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The First Sunday After Pentecost June 12th, 2022

Grace ~ “I am not ashamed of the gospel...”



When it comes to the truth of Scripture, there is no room for compromise. The Bible is the book we live by... for life now and for life forever. We accept the Bible as the pure Word of God. We believe that our only Savior is Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, who was crucified, died, and was buried but rose again to open the door to heaven for everyone who believes in him.

Grace ~ “These are written that you may believe...”



Grace Lutheran Church has served the Portland area for over 100 years by faithfully preaching and teaching the timeless truth of God’s Word. We believe that God uses the timeless message of Word and Sacraments to bring souls into his care. This is a message that we share here and around the world through our affiliation with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

Grace ~ “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”



Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God’s grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. **“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen.” 2 Pt. 3:18**

The First Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Trinity

Trinity Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. It is a festival that originated in northern Europe in the ninth and tenth centuries to honor the mystery of the Holy Trinity: the one true God who is three persons in one God and one God in three persons. The bible clearly teaches us that we have one undivided God... yet there are three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who are all fully God. In the Triune God alone we find our beginning, our redemption, and our restoration to be at one with God again. The Triune God has loved us from eternity to eternity and eagerly sought our salvation.

Hymn

CW21: #483: **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Invocation

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

Confession

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Song

Trisagion

Fernando Ortega

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Absolution

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Song

Aaron's Blessing

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HOLY BAPTISM – TAMARA GOLIC & CONNOR SEAD SELIMOVIC

*Martin Luther said that confessing sins and receiving forgiveness is nothing else than a reliving of Baptism. Thus this order provides opportunity not only to baptize but also to recall the lasting blessings of Baptism...
forgiveness of sins, new life and salvation*

The Rite of Holy Baptism continues at the font.

M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized, and you Tamara, have come to be baptized. Jesus told us: *“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”* It is in Baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

M: Do you believe that you were born in sin and in need of a Savior?

R: **Yes, I believe.**

M: Do you believe that the Triune God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – planned and carried out your salvation?

R: **Yes, I believe.**

M: Do you believe that in His Word and Sacraments God grants forgiveness of sins, new life and salvation?

R: **Yes, I believe.**

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

R: **Yes, I do.**

M: Do you desire to be baptized?

R: **Yes, I do.**

M: *Tamara Golic* receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

M: *Connor Sead Selimovic* receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ..

M: *Tamara Golic* - I baptize you...

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

M: *Connor Sead Selimovic* - I baptize you...

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

M: The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Exhortation – Parents, Sponsors, Congregation

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us and continue to grow in faith. I therefore ask you: Do you, *Tamara* promise to remain faithful even unto the point of death so that you may inherit the crown of eternal life, and do you sincerely intend to continue to bring up *Connor* in the way of the Lord and to instruct *him* in the truths of God’s saving Word so that *he* may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in *his* baptismal grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

R/C: **Yes, and we ask God to help us.**

Baptismal Candle

- M:** Jesus said: *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”* Light this candle again and again in years to come on anniversaries of this day, and recall what God has done for you, *Tamara and Connor*, through the gift of his Son and through Baptism which unites *him* with Jesus in his death to sin and resurrection to new life.
- M:** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord † Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in you by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings. Go in peace.

SONG

“Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me”

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The Athanasian Creed

This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith.

- M:** Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.
- C:** ***Now this is the true Christian faith: We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.***
- M:** For each person -- the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit -- is distinct, but the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.
- C:** ***What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.***
- M:** The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- C:** ***The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;***
- M:** The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;
- C:** ***Yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal, just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.***

- M: In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty; yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.
- C: ***So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; yet they are not three Gods, but one God.***
- M: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- C: ***For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.***
- M: The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.
- C: ***The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.***
- M: The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.
- C: ***So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.***
- M: And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.
- C: ***Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.***
- M: It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.
- C: ***Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.***
- M: He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;
- C: ***And though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one, one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;***
- M: One, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;
- C: ***For just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.***
- M: He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.
- C: ***He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.***

- M: At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.
- C: ***Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.***
- M: This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

The Word

The Gospel Lesson:

John 16:12-15

¹² "I still have many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into^[a] all truth. For he will not speak on his own, but whatever he hears he will speak. He will also declare to you what is to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ Everything the Father has is mine. This is why I said that he takes from what is mine and will declare it to you.

Hymn:

CW21: #608: **Glory Be to God the Father**

***Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!***

***Glory be to him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to him who bought us,
Made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!***

***Glory to the King of angels,
Glory to the Church's King,
Glory to the King of nations;
Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!***

***Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!
Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!***

The revelation from Jesus Christ that God gave him to show his servants the things that must soon take place. Christ expressed this revelation by means of symbols sent through his angel to his servant John. 2 John spoke as a witness to the word of God and to the testimony about Jesus Christ, that is, to everything he saw. 3 Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy and blessed are those who hear it and hold on to the things written in it, because the time is near.

4 John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is, who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his own blood 6 and made us a kingdom and priests to God his Father—to him be the glory and the power forever. Amen.

7 Look, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see him, including those who pierced him. And all the nations of the earth will mourn because of him. Yes. Amen.

8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, the one who is, and who was, and who is coming, the Almighty.

God Tells John to Write Down What He Sees

9 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingship and patient endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony about Jesus.

10 I was in spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard a loud voice behind me, like a trumpet, 11 saying, “Write what you see on a scroll and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.”

Jesus Appears

12 I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me. When I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands, 13 and among the lampstands was one like a son of man. He was clothed with a robe that reached to his feet, and around his chest he wore a gold sash. 14 His head and his hair were white, like white wool or like snow. His eyes were like blazing flames. 15 His feet were like polished bronze being refined in a furnace. His voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 He held seven stars in his right hand. A sharp two-edged sword was coming out of his mouth. His face was shining as the sun shines in all its brightness.

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand on me and said, “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last— 18 the Living One. I was dead and, see, I am alive forever and ever! I also hold the keys of death and hell.

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The Offering

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Farewell / Commissioning To New Call

Cole & Megan Schwartz

Hymn:

CWRed: #327 : **God Be with You till We Meet Again**

*God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, Till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, Till we meet God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again,
'Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, Till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, Till we meet God be with you till we meet again.*

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Closing Hymn

*Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend,
To us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again;
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"*

Kids! (and adults!) Color the picture and think about the Trinity. Hand your picture in anytime in June and we will display your artwork and put it on the big screen! Have fun!

