# Sunday Service Holy Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023 - 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.

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

#### **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.

#### Rise & Fall: Saul and David in Samuel

In a world where chaos has reigned, the people cry for the rule of a king, a king who will raise them into a bigger and brighter existence. However, as pride and the desire for power rise, so, too, come the falls.

## Today: House

David feels bad as he looks around his really nice house made of cedar; the Lord needs a house like this. Peter sees Jesus bright and shiny on the mountain and immediately wants to build a house for Jesus. But Jesus, with the Lord's house behind him, says, "Tear it down, and I will rebuild it in 3 days." We realize it has never been about the house we want to build.

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#### ---- THE OPENING HYMN

## "Holy, Holy, Holy" (LW 168 Vs. 1-4)

- 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!
- 2. Holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea. Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3. Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee
  Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
  Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
  Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4. 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!

### --- Opening

Jesus Said, "Tear down this temple, and I'll rebuild it in three days." - John 2:19

#### --- 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.

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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.

Eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and you live in the perfect unity of love. Give us a sure faith in you, so that we share in your holy fellowship and life as three Persons in one God, now and forever. **AMEN** 

# --THE HYMN OF PRAISE "The Risen Christ (O Breath of God)"

(by Keith Getty & Phil Madeira Thankyou Music (CCLI 4109978))

- 1. O Breath of God, come fill this place; Revive our hearts to know Your grace And from our slumber make us rise, That we may know the Risen Christ.
- O word of God, so clear and true, Renew our minds to trust in You; And give to us the Bread of Life, That we may know the Risen Christ.
- 3. O Love of god, so unrestrained, Refresh our souls in Jesus' name; Let us reflect Your sacrifice That we may know the Risen Christ.
- 4. May God the Father, God the son And God the Spirit Make us one; In holiness let us unite, That we may know the Risen Christ.

## THE FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 7:8-16

In a beautiful play on words, God said that David was not to build him a house (temple); rather, God would build David a house (royal dynasty) that would last forever.

"Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. And I will provide a

place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

"The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my

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son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom

will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

## THE SECOND LESSON Romans 11:1-10

If you ever think that you alone are faithful to God, that somehow God has forgotten His covenant promises, think again. He always has a remnant.

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." So too, at the present time there is a remnant

chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

What then? What the people of Israel sought so earnestly they did not obtain. The elect among them did, but the others were hardened, as it is written:

"God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that could not see and ears that could not hear, to this very day."

And David says:

"May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them.

May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

## THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:41-46

Using the Old Testament, Jesus argued that the Messiah is far more than the ordinary offspring of David.

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied.

He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,

"The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet."

If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be

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his son?" No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIS

#### --- PROFESSION

#### THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### --- HYMN OF DAY

## "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" (LW 171 Vs 1-5)

- 1. Holy God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow before You. All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you. Infinite Your vast domain, everlasting is Your reign.
- 2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
- 3. Lo, the apostolic train join Your sacred name to hallow; Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow; And from morn to set of sun through the Church the song goes on.

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- 4. You are King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary.

  For us sinners sacrificed, as to death a tributary,

  First to break the bars of death, You have opened heav'n to faith.
- 5. Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you, Though in essence only one; Undivided God we claim you And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

# --- THE SERMON Rise & Fall - House

#### --THF OFFFRTORY

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

- 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.

### --- 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

----THF CLOSING HYMN

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## "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (LW 247)

- Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
  The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
  The supper is ended. Oh now be extended
  The fruits of this service in all who believe.
  The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching,
  Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
  His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
  To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
- 2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, The tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, Embracing His children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us, with Your light now lead us; Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

#### ---- 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)

## "Come, Thou Almighty King"

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## "Father Most Holy"

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## "O Blessed, Holy Trinity"

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#### ---- THIS WEEK AT GRACE

<u>Today</u>	June 4, 2023
Services	Sunday, 8:30 & 10:15 AM
Live-streamed on <u>www.gracelutheranpsl.com</u>	10:15 AM
Korean Church Worship	1:00 PM

Rest of the Week	June 5 - 10, 2023

Summer Kids' Bible Club	Tuesday, 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM
Bible Study, also live streamed	Thursday 11:00 AM
Brain Health	Thursday 6:30 PM
Korean Church Prayer Gathering	Saturday, 6:00 AM

Special: Next Sunday - 6/11

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Voter's Meeting, Next Sunday	9:35 AM
Second Sunday School - Next Sunday	11:45 AM

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For complete calendar information, go to <a href="www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar">www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar</a>

<u>THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR</u> are given to the glory of God by Vance & Betsy Ablott in celebration of their upcoming 50th Anniversary on June 15th.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:** Melville Mills & Cris Escher - 6/4, Barbara Ruzicka - 6/5, Phillip Griffin - 6/6, Linda Doran - 6/8, Joel Warner - 6/10

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**VOTER'S MEETING** will be held next Sunday between the services, starting at 9:35 AM.

