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## Welcome! 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Holy Trinity – June 7, 2020

*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.” II Peter 3:1**

# 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.

## OPENING HYMN

### **CW #195 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”**

Text: Reginald Heuer, Music: John Dykes, Arr. Phil Nitz

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**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!**

## 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 live in repentance and want to do what is good will enter eternal life, but those who persistently live in unrepentance and want to do what is evil will go into eternal fire.***
- M: This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

## HYMN

## **“Doxology”**

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## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

1 John 5:5-12

<sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. <sup>9</sup>We accept human testimony, but God’s testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

### THE VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 6:3b

Alleluia. Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.

### HYMN

“Our Great God”

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### GOSPEL

John 12:37-50

<sup>37</sup>Even though Jesus had done so many miraculous signs in their presence, they still did not believe in him. <sup>38</sup>This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet, who said: Lord, who has believed our message?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

<sup>39</sup>For this reason they could not believe, because Isaiah also said:

40 He has blinded their eyes  
and hardened their heart,  
so that they would not see with their eyes,  
or understand with their heart,  
or turn—and I would heal them.<sup>[f]</sup>

41 Isaiah said these things when<sup>[g]</sup> he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.

42 Nevertheless, even many of the rulers believed in him, but because of the Pharisees  
they were not confessing him, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue.

43 For they loved praise from people more than praise from God.

44 Then Jesus called out, "The one who believes in me does not believe in me only,  
but in him who sent me. 45 And the one who sees me sees him who sent me. 46 I have  
come into the world as a light, so that everyone who believes in me would not remain  
in darkness. 47 If anyone hears my words but does not hold on to them, I do not judge  
him, for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 The one who  
rejects me and does not receive my words does have a judge. The word which I spoke  
is what will judge him on the Last Day, 49 because I have not spoken on my own, but  
the Father himself who sent me has given me a command regarding what I am to say  
and what I am to speak. 50 And I know that his command is eternal life. So the things I  
speak are exactly what the Father told me to speak."

### **HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**Trisagion**

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### **SERMON**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted,  
and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each one  
had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet.

With two they flew. 3 One called to another and said,

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Armies!

The whole earth is full of his glory!

4 The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the  
temple was filled with smoke.

5 Then I said, "Woe is me! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I  
dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King,  
the LORD of Armies!"

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. <sup>7</sup> He touched my mouth with the coal and said, “Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven.”

<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the Lord’s voice, saying, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am. Send me!”

### **THE OFFERING**

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### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH / THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Prayer of the Day asks for unity among people and purity in God’s Word during these days of social unrest and trouble. Luther’s words from his hymn “Our Father Who In Heaven Above” focus our attention on these things.*

#### **Our Father Who In Heaven Above**

*Text/Tune Martin Luther*

*Arr. Koine*

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### **THE BLESSING**

#### **2 Corinthians 13:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers, rejoice. Set things in order. Be encouraged. Agree with one another. Be at peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All the saints greet you.

<sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### **THE BENEDICTION – CLOSING SONG**

*Aaron’s Blessing*

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