunteering. To sign up to help or find out more about each of the volunteer opportunities go to the website <https://www.gracecamphill.org/events/family-promise-grace>. For more information regarding Family Promise please contact Susan Ryder at susan@familypromisehcr.org.



Help Us to Name the new Library Area

Our newly refreshed library needs a new name. Please complete a suggestion card with your full name and your suggestion by June 7.

Council will then select the three most popular suggestions and present them at the Congregational Meeting on June 28 for a vote. You can

complete a suggestion card online [HERE](#), using the QR code to the left or by hand in the library. If your name is not provided, unfortunately, we will not be able to consider your suggestion.

"Music in Bloom" Cedar Cliff Chorale Concert – May 26

The Cedar Cliff Chorale is proud to present its independent concert titled "Music in Bloom" on Tuesday, May 26 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. The Chorale is made up of forty individually selected CCHS treble singers. This program follows nature's journey as Spring emerges from Winter's shadows. As is often the case with Spring, this program features the contribution of rain through pieces such as Sarah Quartel's "In Time of Silver Rain" and Elaine Hagenberg's "As the Rain Hides the Stars." Much like the season, flowers become more prominent as the show continues, including a unique arrangement of Tom Petty's Wildflowers. The program ends with Andrea Ramsey's "Grow Little Tree" as a nod to the growth of the season, but also a transition to the future and the hopes that, as time goes on, those we love continue to grow, even as the seasons change. The concert is free and open to the public. Come hear one of Cedar Cliff's renowned choral ensembles and support young people in the arts. We hope to see you there!

Parent & Youth Information Collection Form

Ethan Lentz recently updated the Parent & Youth Information Collection form and would like those with children and young adults to complete the new form. You can scan the QR code to the left, on the new sign up board in the library or go to



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeflWheeZs91Gg6Y4o8-Cv7fzeinHyuQae4AOGKShpT2ksRkw/viewform>

Monthly Summer Board Game Night

Do you like free food? Do you like board and card games? Do you like having fun? Come to our monthly Summer Board game nights after the Wednesday Community Meal! We invite everyone to join us for a meal at 5:30pm with fun and games starting around 6:30pm. The Summer Board Game dates are June 10, July 8, and August 12. I hope to see you there! Please bring a board or card game to play, I kindly ask that they be PG-13 or younger rated.

Grace's Strawberry Festival

Save the Date...Grace Church is bringing back the Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 27 from 10am – 3pm. We are looking for volunteers for that day. There is a volunteer sign up sheet posted on the Fellowship board in the parking lot hallway. We are looking for people to work shifts, so you don't have to work all day. I need volunteers to make pies as well. The day of the festival there will be strawberry shortcake, strawberry lemonade, strawberry parfaits, strawberry pies, hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks, crafts and a big bounce house. We welcome all ages! If you have any questions contact Jared Weber at 717-343-1567.

Grace's Merchandise Store

Want some cool Grace gear? We offer a variety of items including hats, polo shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, a windbreaker jacket, and water bottles. A portion of the proceeds from each purchase goes back to Grace, making it a wonderful way to support our community and perhaps start a friendly conversation so hit up our merch store at <https://www.bonfire.com/store/grace-lutheran-camp-hill-merch/>.



GRACE MERCHANDISE

Journeys of Paul in Greece – Oct. 17-24

Join Pastor Chad Butz and Evan Houck Oct. 17-24, 2026, as we explore the journey of Paul in Greece. Paul is one of, if not the most, influential theologian for the Christian church as we know it. Come and see firsthand the places that he walked and ministered through. We will be departing October 17th and returning on the 24th. There is an optional cruise to extend your journey. Looking forward to entering into this pilgrimage with you all! You can find out more information regarding the trip and how to sign up on the website at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/faith-formation/journeys-of-paul-in-greece>. Please note that any registrations received after June 24, 2026, will incur late fees depending on when the registration was received. The exact amounts can be found on the pamphlet.

Pastoral Assistance or At Home Communion

If you need pastoral assistance or to request At Home Communion, please contact Pastor Chad at 717-737-0439x10 or pastorchad@gracecamphill.org. If you have a pastoral emergency outside of normal working hours you can contact Pastor Chad on his mobile phone at 610-297-2514. *A pastoral emergency would be a death, or life-threatening circumstances.*

Special Benevolence Offering

The Special Benevolence for **May** is **Lutheran Camping Corporation**. To contribute, please list your dollar amount next to *Special Offering Ministry* on the contribution envelopes or use the online giving page on the website page at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/give> or use the QR Code.



Give Now

Lost & Found Items

If you are missing a coat, a water bottle or other items please check with the office at 717-737-0439 or office@gracecamphill.org to see if your missing item(s) may have been turned in. Items will be kept in the office for (1) month. After that time, they will be placed in the Community Aid bin in the second parking lot. ***Please note we currently have three jackets & a vest that will be placed in the Community Aid bin on June 1, 2026.***

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12noon on the 15th of the month** for the next month's newsletter. **This Week at Grace** information is due by **12noon on Tuesdays**. Please email any information to ddeppen@gracecamphill.org.

Calendar

5/23/26	5:00pm	Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel
5/24/26	9:00am 9:30am	No Coffee Hour Senior Send-Off Outdoor Worship Service in parking lot
5/25/26		Church Office Closed for Memorial Day No Scout Troop 54 & Cub Scout Pack 54 Meeting
5/26/26	9:00am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Quilting Ministry in Quilt Room Bible Study in Small Conference Room "Music in Bloom" the Cedar Cliff Chorale Concert in the Sanctuary
5/27/26	3:00pm	Grace Giving Pantry

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad Je - sus lift - ed me,
Sa - tan had me bound, When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Our Story

Matthew 25:35-40: *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”*

The purpose of Grace Lutheran Church is to make a difference by serving others through God’s love and our faith

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