

Pentecost Five
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* *Indicates please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Living for Jesus*

arr. John Turner

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,

all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

GATHERING

***GATHERING HYMN** *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

ELW #676

***GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you
all.

People: *And also with you.*

***Kyrie**

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***Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God...

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice
and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome
your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.

People: *Amen*

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the
presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the
house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the
LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied
and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house
of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I
speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The
prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied
war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great
kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the
word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the
LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Reader: Word of God; Word of Life.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Read responsively

¹Your love, O LORD, forever ¹ will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro-¹ claim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is
estab-¹ lished forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly ¹ in the heavens.**

³“I have made a covenant with my ¹ chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to Da- ¹ vid my servant:
⁴**‘I will establish your ¹ line forever,
and preserve your throne for all ¹ generations.’”
¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the ¹ festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light ¹ of your presence.
¹⁶**They rejoice daily ¹ in your name;
they are jubilant ¹ in your righteousness.**
¹⁷ For you are the glory ¹ of their strength,
and by your favor our might ¹ is exalted.
¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs ¹ to the LORD;
our king to the Holy ¹ One of Israel.****

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.

²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: Word of God; Word of Life.

People: *Thanks be to God*

***Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *God, We Gather as Your People*

ACS #1038

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

Asst. Min.: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
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. Amen.***

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Between each petition the following is said:

Asst. Min.: God of grace,
People: *Hear our prayer.*

Asst. Min.: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend
our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God,
through Jesus our Savior.
People: *Amen.*

SPECIAL MUSIC VIDEO

Welcome to God's Love Mark A. Miller
Brandon Anderson, bass, Jonathan Saatman, tenor,
Monica Serrano, alto, and Katie Thorpe, soprano
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, California

Families of all shapes and kinds, love the only tie that binds.
This gathering of open minds, welcome to God's love.
Every person has a place in this holy, sacred space,
Earth's entire, human race, welcome! Come and feel God's love!
No proof required of your worth, a gift to you before your birth
From God, who made the heavens and earth, welcome to God's love.
We'll love each other and take care of every need encountered there,
Within God's heart there is room to spare, welcome!
Welcome to God's love!
Come, and live God's love!

PREPARING THE TABLE

OFFERING PRAYER Spoken in Unison

**Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
*Amen.***

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Spoken in Unison

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us.

***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**

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

***TABLE BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Spoken in Unison

**Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** *To Be Your Presence*

ELW #546

***DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *One There Is Above All Others*

arr. Robert Wetzler

Upcoming Events—July 2026

Grandview Neighborhood Yard Sale Help Wanted!

Saturday, July 18, 2026

We need volunteers at 6:00am to help set up the Welcome Booth, signs, a pet water station and chairs in the Fellowship Hall. In addition, we need volunteers until 1:00pm to work at the Welcome Booth and Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up! Detailed instructions will be provided to you after you sign up.

We open our doors to the neighborhood for cool air, restrooms, and the opportunity to relax during a busy day. Free Freeze Pops, stickers, and books are available and food trucks will be parked by the church!

Exciting News!

Local band *Red Sky Morning* will be giving a free concert on the lawn of St. Matthew during the annual Grandview Yard Sale! The concert will take place on July 18 from 10:00am—noon.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the show! Refreshments will be available from nearby food trucks.



Liz Fulmer Concert



Local favorite and Grandview Church associate pastor Liz Fulmer will be the headline performer at a concert on St. Matthew's lawn on Tuesday July 28 at 7:00pm.

The concert is being organized by Embrace, the Lancaster area group of faith communities that are open and affirming.

Food trucks will be at the curb.

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Statement of Welcome, Affirmation
and Full Participation**



Welcome to St Matthew, the little church
with a big heart.



We are a Reconciling in Christ
(Open and Affirming)
congregation, so when we say "all are welcome",
we really mean it.

We strive to live that out in our actions as well as our words.
We publicly and humbly commit to do what it takes to truly be
a sanctuary filled with warmth, love, understanding, safety,
respect and care for all who enter here.

*(Please see our Full Statement of Welcome, Affirmation and Full
Participation on our website: www.stmatthewelc.com. Copies of
the Full Statement are also available in the Education
and Resources Stand in the Fellowship Hall.)*

Chancel Flowers Dedications for 2026

**Several dates are available for chancel flowers.
Flower dedications are now \$50.**



JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

**6/6 Bernice Scheetz
6/17 Roxanne Koch
6/25 Victoria Syvertson
6/27 Beth Woodley
6/29 Benjamin Kendall**

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES!

**6/14 Nick & Ellen Boehm
6/18 Ned & Cynthia Longenecker
6/25 Sandy & Scott Tucker**

The Congregation

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Linda McIntyre

Counters:

Pam Frye & Brad Charles

6/27 Saturday

9:30am CPR Class *

5:00pm Worship

6/28 Sunday

10:00am Worship

11:15am Evangelism Mtg

7/4 Saturday

5:00pm Worship

7/5 Sunday

10:00am Worship

***Scripture Readings—
July 4-5, 2026***

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalm 145:8-14

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**Events scheduled for outside groups that use our facility. You are welcome to attend or sign up for all other events on the calendar*