

✠ THE HOLY TRINITY ✠
June 6-7, 2020

PRELUDE

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,

C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" (v.1-2,4)

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GREETING

P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

P: Lord have mercy

C: Christ have mercy

P: Lord have mercy

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Unison*

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

READINGS AND PSALM

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” ²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Psalm 8

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)

- ¹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**
³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**
⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**
⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
⁹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; God's glory fills the whole earth. Alleluia

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 28:16-20

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

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APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;
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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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.**

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

IN OUR PRAYERS

Larry Nelson, Marge Weber, Vicki Piontkowski, Michele Amelotte, Bethany Popour, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Deb Nitchman's Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Sharon Anderson, Laura Hyatt (Kristin Rich's partner), Rob VanCleave, Donna Schafer, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Kevin Reiser, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Bill Estlack, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, and Cody Gustin. We also remember the families of James Dekett, who passed away May 30th and Joyce Gohlke (Eleanor Coddington's sister), who passed away June 2nd. **Prayer Concerns: We are still taking prayer concerns to be included in the weekly bulletin – now becoming weekly news and announcements and more. Please do have the persons permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than just our congregation will know about it.**

DAILY DEVOTIONALS – CHRIST IN OUR HOME

If you did not have the chance to pick your copy of *Christ in Our Home* daily devotional booklet, please let us know. Call or email and we will get a copy out to you. And as many have done if you have shared them with family, friends and neighbors in the past, we will mail them one also.

THE IRISH 'PAY IT FORWARD' TO THE NAVAJO AND HOPI

An 170 year old generosity is remembered and returned. In our Adult Christian Education class, we will take a look at "Pay It Forward." Does that sum up any Christian theology? And what does it represent about a culture or a people that they remember the gift generations later and feel a tug to respond. If you are interested in joining us and didn't get the Zoom info, call the church or email the pastor and will send out the info so you can be part of our virtual class experience at 11 am Sunday morning.

ONLINE WORSHIP RECORDINGS

From our website or Facebook page you can access a video that we have made of scripture, prayers, music and a meditation for the week. Please let others, family, friends and church members know about this. We hope these recorded services are meaningful. ***MANY PEOPLE ARE WATCHING*** From May 10th 121, from May 17th 113, from May 24th 130 and from May 31st 85 views so far. It is GOD'S WORD and it needs to be out there. The world so needs to know of God's love and grace and peace and justice and strength right now. *THANKS*

WORSHIP RESUMING – HOPEFULLY JUNE 13TH AND 14TH

Right now with the current information & guidelines we have from the CDC, the federal government, the state of Michigan and the local Health Dept as well as information from our Synod, ELCA denomination and various religious groups, remaining the same:

Grace Lutheran's Council has made the decision to resume in-person worship on Saturday June 13th & Sunday June 14th.

If new information comes, we will reconsider this and let you know if it changes the decision and announce it widely.

It will be wonderful to be worshipping together again.

Even if Worship ***WILL NOT*** be the same as it was before.

The social distancing – the physical space – we need to keep with others.

In the sanctuary - meaning fewer people in the sanctuary
and some watching the worship from the Fellowship Hall

The use of masks

no singing

how we will do communion

spreading people out over Saturday and Sunday Services

all will be changes.

Please come with a heart and mind open

to the ways we will be caring for each other in the new ways we do things

We do these things to care for other people

it is the gift we can give others as well as our selves.

It is our Christian service to them

DO YOU NEED A FACE MASK?

Several church members have been making some for the hospital and are willing to make some for church members. Please call the office and let us know if you would like one. We will get one to you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have changed any contact information since our last church directory, say have a cell phone as your preferred or only contact, do let us know so we have the latest info in the church office.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH BUILDING IS CLOSED/ CHURCH OFFICE OPENING BY APPOINTMENT

Though the church building remains closed to walk-in traffic, the church office will be opening gradually as we work out details for those needing to stop in. **The office will be open, by appointment only, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 9-10. Contact Peggy to schedule a time (354-2640).**

MISSION TRIP POSTPONED UNTIL 2021 - COLLECTING BOTTLES/CANS

A special thank you to Grace members and friends who continue to support our community mission trips. Due to COVID we canceled all fundraising this spring which led us to postpone our trip until June 2021. We are continuing to raise funds over the next year with the hope we will be able to have a trip next year.

With that said, we hope you would consider donating your cans/bottles that have been accumulating at your home over the last several months to our 2021 mission trip fund. You can bring your returnable to Grace starting on June 13.

Thank you,
Vicki, Staci & Marsha
Mission Trip Leaders

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP

In the meantime, we want to try something new and different.

Have fellowship online with other church members. There is a computer platform called Zoom that you have probably heard about. We are using it for Council meetings and the Adult Christian Education class as are many other businesses and organizations and even families and friends to keep in touch, seeing and talking with each other.

You can use Zoom through your computer or laptop or smart phone or tablet.

Go to zoom.us to sign up

You will download the software to your device

There is a place to do a test meeting on your computer making sure it is working properly and you understand the couple of things you have to do.

It is really quite simply and works very easily. If you have any questions, feel free to call the church and leave a message. I or someone will get back with you and help you set it up.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Though the office is opening gradually, mail is still dealt with daily. So offering envelopes can be sent in and they will be deposited.

SIMPLY GIVING

If you would like to set up a transfer from one of your bank accounts to Grace's, like automatic utility paying, give the office a call and Peggy will help set that up.

GIVE +

You can also go to our website and use the Give + link for a one time contribution or set up a recurring contribution through credit cards or bank account.

Thank you to one and all for your faithfulness in your stewardship toward God's work at Grace Lutheran.

GENERAL FUND GIVING

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| Average needed each week to meet budget | \$ 4,415.00 |
| Weekly giving - May 31 | 5,790.00 |

Thank you to all who have dropped off or mailed in envelopes and made donations online.

This week we received: 12 envelopes and 1 new Give+ payments made from our website