

ONE GOD IN THREE PERSONS



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# Grace

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome!

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*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 / Confirmation Sunday

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. It is this faith in the Triune God that our confirmands today publically confess.

### Opening 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.

## Confession

- 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.**
- 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

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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.

## The Psalm of the Day

### Psalm 62

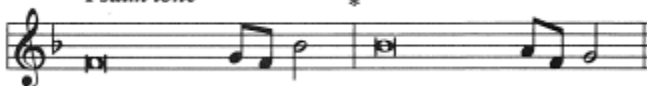
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#### *Refrain*



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

#### *Psalm tone*



## Cantor – Jacob Meyer

My soul finds rest in **God** alone;\*  
my salvation **comes** from him.

He alone is my rock and my **salvation**;\*  
he is my fortress, I will never be **shaken**.

Find rest, O my soul, in **God** alone;\*  
my hope **comes** from him.

## Congregation

### *Refrain*



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

## Cantor – Jacob Meyer

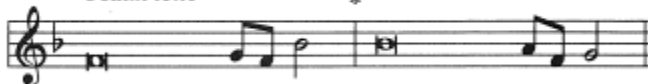
Though your riches **increase**,\*  
do not set your heart on them.

My salvation and my honor **depend** on God;\*  
he is my mighty rock, my **refuge**.

Trust in him at all times, O **people**;\*  
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our **refuge**.

## Congregation

### *Psalm tone*



Glory be to the **Father** and to the **Son**\*  
and to the Holy **Spirit**,  
as it was in the **beginning**,\*  
is now, and will be forever. **Amen**.

### *Refrain*



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

## Confirmand's Examination

1 Peter 3:13-15

<sup>13</sup>Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." <sup>15</sup>But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

## Hymn

CW21 Blue #762 **Lord, Bless Your Word to All the Young**

*Lord, bless your Word to all the young; let them, your truth possessing,  
declare your praise with heart and tongue, their faith in Christ confessing.  
From birth your firm embrace, has held them in your grace.  
Baptized into your name, redeemed and free from blame,  
as your dear children keep them.*

*When faced with pressure, grief, or pain, when Satan comes alluring,  
may their baptismal grace remain - a refuge reassuring.  
God's promises are sure; his mercy will endure.  
They shall not be undone, who trust in Christ alone;  
God is their mighty Father!*

*God's Word is our great heritage - and shall be ours forever;  
to spread its light from age to age, shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way, in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, we keep its teachings pure  
throughout all generations.*

## The Sermon

Philippians 3:8-14

<sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in<sup>[a]</sup> Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

# Thanksgiving

## Offering

An opportunity to give online can also be used at [Paypal.me/GracePortland](https://www.paypal.me/GracePortland) or by utilizing this QR code:



## Hymn

## Make Me A Servant

LAPPY #202 (Sung 3 times – Men, Women, ALL)



Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek;

Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:

Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,

Make me a ser - vant to - day.

## The Rite Of Confirmation

**M:** Our Lord Jesus said to his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You can now exercise the privilege of partaking of Holy Communion. Today you are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and answer these questions:

**M:** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

**R:** **I do.**

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

**R:** **I do.**

**M:** Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

**R:** **I do.**

**M:** Let us all join in confessing our Christian faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**M:** Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

**R:** **I do.**

**M:** Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?



**R: I do.**

**M:** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R: I do, and I ask God to help me.**

**M:** Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word; to be faithful in the use of the Word and Sacrament; and in faith and action remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as long as you live?

**R: I do, and I ask God to help me.**

**M:** Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

### **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 Confirmation Blessing**

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, what we as a Christian congregation have here asked our heavenly Father to confer on all you, we now ask him to give each of you individually. Give now your hand as a pledge of your promise and kneel to receive the blessing.

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HUGO LARSON

**M:** Your church now invites you to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's table a precious privilege given you by God through his church; receive this sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you.

**Grace Choir**

**“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”**

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.



**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

### The Words of Institution

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body,  which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood  of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

### The Distribution

*The Confirmands will receive the Lord's Supper with their family first.*

*The congregation will receive the Lord's Supper during the distribution songs.*

*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. (1 Cor. 10:17). We lovingly ask, therefore, that before joining in this, the highest act of fellowship, a unity of faith based on the Bible be established through membership in this congregation or in a sister congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy.*

## **The Distribution Songs**

"God's Own Child I Gladly Say It."

Instrumental – Marilyn Baer & Olivia Baker

“In My Father’s Kingdom”

Fernando Ortega

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## **The Blessing & Benediction**

### **The Closing Hymn**

CW21: #929: **May the Peace of God**

*May the peace of God our heav’nly Father  
And the grace of Christ the risen Son  
And the fellowship of God the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within His Love*

**Refrain:**

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav’n.  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain  
Christ eternal King of kings.*

*May this peace which passes understanding  
And this grace which makes us what we are,  
And this fellowship of his Communion  
Make us one in Spirit and in heart.*

**Refrain:**

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav’n.  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain  
Christ eternal King of kings.*

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!

