

THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
OCTOBER 26, 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: #398 *I sing the almighty power 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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Please be seated.

(Sirach 35:12-17)

Reader: A reading from the Sirach.

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you evenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84:1-6

Read responsively by whole verse.

Reader: How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

People: **The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

Reader: Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you.

People: **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Reader: Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

People: **They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

Second Lesson

(2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18)

Reader: A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: #517

***How lovely is thy dwelling place
(v. 1-2 before, v. 3-4 after Gospel)***

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Reading

Please remain standing.

(Luke 18:9-14)

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

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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:* **St. Luke's, Bartlesville; Diocese of San Joaquin; Diocese of Spokane; The Church in Wales.**
- 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, 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:* Honoring our commitment to be a veteran and military friendly congregation, we pray for our nation's military, especially...
- People:* **those serving in Colorado at Ft. Carson, Peterson Space Force Base, Buckley Space Force Base, Schriever Space Force Base, Federal Correctional Center Florence, and the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center. 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, Stuart, Leland, Tom, Betty, Nancy, David, Catheryne, Damien, Lincoln, Janice, Terry, David, those impacted by war and violence, all emergency responders, 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:* **Nedda, Cliff, Cheri, Tana, David, Michael, and Bert.**
- 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: #314

Humbly I adore thee

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.

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: #641

Lord Jesus, think on me

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 God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ as Lord; 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: #656

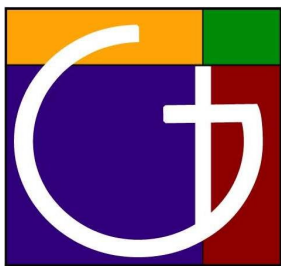
Blest are the pure in heart

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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