

The Holy Trinity
May 27, 2018
9:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

stand as you are able

Gathering Hymn

'Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now'

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Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Opening Sentences

A The whole reason God sent Jesus into the world is so we, his creation, might be saved.

C **What are we saved from?**

A Ourselves, eternal chaos, all that separates us from God and from right relationships with those around us.

C **What are we saved for?**

A New life, new beginnings, new paths, the newness love brings.

ALL **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then 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!"

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation

‘Alleluia’

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one

enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty'

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Athanasian Creed

Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith.

Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.

Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

But the deity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.

The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.

Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:

And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;

as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit;

And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God:

And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord:

And yet there are not three lords but one Lord.

As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;

the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father;

the Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other;

but all three persons are in themselves coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh.

For this is the true faith that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father,

and he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother-

existing fully as God and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body;

equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.

Although he is God and man, he is not divided but is one Christ.

He is united because God has taken humanity into himself; he does not transform deity into humanity.

He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.

For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

He suffered death for our salvation.

He descended into hell and rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life
those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith.

One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Peace

The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory 'Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful' p.182

Offering Prayer

A Merciful God,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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Distribution of Holy Communion

Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If

you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins

Hymns at the Distribution

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

- A Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
C **you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen**

Blessing

Sending Hymn

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Dismissal

- A Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

Worship Assistants: May 27

Greeters: Mason –Sharon & Bob Meier
East – Bonnie Planner

Assisting Minister: Laury Grow

Lector: Robbie Johnson

Communion: Marty Grow

Ushers: Robbie Johnson, David Lease, Aaron Seid,
Jon Seidl

Pianist: Lois Hilger

Attendance 05/20/18: 8:30 - 48 & 10:30 - 43

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Welcome to Grace

Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today.

There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area.

*If you are looking for a church home,
you are welcome here.*

We are still looking for a **Board of Property chairperson**. This is an immediate need. Please prayerfully consider and let Pastor Dan know.

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Rose Zinck and Pastor Jim Seim.

For Healing Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms; Mike VerKuilen; Rylene Houterman; Lloyd Learman; Ellen Hilger

For those with cancer especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Marian Breitenfeldt; Drew Gilbert; Kenny Verdegan.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." Romans 12:12



If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.

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Announcements

Please don't forget to **sign the cards** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

HONEY DO LIST It is **VERY** important that if you are planning on working on a project that Pastor Dan and/or the office is aware of what is being worked on. Pastor Dan is keeping a list of things being worked on for planning purposes. If you can give him or the office, something in writing, it is easier to get it added to the list.

LID's for KID's: The collection box in coat room is being discontinued and no longer available. Thank you to everyone who donated and participated in this event. Job well done everyone! Apparently they have some organizational things to work out.

Ruby's Pantry is a faith based organization that is for everyone who eats. It is not government funded. You can receive one portion (this equals 2 laundry baskets full of food) for every \$20.00 spent and you can get more than one portion, just bring extra baskets for your food. There is some information available on the **table in the narthex**. Even if you don't need everything they offer, it can be shared with people who can use it like our Faith In Action bags.

Sunday 10% Giveback Program-Go to Texas Roadhouse in Appleton on any Sunday with your church's bulletin or newsletter and they will donate 10% of your food purchases back to the church.

I would like to **invite** each of you to stay for a few minutes after the service today to listen to a **practice presentation** by Cookie Regals and my granddaughter, Tenley Regal. She will be presenting a paper to a group in Nebraska on her grandfather Jan Regal who was a Latvian war orphan and adopted son of Marvin and Viola Regal, charter members of Grace, on June 11. It would help her a great deal if she can practice before friends. We will also have a display for you to look at. Thank you for helping Tenley do a great job.

Cheryl Muggenthaler & Cookie Regal

RUMMAGE SALE WEEK!! Your donations are needed by Tuesday night, and much help is needed due to the great amount of donations this year. If you've ever considered helping, this is an important opportunity. Set up day help is especially needed: Tuesday evening 6-8, Wednesday 9-1, and quite possibly on Thursday. Give your name and phone number to Susan Pringnitz or Sharon Meier if we may call you for Thursday. Then come shop on June 1 or 2.

Thank you Grace Lutheran Church for your faithful prayers for my daughter **Ellen Hilger**. Ellen has been very sick with mono. There are two virus that cause mono and Ellen had both of them. These two viruses caused her liver and spleen to swell. Her levels were in the thousands. Praise God she is getting well and the levels are returning to normal! God is faithful! He hears and answers our prayers.

Lois Hilger

If you shop at **Office Depot**, make sure you ask for the rewards to be given to Grace. The credit is given and we deduct that amount from our purchases like paper. Thank you.

Don't forget your items for **Faith in Action** next week. It is very much appreciated.

Our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after the 9:00 worship service on **Sunday June 10th**. This will include the Annual Report for 2017. Please **SAVE THE DATE**.

We have another congregation sharing our facilities. The official name is Casa del Alfarero Global and is referred to as **Potter's House Church**. It is mainly a Hispanic congregation and has been in existence for the last 8 years in Racine, WI and expanding, first in Nicaragua and now in Appleton, WI. They will be using our facility on Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm for worship and fellowship.

Watch for more information on the **Blessing's Box** coming up in the Newsletter.

There are flyers on the desk in the narthex with information about the **summer outreach** with Trinity and Lincoln School (neighborhood) children. Check it out and see how you can help. More information will be coming as it comes available.



Summer School Bible Club

at Grace Lutheran Church
Parish Activity Center

In cooperation with Summer School at
Lincoln School

June 19, 26, and July 10, and 17
12:30 - 1:00

Come to hear stories about:
Jesus!



GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 27..... 9:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, May 28..... 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 29..... 6:30 p.m. TLC Council
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
6:00 -8:00 pm Rummage sale Set up

Wednesday, May 30..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
9:00 am -1:00 pm Rummage Sale Set up

Thursday, May 31.....

Friday, June 1 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 2 9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Rummage Sale
6:30 p.m. Potter’s House Worship

Sunday, June 3 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Shop and pack up

