

Gurn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!

For I AM GOA, and there is no other. Isaiah 45:22

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Welcome! 1st Sunday after Pentecost - Holy Trinity – May 30th, 2021

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"

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

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

INVOCATION

- M: In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

CONFESSION

- **M:** Blessed is the one who transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are covered.
- C: Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them.
 - -- Psalm 32:1&2
- **M:** Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
- C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

<u>HYMN</u>: Trisagion

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ABSOLUTION

- M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever!
- C: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. "Rejoice in the LORD and celebrate, all you righteous, and shout joyfully, all you upright in heart."

 -- Psalm 32:11

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 he 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 it 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.

<u>HYMN</u> "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 Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

- ⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.
- ⁵ "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."
- ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."
- ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

HYMN

CW #573 (1,4): "Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying"

Hark! the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today? Fields are ripe and harvests waiting; Who will bear the sheaves away?" Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward he offers thee. Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I --send me, send me?"

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do," While the multitudes are dying, And the Master calls for you. Take the task he gives you gladly; Let his work your pleasure be. Answer quickly when he calleth, "Here am I --send me, send me!

GOSPEL John 3:16-21

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

HYMN CW #399: "To God Be the Glory"

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory --great things he has done!

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory --great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory --great things he has done!

- ¹¹ Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for perfection. Listen to my encouragement. Agree with one another. Be at peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.
- ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³ All the saints greet you.
- ¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

THE OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR MEMORIAL DAY

M: With grateful hearts on this Memorial Day, we thank you, Lord, for the men and women who gave their lives in service of our country. They died honorably, protecting the life and liberty of so many others. Lord, make us appreciative of the blessings we enjoy as Americans, and of the lives which were given that we might live in peace in this land. Lord, in your mercy,

C: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

M: Dear Heavenly Father, be with those who grieve over the loss of beloved parents, sons, daughters, husbands, wives, and friends who went to war and did not return. Comfort them with the knowledge that in Jesus Christ, your son, we have victory over death and the promise of a future reunion in heaven for all who believe. Make us thankful for our nation's freedoms purchased at so great a price. Lord, in your mercy,

C: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

M: We also thank you this day for our men and women in uniform who so selflessly serve God and country. Be with them deployed overseas, in armed conflict or wherever their duties carry them. Grant them courage in battle, compassion on the wounded, and strength in your grace to endure unto victory. Be with the family of each serviceman or woman who anxiously awaits their return, with the promise that you are with us even unto the end of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

M: We pray for all who are in positions of leadership and great responsibility governing over the affairs of our nation. Grant them wisdom from above as they seek to administer justice and mercy rightfully in the halls of government. Grant us your grace as a nation to be a beacon of hope and to establish a just and noble relationship with all other nations in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

M: Heavenly Father, how can we ever thank you enough for your enduring grace that sustains our life in trouble, comforts our souls in distress and shelters us from disaster. Through the presence of your Son Jesus, our resurrected Lord and savior, we remain strong, and through your Word we will endure unto the end. In a world filled with conflicts and wars, He alone is our source of true and lasting peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

M: Hear now our petitions and receive now our thanks as we pray as you have taught us:

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.

THE BENEDICTION - CLOSING SONG

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Worship Notes Date For Kids Songs We Sang

The Scripture Text Was:

What was the sermon about? Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

