

The 9th Sunday After

# PENTECOST

*Welcome to our home!  
We would love for you  
to join our family!*

**August 10, 2025**

## We Gather

**Processional Hymn: #510**

***Come Holy Spirit***

*Please stand & sing as you are able.*

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People:* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People:* **One God and Father of all.**

### Collect of the Day

*Please remain standing.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## We Hear God's Word

### First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6

*Please be seated.*

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalms 33:12-22

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*Reader:* <sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

*People:* <sup>13</sup> **The Lord looks down from heaven, and beholds all the people in the world.**

*Reader:* <sup>14</sup> From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

*People:* <sup>15</sup> **He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.**

*Reader:* <sup>16</sup> There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

*People:* <sup>17</sup> **The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save.**

*Reader:* <sup>18</sup> Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love,

*People:* <sup>19</sup> **To pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine.**

*Reader:* <sup>20</sup> Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

*People:* <sup>21</sup> **Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy Name we put our trust.**

*Reader:* <sup>22</sup> Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you.

## **Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

*Reader:* A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sequence Hymn: #68**

***Rejoice! Rejoice, believers***  
***(v. 1-2 before, v. 3 after Gospel)***

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-40**

*Please remain standing.*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon: The Rev. Omar Cisneros**

*Please be seated.*

## **We Pray**

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*The candidates are presented by their sponsor.*

**Celebrant:** The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

**Sponsor:** **I present Damien Gale Whitmire and Gavin Russell Grayson to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

**Celebrant:** Do you desire to be baptized?

**Candidates:** **I do.**

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates:*

**Celebrant:** Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Candidates:** **I renounce them.**

**Celebrant:** Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Candidates:** **I renounce them.**

**Celebrant:** Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Candidates:** **I renounce them.**

**Celebrant:** Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**Candidates:** **I do.**

**Celebrant:** Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Candidates:** **I do.**

**Celebrant:** Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**Candidates:** **I do.**

### **Celebrant Addresses the Congregation**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Celebrant:** Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People:** **We will.**

**Celebrant:** Let us join with these persons who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **Baptismal Covenant**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in God the Father?

**People:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People:** **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Celebrant:** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People:** **I will, with God's help.**



*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

## **Prayers for the Candidates**

*Celebrant:* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A person appointed leads the following petitions:*

*Leader:* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant, Candidates, and Sponsor process to the font.*

*Celebrant:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water:*

**Celebrant:** Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Baptism**

*The candidates are presented by name to the Celebrant who then immerses them saying:*

**Celebrant:** (*Damien Gale Whitmire / Gavin Russell Grayson*), I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over the candidate, saying:*

**Celebrant:** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:*

**Celebrant:** (*Damien Gale Whitmire / Gavin Russell Grayson*), you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*When all have been baptized the Celebrant says:*

**Celebrant:** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**Celebrant & People:** **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **Peace**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## **Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings**

*Please be seated.*

*Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.*

## **Offertory**

**Celebrant:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

*During this time we make an offering to the church to help maintain its mission in creation. It is also a time in which we fully offer ourselves to be Christ in the world around us.*

## **Offertory Hymn: #635**

***If thou but trust in God to guide thee***

*Please remain seated & sing.*

## Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*Please remain standing.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:*

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus: #S-125

*Please sit or kneel after the Sanctus.*

*Celebrant:* † Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."††† After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."††† Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant & People:* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever  
**AMEN.**

## Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant & People:* **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem: #S-154

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need communion brought to you at your seat. IF you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.*

## Communion Hymn: #302     **Father, we thank thee who hast planted**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant & People:*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Pentecost Blessing

*Celebrant:* May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn: #636

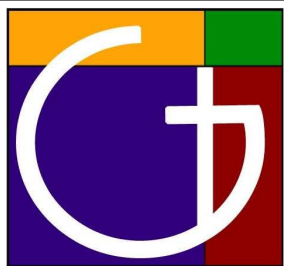
***How firm a foundation***

*Please stand & sing as you are able.*

## Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**



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