

Sunday Service

The Standard - Give Life - 5,6,7 Commandment

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Welcome...

We are so happy that you are here with us today. Our desire is to be like another home for you. If you are new to Grace or to the area and are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider joining our family here at Grace.

To our many members and friends worshipping at home, whether near or far:

We are so happy that you are sharing our worship with us from your homes today.

To Everyone: Please check Grace Lutheran's website daily! www.GraceLutheranPSL.com

Seating with social distancing at the church is now available at the Bible Study on Thursday at 11:00 AM and on Sundays at 8:30 AM and 10:15 AM. Please remember, you will need to wear a face mask at Grace.

HOLY COMMUNION

This meal is weird and wonderful: weird because we actually believe that the bread and wine are the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ; wonderful because Jesus is with us. We take this meal very seriously here at Grace. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and allow us to answer your questions. **Children** who have not been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament may come to the Lord's Table with their parents for a blessing but are asked to fold their arms across their chests to indicate they are to receive a blessing.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION: Due to social distancing and everyone's health we have moved Holy Communion to the end of our worship service and will celebrate by family/sitting groups. After the closing hymn pastor will pronounce the sending and then those who wish to share in the celebration of communion shall remain.

The distribution of the bread and wine in individual cups will be by an elder. Please take one of each and wait for Pastor to proceed with the taking of the elements for your group. ***For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored on the tray.*** Those who find it difficult to walk to the altar can be communed at your seat. Please inform the usher of your need. After Pastor Cris has given your group the blessing at the altar, you may place your cup in the basket and depart from the church.

The Standard

The Ten Commandments have long been the standard to which we judge how we should live. But how many do we have to keep so that we can stay on God's good side. Is it one or five? I mean some of these are easy, don't murder. I have not broken that yet. However when we look deeper at the commandments we see a deeper standard for our lives.

TODAY: Give Life

Don't kill, commit adultery, or steal. Every one of these takes life from our neighbor. But as people of the creator, we can take the creation spirit and give life to our neighbor, their spouse, and things.

---- THE OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount”

1. Come, thou fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; may I still Thy goodness prove.
2. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wan-d’ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.
3. Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen how I’ll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, take my ran-som’d soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day.

-- Opening

*Owe no one anything, except to love one another,
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.*

--- THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Take a moment of silent reflection upon our need for God’s forgiveness)

Pastor:  *O Almighty God,*

PEOPLE: GOD, OUR LOVING FATHER,

WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE OFTEN IMPATIENT AND RUSH TO CRITICIZE.

WE TAKE OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR GRANTED.

WE ARE OFTEN UNGRATEFUL AND NOT GRACIOUS.

WE OFTEN EXPECT CHURCH TO MIRROR OUR OWN BIASES.

WE FORGET TO ASK FOR OUR CHURCH TO MIRROR YOU.

WE OFTEN USE YOUR SCRIPTURES TO SUPPORT OUR OPINIONS.

WE FORGET THAT THEY ARE A LAMP TO OUR FEET AND A LIGHT TO OUR PATH.

OUR HOPE IS CENTERED ON OURSELVES AND NOT ON YOU.

RENEW US, LORD, THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL

AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS, TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.

Pastor: The story of Jesus is about life and forgiveness.... You are God’s beloved; you are a child of the resurrection. Live in the hope of new life. God loves you, and God is the restorer of hope. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

--THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord, in your constant mercy cleanse and defend your church. Guide it forever by your goodness, because it cannot remain safe without you. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
AMEN.

---THE HYMN OF PRAISE In Moments Like These

*In moments like these, I sing out a song;
I sing out a love song to Jesus.
In moments like these, I lift up my hands,
I lift up my hands to the Lord,*

*Singing, "I love You, Lord".
Singing, "I love You, Lord."
Singing, "I love You, Lord. I love You."
(Repeat)*

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 14:12-16

The designation of Abram as a "Hebrew" may reflect a social status more than an ethnic identity. The term is usually used in the Bible to identify Israelites to foreigners, a social status which referred to dispossessed or disenfranchised peoples.

They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.

Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks

of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram. When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.

