

Sunday Service

June 9, 2024 - 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

Livestream at 10:15 AM



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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. A Fellowship Time is held after each Worship Service, and we invite you to stay for a few minutes so we can get acquainted.

To our many members and friends worshiping at home, whether near or far, we are so happy that you are sharing this worship with us from your homes. www.GraceLutheranPSL.com

Kids at Grace

By the entrance into the sanctuary, busy bags are available for children to use. During the 10:15 service, before the sermon, Ms. Coli will take children (3 and older) to the other building for an engaging lesson about our hope in Jesus. Children are returned to their families right after the prayers. There is also a quiet room outside the sanctuary with toys and the live stream, if families need a place for younger children throughout the service.

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: After the closing hymn, Pastor Cris will pronounce the sending and then for those who wish to share in the celebration of communion shall remain. ***For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored on the tray, center.*** 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 Sanctuary down the center aisle, and enjoy fellowship in the hall.

Say What?! - Jesus Said What?

Jesus says some things about the Christian life that often seem confusing. Come and explore the teachings of Jesus as He shows us the Kingdom of God.

Fear God?

Jesus, do you really want me to live in fear of God because He might throw me into hell? Or is this a larger lesson about what we should fear?

---- THE OPENING HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (LW 180 /LSB 733)

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:
2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last
And our eternal home!

--- Opening

Pastor: Aren't five sparrows sold for two cents? God doesn't forget any of them. Luke 12:6

--- 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, you never fail to help and guide those you bring up in your love. Lead us always to worship and love your holy name. 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

“Glory be to God the Father” (LW 173/LSB 506)

- 1. Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!***
- 4. Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!***

THE FIRST LESSON Job 39:27- 40:6

Job responded to God the only way a frail human should, with humility.

Does the eagle soar at your command
and build its nest on high?
It dwells on a cliff and stays there at
night;
a rocky crag is its stronghold.
From there it looks for food;
its eyes detect it from afar.
Its young ones feast on blood,
and where the slain are, there it is.”

The Lord said to Job:

“Will the one who contends with the
Almighty correct him?

Let him who accuses God answer
him!”

Then Job answered the Lord:

“I am unworthy—how can I reply to you?
I put my hand over my mouth.
I spoke once, but I have no answer—
twice, but I will say no more.”

Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the
storm:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE SECOND LESSON 2 Peter 3:1-10

God’s perspective on time is not like ours.
What seems long from a finite, human
perspective is incredibly short from an
eternal one.

Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.

Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved

for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:1-12

God knows and cares about every detail.

Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

"I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

"I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God. And

everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

“When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend

yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- PROFESSION

THE APOSTLES CREED

--THE OFFERTORY

“We Give You But Your Own” (LW 405 vs 1,2,6)

1. *We give you but your own,
In any gifts we bring;
All that we have is yours alone,
A trust from you our King.*
2. *May we your bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
And gladly, Lord as you bless us,
To you our first-fruits give.*
6. *And we believe Your Word,
Though dim our faith, it's true;
What we do for your people, Lord,
We do it all for you.*

--- THE SERMON

Say What?! - Jesus Said What? - Fear God?

--- HYMN OF DAY

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (LSB 686 Vs 1-4)

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. Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.
3. 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.
4. 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.

--- 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

"We Gather Together" (Tune: Kremser)

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, was at our side- all glory be Thine!

3. We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been;
when perils o'ertake us, you never forsake us,
with your help O Lord, our struggles we win.

----- SENDING

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

Those who wish to share in the celebration of Holy Communion may be seated.

--- 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

After the pastor has consecrated the elements you are invited to come to the altar and receive communion. Please use the right or left aisle as you come forward to the altar. After the pastor has pronounced the blessing for your side, you may place your cup in the basket and depart the sanctuary down the center aisle. Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

(Please remember that as you are leaving the sanctuary, others are still communing, please refrain from talking to others until you are in the Fellowship Hall, Thank You.)

--- ADDITIONAL HYMNS (On Projection Screens)

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone ”

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“You Are the Way; through You Alone”

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“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word”

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---- THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today

June 9, 2024

Services

8:30 & 10:15 AM

Voter’s Meeting (After first Service)

9:30ish

Live-streamed on www.gracelutheranpsl.com

10:15 AM

Korean Church Worship

1:00 PM

Rest of the Week

June 10 - 15

12 Step AA Meeting

Monday, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Adopt-A-Street

Tuesday, 8:30 AM

Pastor Circuit Meeting

Tuesday, 9:00 AM - 2 PM

Computer Gamers (Grace Hall / ACC)

Tuesday, 5:30 PM

Kids Bible Club (Church)

Tuesday, 6:00 PM

Grace Bible Study

Canceled this week

AA Meeting

Thursday, 7:15 PM - 9:30 PM

Flag Day

Friday, All Day

Sr. Walther League

Friday, 1:00 PM

Korean Church Prayer Gathering

Saturday, 6:00 AM

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

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Joel Warner - 6/10, Austin Blizzard - 6/13,
Cory Birtwell - 6/14, Lyn Pistner - 6/15

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Bob & Melissa Bailey - 6/11/1988 (36 Years),
George Tsikoudis & Susan Schill - 6/13/1992 (32 Yrs), Michael & Heather Palmer - 6/14/2014 (10 Yrs.)
Vance & Betsy Ablott - 6/15/1973 (51 Yrs)

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Paul & Sarah of the Korean Church.

