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Fifteenth Sunday After

Pentecost

GATHERING

The holy spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Attention, Israel!

GOD, our God! GOD the one and only!

Love GOD, your God, with your whole heart:

love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got!

Write these commandments that I have given you today on your hearts.

Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children.

Talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night.

Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates.

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW 886 (vs. 1-4,6)

GREETING

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

And also with you.

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PENTECOST DIALOGUE

You are the treasured people of the Lord,

a people holy to the Lord our God.

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PRAYER HYMN

Hear Our Prayer

ELW 178

Sunday & Wednesday School Teacher Instillation

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

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RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 15

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1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

3 they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

4 In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

5 They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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**A sermon by
Pastor Carlene Rhody**

Response to the Word

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In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

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.

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

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

pray in the most Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!**

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Confession & Forgiveness

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your
holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

For the mission & ministry of Grace Lutheran Church



OFFERING HYMN

Have You Thanked the Lord?

ELW 829 (vs. 1,3)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,
God, our Creator,
you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

Almighty God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW 547

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*** The Jewish Shema – taken from Deut. 6:4-9 The Message**