Reader:  *This is the Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE:  **THANKS BE TO GOD**

THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 4:4-9

True contentment is the result of a heart committed to the risen Lord. Think of all the sins, pain, and brokenness that come from coveting. Adultery, murder, stealing, and lying can all be traced directly to a prior condition when hearts and minds are frustrated and discontent.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is

pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in

me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-30

Righteousness is the reason Jesus has come to make the people righteous through and through. He then begins to interpret the law of Scripture for them with this in mind.

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are

going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father, Almighty. From thence 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

--- THE SERMON - "The Standard" Give Life

--THE OFFERTORY

***Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit with-in me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen***

--- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (after each petition)

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,
PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

--- THE LORD'S PRAYER

----- THE BLESSING

*Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord look upon you with grace and redemption.
May the Lord always walk before you and give you peace.*

PEOPLE: AMEN

-----THE CLOSING HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

- 1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

CHORUS

**GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS! GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS!
MORNING BY MORNING NEW MERCIES I SEE;
ALL I HAVE NEEDED THY HAND HATH PROVIDED
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, LORD, UNTO ME!**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heav'n
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heav'n
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

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (CHORUS)
3. Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth;
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow;
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. (CHORUS)

----- SENDING

*Pastor: Have peace knowing we are all with you.
Serve others knowing God walks before you.*

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION: Due to social distancing and everyone's health we will celebrate by family/sitting groups. After the "Sending" those who wish to share in the celebration of Holy Communion shall remain for the "Order of Holy Communion."

Pastor will signal groups up to the altar alternating between left and right sides. An elder will distribute the bread and wine for your side. Then Pastor Cris will direct your partaking of the elements, pronounce the blessing for your side, then you may place your cup in the basket on the side and depart in peace.

--- THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: May the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Pastor: The tree of life in the midst of the garden was the tree of our defeat.
Christ was lifted up on the tree of victory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored.
And so we praise you ..

PEOPLE: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA, HOSANNA, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

---- THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

--- ADDITIONAL HYMNS

"GOD, WHO MADE THE EARTH AND HEAVEN"

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1. God, who made the earth and heaven,
Darkness and light:
You the day for work have given,
For rest the night.
May your angel guards defend us,
Slumber sweet your mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us,
All through the night.
2. And when morn again shall call us
To run life's way,
May we still whate'er befall us,
Your will obey.
From the pow'r of evil hide us,
In the narrow pathway guide us,
Never be your smile denied us
All through the day.
3. Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
And, when we die,
May we in your mighty keeping
All peaceful lie.
When the last dread call shall wake us,
Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us
With you on high.
4. Holy Father, throned in heaven,
All holy Son,
Holy Spirit freely given,
Blest Three in One:
Grant us grace we now implore you,
Till we lay our crowns before you
And in worthier strains adore you
While ages run.

ARISE, O CHRISTIAN PEOPLE!

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1. Arise, O Christian people!
Prepare yourselves today.
Prepare to greet the Savior,
Who takes your sins away.
To us by grace alone
The truth and light were given;
The promised Lord from heaven
To all the world is shown.
2. Prepare the way before him;
Prepare for him the best.
Cast out what would offend him,
This great, this heav'nly guest.
Make straight, make plain the way:
The lowly valleys raising,
The heights of pride abasing,
His path all even lay.
3. The humble heart and lowly
God raises up on high;
Beneath his feet in terror
The haughty soul shall lie.
The heart sincere and right,
That heeds God's invitation
And makes true preparation --
It is the Lord's delight.
4. Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus;
Turn not from me aside,
And help me to receive you
This blessed Advent tide.
From stall and manger low
Come now to dwell within me;
I'll sing your praises gladly
And forth your glory show

"AWAKE, MY SOUL, AND WITH THE SUN"

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1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.
2. In conversation be sincere,
Thy conscience as the noon-day clear;
Think how all-seeing God thy ways
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.
3. All praise to thee, who safe has kept
And has refreshed me while I slept;
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless light partake.
4. Lord, I my vows to Thee renew;
Disperse my sins as morning dew,
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
And with thyself my spirit fill.
5. Direct, control, suggest, this day,
All I design or do or say,
That all my pow'rs, with all their might,
In Thy sole glory may unite.
6. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