<u>COMING THIS MONTH:</u> Grace will be holding a "Summer Kids' Bible Club" called "God's Living Water - Covered in Jesus' Grace!" <u>starting this week.</u> See you every <u>Tuesday evening</u> from 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM during the Summer (except 7/4). Contact Coli Escher for more details.

<u>GIVING</u>: 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.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Thursday at 11:00 AM, we will be studying 1 & 2 Samuel. Come here to the church or watch the Live Streamed for those at home.



<u>THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBER?</u> If you have "Choice Dollars" available, please consider directing them to Grace Lutheran Church. All "Choice Dollars" that are received go to paying down our mortgage on the new building. For the first five months this year we have received \$1,746 from Thrivent Choice! Thank you: Vance, Bernard, Shirley, Bertha, Sandra, Robert Z., Carol, Jacqueline, Leona, Kevin and Robert B. for your Grace designation of Choice Dollars.

**SECOND SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children ages 3 and above, please stay after fellowship time next Sunday for Second Sunday School. We'll have fun with Bible themed activities from 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM every second Sunday of the month.

<u>LIP READING</u>: A free Lip Reading course is being offered by Cheryl Nolte, to Grace members at a time that works for the group. The 12-hour course will be offered online once or twice a week for an hour each time. This is captioned live video instruction, so you can see what is being said. The course will also be recorded. If you're interested, get in touch with Cheryl by texting (772) 468-0123 or sending her an email at speechreader2@gmail.com. Apply by Noon on June 7. Make your communication the best it can be because it's a vital component of life. Get on the path of improved understanding and learn to lip read!

FROM THE ALZHEIMER'S COMMUNITY CARE CENTER! There is a wish list of needs to assist in our operation of this center to help provide care for our clients. If you could help it would be greatly appreciated. June Wish list: Sugar Free Chocolate Ice Cream by 06/07, Peanut Butter Cookies by 06/12, Sugar Free Vanilla Ice Cream and Root Beer Soda by 06/20, Bomb Pops (Popsicles) by 06/29, Decaf Coffee, Seasonal Crafts/Decorations, Wild Bird Feed, Gift cards to

Walmart for crafts, Assorted Bingo Prizes and Assorted Sugar Free Chocolate.

<u>COMMUNION</u>: 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.

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**FROM THE TONS OF FUN COMMITTEE:** Thank you for attending last Sunday's NASCRAB Picnic. There were over 80 people in attendance and everyone seemed to have fun. Chuck also wishes to thank the committee members and spouses for all their tireless efforts in making it so successful!

**06/04** Worship assistants: 8:30 - Bob Fox & 10:15 - Dave V Scripture Readers: 8:30 - Judy F. & 10:15 - Nancy O.

**06/11** Worship assistants: 8:30 - Phil F. / 10:15 - Ed B Scripture Readers: 8:30 - Jay H. / 10:15 - Heather P.

**Readings: 2 Samuel 12:1-13, Romans 11:17-24, Matthew 20:29-34** (NIV)

#### **QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:** Rise & Fall - House

Read 2 Samuel chapters 6 and 7.

- 1. What is the greatest church building you've ever seen? What made it so great?
- 2. What are ways we are tempted to think we are building things for God that actually honor ourselves?
- 3. Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17. Why does David want to build a house for the Lord?
- 4. How does God describe being with his people? As David thinks he's going to build a house for God, what does God promise to do (see verses 12-16)?
- 5. God isn't confined to a building and promises to go with you wherever you go. Describe a time when this has given you peace.



## **Brain Health!**

with David Watson, PsyD,
Alzheimer's Prevention:
Just Around the Corner?

**ТНІ** ТНОЄБРАУ, June 8th 6:30pm-8:00pm

You MUST register to attend

To Register: Call (561) 683-2700 or Email: education@alzcare.org

Care Net Baby Bottle Mothers - Fathers Day Fundraising campaign is going on now until Fathers Day! ( June 18th )
You may return your bottle anytime!
See Judy Fredrich for more information.

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