THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER

PENTEGOST 1

OCTOBER 5, 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: #551 Rise up, ye saints of God! 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. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we

to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson Please be seated. (Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4)

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Habakkuk.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-10Read responsively by whole verse.

Reader: Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

People: For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Reader: Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

People: Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Reader: Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.

People: He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as

the noonday.

Reader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

People: Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil

schemes.

Reader: Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

People: For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess

the land.

Second Lesson (2 Timothy 1:1-14)

Reader: A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: #488 Be thou my vision Please stand as you are able.

(v. 1-2 before, v. 3 after Gospel)

Gospel Reading Please remain standing. (Luke 17:5-10)

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for

doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

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.

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

especially...

St. Andrew's, Grove; Diocese of Micronesia; Diocese of Navajoland; The Angli-People:

can Church of Tanzania.

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...

Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Omar and Tom, our clergy; People:

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...

Donald, our President; J.D., our Vice-President; Josh, our Congressman; James People:

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, Catheryne, Damien, Lincoln, 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: Alison, Coco, Lucy, Harold, Rachel, Sheryl, and Steve.

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.

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.

O Jesus, I have promised Caitlin Lindsay, soloist

Please remain seated & sing.

Doxology: #380 v. 3 Please stand & sing as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Please remain standing.

Offertory Hymn: #655

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. And also with you. People: Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. People:

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. People:

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: #660 O Master, let me walk with Thee

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: #671 Amazing Grace! Please stand & sing.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. People:



A NIGHT IN GREECE FUNDRAISER DINNER

Must be 21 years of age to attend.

DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2025

TIME: 6:00 PM

FICKETS: \$65

Tickets include 5 courses: Appetizer, Soup, Salad, Entree, & Dessert Plus 2 (wine) drink coupons

Proceeds go towards a new kitchen stove and helps us to keep serving warm meals while creating warm community and supporting Meals on Wings.

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