



HOLY TRINITY



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The First Sunday After Pentecost – Holy Trinity Sunday May 29th, 2024

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.

Hymn:

CW21: #608 (1-2): **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!*

The Word

The First Lesson:

Numbers 6:22-27

22 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 23 “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

24 The Lord bless you and keep you;

25 the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

26 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

27 “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

Hymn:

CW21 Blue: #622 (1) **Voices Raised to You We Offer**

Voices raised to you we offer;

Tune them, God, for songs of praise.

Hearts and hands we bring in tribute

For your gifts through all our days.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Triune God, to you we sing!

The Second Lesson:

Hebrews 1:1-4; 8-12

In the past, God spoke to our forefathers by the prophets at many times and in many ways. 2 In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact imprint of the divine nature. He sustains all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high. 4 The Son became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

8 But about the Son he says: God, your throne is forever and ever, and the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore, God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of joy beyond your companions. 10 And he says: In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of your hands. 11 They will perish, but you remain. They will all become old like a garment. 12 You will roll them up like a robe, and they will be changed like a garment. But you are the same, and your years will never end.

Hymn:

CW21 Blue: #622 (3) **Voices Raised to You We Offer**

*Christ, the song of love incarnate,
Touching earth with heaven's grace.
For your living, suff'ring, dying,
For your rising, hear our praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!*

The Verse of the Day

Genesis 1:1-2

Alleluia! In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was undeveloped and empty. Darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Alleluia!

Hymn:

CW21 Blue: #622 (2) **Voices Raised to You We Offer**

*All creation joins to praise you;
Earth and sky your works display.
Art and music, gifts you lend us,
We return to you today.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God, Creator, source of life!*

The Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some hesitated because they were uncertain. ¹⁸Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.”

Hymn:

CW21 Blue: #622 (4) **Voices Raised to You We Offer**

*Spirit, flaming through creation,
Kindle faith within each heart.
Lift our voices high in chorus;
Through our hands your love impart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Spirit, Helper, breath of life!*

Hymn

CW21: #624: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear, Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen, all that is needful has been
Sent, by his gracious ordaining?*

*Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief, ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you.*

*Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew, What the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.*

*Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen, Sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!*

Sermon

Genesis 1:1

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Song

Aaron's Blessing
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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.