--- **THIS WEEK AT GRACE - Today** **September 6, 2020**

Worship Service	8:30 AM
Second Worship Service and video service www.gracelutheranpsl.com	10:15 AM
Zoom into Fellowship	12:00 PM - Noon
Korean Church Worship	1:00 PM
AA	7:30 PM

Rest of the week

<u>Labor Day</u>	<u>Monday</u>
<u>Adopt-A-Mile</u>	<u>Tuesday, 8:30 AM</u>
<u>Barbara Bock Memorial</u>	<u>Tuesday, 11:00 AM</u>
<u>Individual/Family Communion</u>	<u>Wednesday, 11:00, 11:20, 11:40 & Noon</u>
<u>ZOOM Bible Study</u> www.gracelutheranpsl.com	<u>Thursday, 11:00 AM</u>
<u>Korean Church Prayer</u>	<u>Saturday, 6:00 AM</u>

For complete calendar information, go to www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Dena Davey - 9/6, Gerald (Jerry) Davis - 9/7

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God by Diane Heinz.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Barbara Bock will be held this Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. The service will also be livestreamed for those unable to attend.

ONE WEEK AWAY Our Ladies group, LWML, will have their first meeting of the season on Monday, September 14th, beginning at 12:30 PM. ALL ladies, members and friends, of Grace Lutheran Church are invited to attend for a time fellowship and conversation. Please remember to wear your mask, and we will keep safe distance while enjoying our gathering.

PLEASE CALL PEOPLE I realize I take for granted that people just come to the church on a regular basis. So that we all don't descend into madness, let's call and talk to each other regularly. Phone directories are available for your convenience.

CARENET INVITATION: Phil & Judy Fredrich, would like you to join them and fellow Grace Lutheran guests at a table for the CareNet Banquet, either Thursday, September 24 or Friday, September 25. The guest speaker this year is David Williams, who at the the age of 19 thought abortion was the answer. Table seating is limited this year so please call by September 14th and let Phil or Judy know which evening you wish to attend (772-237-2626).

ADOPT-A-MILE is this Tuesday, **September 8, 2020 at 8:30 AM!** Our meeting place will be on the corner of Torino and Conus. For more information contact: Judy Fredrich (561) 315-9555 pjfred@outlook.com

Online Giving We have now added Paypal for online donations. We have been approved as a trusted non profit organization. If you would like to give through Paypal, please go to: www.GraceLutheranPSL.com and click the **"GIVE"** button on the upper right side of the page.

COMMUNION ON WEDNESDAY: If you, or someone you know, would like to celebrate Holy Communion but prefer a small group or unable to attend Sunday service, Pastor Cris has set aside Wednesday's to celebrate the meal in small/family groups. Please come by on Wednesday at: 11:00, 11:20, 11:40 or 12:00 (noon) and partake of this wonderful meal.

SEE YOUR GRACE FAMILY ON ZOOM! Pastor and Coli will be hosting Zoom to Coffee at **NOON** every Sunday for those who would like to join in fellowship "virtually" to see and chat with Grace members and friends. All are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL Pastor Cris is conducting a "livestream" Bible study online (www.GracelutheranPSL.com) with ZOOM, for you to participate in on **Thursdays at 11:00 AM.**
**** You are also welcome to attend the Bible Study at church, in person! **** Seating with social distancing along with wearing your mask is now happening, at the Bible Study on Thursday at 11 AM and at Worship on Sundays at 8:30 AM and 10:15 AM.

GIVING - Changing over to a social distance model of ministry has been quite challenging. We needed to purchase new equipment and the overall church's expenses did not go down even though we were not meeting in person. We are here to provide "Grace and Peace in this Chaotic and Lonely Time" to those in our church and community. Thank you for your past and continual prayers and financial support to Grace and your community.

Questions to Ponder This Week - “Give Life”

1. Read Matthew 5:21-26. How does Jesus help you have a fuller understanding of what it means to murder?
2. Read Matthew 5:27-30. How does Jesus help you have a fuller understanding of what it means to commit adultery?
3. Read Martin Luther’s explanation to the 7th commandment in Luther’s Large Catechism. What positive obligations towards money and possessions does God expect of all people?
4. Thinking of the 5th, 6th and 7th commandments, how do these commandments involve concern for the welfare of your neighbor?