

THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER

# Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

## Welcome. Truly—Welcome

We welcome you if you're here every Sunday, if it's been years,  
or if you're not sure how you ended up here today.

We welcome the faithful and the restless, the devout and the doubting,  
the curious, the cautious, and the quietly hopeful.

We welcome you whether you sing in the choir or can't carry a tune,  
whether you know the creeds by heart or have never opened a prayer book.

We welcome those who pray with ease and those who sit in silence, unsure how to begin.

We welcome the ones who arrive early and those who come late.  
The polished and the weary. The ones who stand tall and the ones who feel small.

We welcome crying babies, spirited children, exhausted parents,  
and teenagers who'd rather be anywhere else.

We welcome elders who carry stories, and the young who carry questions.

We welcome you whether you're dressed for church or just rolled out of bed.  
Whether you came for God, for peace, for someone you love—  
or just to see what this place might be.

We welcome the health nuts and the fast food faithful,  
the latte loyal and the plain black coffee kind.

We welcome the overbooked, the burned out, the recovering and the still struggling.

We welcome you if you've been hurt by church, if you've stayed away on purpose,  
if you're skeptical of religion or unsure about God.

We welcome those who grieve and those who rejoice,  
those who laugh easily and those who are just trying to hold it together.

We welcome all whose lives don't fit neat categories, because none of ours do, really.

Because here's what we believe:  
God meets us as we are—not as we wish we were.  
Grace is not a prize for the perfect. It's a gift for the human.

This church opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who welcomed saints and strangers, wanderers and wanderlust.

So come. Come with your wounds and your wonder, your longing and your laughter.  
Come with your full self—heart, history, doubts, and dreams.  
We welcome the joyful, the jaded, the lost, the found— and **you**.

## **We Gather**

**Processional Hymn: #410**    ***Praise my soul, the King of heaven***    *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.**

### **Collect For Purity**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis: #S-280**

*Please remain standing.*

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:*    **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **We Hear God's Word**

### **First Lesson**

*Please be seated.*

*(Exodus 32:7-14)*

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

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Reader:*    The Word of the Lord.

*People:*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 51:1-11

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*Reader:* Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

*People:* **Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.**

*Reader:* For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

*People:* **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.**

*Reader:* And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

*People:* **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.**

*Reader:* For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

*People:* **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

*Reader:* Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

*People:* **Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.**

*Reader:* Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

## Second Lesson

*(1 Timothy 1:12-17)*

*Reader:* A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Sequence Hymn: #439

***What wondrous love is this  
(v. 1-2 before, v. 3 after Gospel)***

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Gospel Reading

*Please remain standing.*

*(Luke 15:1-10)*

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:** The Rev. Omar Cisneros

*Please be seated.*

## **We Pray**

### **Nicene Creed**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Please kneel, sit, or stand.*

*Reader:* Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to God our Father.

*Reader:* For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...

*People:* **Christ Church, Tulsa; Diocese of Alaska; Diocese of Arizona; Diocese of California; Diocese of Eastern Oregon; The Anglican Church of South America.**

*Reader:* For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* We pray for...

*People:* **Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Omar and Tom, our clergy; Katherine and B.J., our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...

*People:* **Donald, our President; J.D., our Vice-President; Josh, our Congressman; James and Markwayne, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Patrick, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

*People:* **Ched, Falling family, Kelli, Cedric, Ricky, Sharon, Mike, Ann, Fred, Wesley, Taylor, Ky, Stuart, Leland, Adrian, Mike, Dustin, Tom, Betty, Warren, Jim, Nancy, David, those impacted by war and violence, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

*Reader:* We pray for those who have died, (*especially...*)

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially ...

*People:* **Rick, Chris, Pat, David, Norma, Cindy, Henry, Nicholas, Lisa, and Doug.**

*Reader:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*Silence is observed.*

*Celebrant & People:* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## 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.*

*Celebrant:* O God, the giver of life and love: Look with favor upon those who celebrate this day. Grant them joy in your presence, growth in your Spirit, and a share in your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Offertory

*Celebrant:* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*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: #645**

***The King of Love my shepherd is***  
*Breahna Garner, Flute*

*Please remain seated & sing.*

**Doxology: #380 v. 3**

*Please stand & sing as you are able.*

## **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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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.



*Celebrant:* 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: #512      Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove**

### **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.**

### **Blessing**

*Celebrant:* May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith and that, knowing his love, broad and long, deep and high beyond all knowledge, you may be filled with all the fullness 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: #448**

**O love, how deep, how broad, how high**

*Please stand & sing.*

### **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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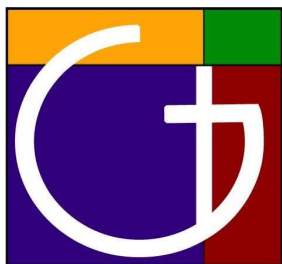
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