KIDS' BIBLE CLUB: Continues this Tuesday, all children (ages 3+) are welcome from 6:00-7:15 pm in the sanctuary for Bible stories and activities.

PORTALS of PRAYER: for July - September are available on the counter in the Narthex.

CARE NET BABY BOTTLE: Mothers - Fathers Day Fundraising campaign continues through Fathers Day! (June 16th, NEXT SUNDAY!) You may return your bottle anytime! See Pam Torell or Judy Fredrich for more information.

QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING: TODAY! starts right after the first service, about 9:35 AM.

90th CELEBRATION! Pam Torell would like to invite you to come celebrate her mother, Bebe's, 90th Birthday on June 22nd at 4 pm. All are welcome to come and celebrate with Bebe, but please RSVP by Tomorrow, June 10th, so there will be plenty of food available. RSVP to: Pam@PTorell.com

OFFICE HOURS: The "Church Office" is open in the ACC Complex from 9:00 AM through 12:00 (Noon) daily, Monday - Friday. The office is overseen on Monday by Diane Heinz, Tuesday - Thursday by Kevin Garbers and Vance. Please feel free to stop by or call anytime during those hours. Office phone is 772 - 871 - 6599 After hours you can contact Kevin at 772-971-9200 or Pastor Cris at 770 - 328 - 5078.

GIVING: We are here to provide "Grace and Peace in a Confusing and Trying Time" to those in our church and community. Thank you for your past and continual prayers and financial support to Grace and your community. Thanks for your Support: GraceLutheranPSL.com/give

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Is canceled for this Thursday.

COMMUNION: If you, or someone you know, would like to celebrate Holy Communion but prefer a small group or are unable to attend Sunday service, Pastor Cris is happy to celebrate the meal in a small group with you. **Please call the church at (772) 871-6599**, and Pastor Cris would be happy to set aside a time for you to come in and receive communion and partake of this wonderful meal.

FROM THE ALZHEIMER'S COMMUNITY CARE CENTER! There is a wish list of needs to assist in the operation of this center to help provide care for our clients. If you could help, it would be greatly appreciated. **Wish list:** Blueberry Muffins by 07/11 (Store Bought Items Only)

These items are needed regularly: Seasonal Crafts/Decorations, Balloons, Wild Bird Feed, Gift cards to Walmart for crafts, Assorted Bingo Prizes, Assorted Sugar Free Chocolate and Decaf Coffee. Thank you for your support!



ADOPT-A-STREET will be THIS Tuesday, June 11th at 8:30 AM! The meeting place will be on the corner of Torino and Conus. For more information contact: Judy Fredrich (561) 315-9555 or retslvnlg@outlook.com

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK: Say What?! - Fear God?

1. What are some things you fear most in your everyday life?
2. Read Luke 12:1-12. What are some of the things people might have been fearing in Luke's day? How did the words of Jesus give hope in those times?
3. Many places in the Bible speak of fearing God, how would you explain what it means to fear God?
4. The sermon spoke of Job. Can you think of other stories from the Bible (or even your own life) that shows God's love and power over the fear that is in front of you?

6/09 *Worship assistants:* 8:30 Phil F. / 10:15 Kevin G.
Scripture Readers: 8:30 Piper N./ 10:15 Nancy O.

6/16 *Worship assistants:* 8:30 Vance A. / 10:15 Mike P.
Scripture Readers: 8:30 Betsy A. / 10:15 Heather P.

Readings: Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 1 John 4:13-21, Matthew 5:43 - 6:4 (NIV)



PRAYERS ON BEHALF OF...

Susan Becker (Port St. Lucie Rehabilitation and Healthcare)
Gerald (Jerry) Davis (Harbor Place, Senior Living Community)
Diane Fox (Port St. Lucie Rehabilitation and Healthcare)
Debra Lemke (A Touch of Class Adult Care)
Norm Neuberger (Palms of St. Lucie West)

Al & Doris Vollmann

Nancy Oldham

Thomas & Marilyn Piotrowicz

Claren Kerstner

Jenny Brendlinger

Joe Gannon

Judie Hunter

Friends and Family

Evelyn Scott (Surgery, Pastor Scott's mother)
Sarah Dowell Garcia and Fred Reynolds (cancer, friends of Lois Danzo)
Valerie Race (rehab, Gloria's niece in NY)
Donna Winters (Sister of Claren Kerstner)
Joanne Hildreth and Janice Murach (health issues, sisters of Judy Fredrich)
Mary Cully (Possible cancer, Friend of Kevin Garbers)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The lost and lonely people in the world that the message of Christ's love and forgiveness will be shared with them and they are able to find peace and joy in the knowledge of His resurrection

The men and women who are deployed. Pray for their safety, their health, and their spiritual care. Pray also for their families who live their lives without their loved ones with them.

For the people of Haiti and the safety of our Christian brothers and sisters there. Continue to watch over Meschac and the Habitat For Children's Ministries. Pray that the lost in Haiti will be brought to a knowledge of the truth of hope of Christ.

Let us know how we can pray for you or yours.

- Fill Out THE PINK FORMS ON THE COUNTER or at www.GraceLutheranPSL.com/pray or
 - LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE CHURCH ANSWERING MACHINE (772) 871-6599

Please notify us of any change.

Your loved one/ones will remain on the list for three weeks. If you wish someone to remain longer, you will need to make another request. By doing this, we will also ensure that Pastor Cris is aware of updates to the status of everyone's needs.

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