

Sunday Service with Communion

Insiders - Submit Humbly to One Another

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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. We encourage you to register your name on the fellowship pad which you will find at the end of the row where you are sitting. 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 Hour is held after the Worship Service, and we invite you to stay for a few minutes so we can get acquainted.

HOLY COMMUNION

is celebrated in our worship service today. 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. **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. If you are not a member of the LCMS, please talk with the pastor before communion.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION: The wine is made available in both the individual glasses and the common cup. Following the distribution of the bread, the individual cups will be offered. Then the common cup will be offered to those who do not have an individual cup in their hand. The acolyte will then gather the individual glasses. ***For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored in the individual communion glasses.*** Those who find it difficult to walk to the altar can be communed in the pew. Please inform the usher of your need.

ATTENDANCE BOOKS: PLEASE BE SURE TO PASS ALONG THE RED ATTENDANCE BOOKS IN YOUR ROW AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SIGN IT. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR MINISTRY OF CARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Insiders: Paul is encouraging us, saying that through Jesus, the promise of Abraham has come true, that those who were once outsiders are now insiders, and those who were lost are now found. "A plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth." Ephesians 1:10

TODAY: Submit Humbly to One Another

"Submit humbly to one another out of reverence for Christ." With all the language we as modern Christians have gotten stuck on in the Bible, Paul's "submit" has to be at the top. However, we understand this as mutually serving each other.

-THE OPENING HYMN

Lift High the Cross (LW 311)

CHORUS

**LIFT HIGH THE CROSS, THE LOVE OF
CHRIST PROCLAIM
TILL ALL THE WORLD ADORE HIS
SACRED NAME.**

1. *Come, Christians, follow where our
captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of
God. (CHORUS)*
2. *Led on their way by this triumphant
sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks
combine. (CHORUS)*
3. *All newborn soldiers of the crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him
who died. (CHORUS)*
4. *O Lord, once lifted on the glorious
tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to
Thee. (CHORUS)*
5. *So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!
(CHORUS)*

-- THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor: God has found the Messiah,
His servant.*

*PEOPLE: WITH HIS HOLY OIL, HE HAS
ANOINTED HIM KING*

*Pastor: He will cry out to God, 'You
are my Father,*

*PEOPLE: MY GOD, AND THE ROCK OF
MY SALVATION!'*

*Pastor: His unfailing love will always
be with him, protecting him;*

*PEOPLE: HIS COVENANT WITH US WILL
NEVER BE BROKEN.*

Taken from Psalm 89

--THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

(We greet one another with the handshake of peace and with the words
"The Peace of the Lord be with you.")

-THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord Be Glorified

1. *In my life Lord,
be glorified, be glorified.
In my life Lord, be glorified today.*
2. *In my song Lord, be glorified, be
glorified.
In my song Lord, be glorified today.*
3. *In our home Lord, be glorified, be
glorified.
In our home Lord, be glorified today.*
4. *In your church Lord, be glorified, be
glorified.
In your church Lord, be glorified
today.*
5. *In our lives Lord, be glorified, be
glorified.
In our lives Lord, be glorified today.*

-- THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We take time to slow down and realize how we have lost God's great story of goodness.

We have served ourselves and our interests above God.

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

Pastor:  *O Almighty God,*

**PEOPLE: WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE SO
BUSY PUTTING UP BARRIERS BETWEEN
OURSELVES AND OTHERS, WE CANNOT
SEE THE HOME YOU ARE BUILDING FOR
US ALL. WE SPEND SO MUCH TIME
NOTING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US
AND OTHERS, WHILE YOU ARE UNITING
ALL UNDER CHRIST. WE RUN TO
WELCOME THOSE WHO LOOK, TALK,
AND ACT LIKE US, YET YOU THROW**

**OPEN YOUR DOORS TO THE STRANGER
IN OUR MIDST. HELP US TO SEE THE
FAMILY YOU ARE BUILDING HERE:
WHERE EVERYONE IS YOUR SON AND
DAUGHTER.
FORGIVE US, LORD. RENEW US AND
LEAD US SO 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.*

*A new day has come. In Christ we see the fullness of life. You are God's beloved;
you are a child of the resurrection. Live in the promise of new life. Your sins are
forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

PEOPLE:  AMEN.

-- THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor:  *Holy God, take away any obstacles that cause us to stumble or fall in our faith, and keep us from causing others to stumble. 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.*

PEOPLE:  **AMEN**

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 2:18-25

Here six verses are given to the creation of woman which shows the Bible clearly elevates the woman, making her the completion of creation itself. In fact, the term "helper" is not demeaning at all; the same word is also used to describe God's relationship to humanity.

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the

field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man."

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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

PEOPLE:  **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:22-33

It's intriguing that Paul, who likely accepted the assumed home structure, grounded the husband's role in the sacrificial love displayed in Christ rather than in a place of power over his wife, child or slave. This was likely radical to his Greek and Jewish audience.

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the

word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

Here Jesus is pointing out that the Old Testament itself aligns love of God with love of neighbor. The power this idea reveals is that love of God and love of neighbor was not Jesus' opinion but God's, as outlined in the Torah.

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered

together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

**PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU,
O CHRIST**

--- THE APOSTLES CREED

- HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Be My Leader (LW 365)

1. Christ be my leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care;
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
2. Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
3. Christ be my savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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.

--- THE SERMON

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--- THE OFFERTORY

1. *Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were
sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.*
2. Gather the hopes and the dreams of
fall;
Unite them with the prayers we offer
now.
Grace our table with Your presence,
and give us
A foretaste of the feast to come.

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

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

--- THE LORD'S PRAYER

---- THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: May the Lord be with you!
PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Pastor: God desires to dwell in us.
**PEOPLE: WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO
OUR GOD**

Pastor: Let us rejoice in the God who
loves us,
**PEOPLE: LET US GIVE OUR THANKS AND
PRAISE.**

Pastor: We have foolishly thought that
we could live on our own. We
gazed at the forbidden tree of
good and evil, seeking the tree
for knowledge and divinity, but
we found only death and hurt.
Lord, you sent the prophets to
bring us back in line, but we
continued to go our own way.
On that wayward path you sent

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

*us your son Jesus, who, by his
sufferings and death, brings us
all restoration and redemption.*

*So with all those who have
failed in life, with all those
foolish enough to rely more on
themselves than on you, we lift
our voices together:*

**PEOPLE: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD,
GOD WHO CARES FOR ALL
PEOPLE,
ALL OF CREATION
IS 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

---- THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

1. *What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*Chorus:
O PRECIOUS IS THE FLOW THAT
MAKES ME WHITE AS SNOW;
NO OTHER FOUNT I KNOW, NOTHING
BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS.*
2. *For my pardon this I see, nothing but
the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
(Chorus)*
3. *Nothing can for sin atone, nothing
but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
(Chorus)*
4. *This is all my hope and peace,
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing
but the blood of Jesus. (Chorus)*

Take My Life O Lord Renew (LW 404)

1. *Take my life, O Lord, renew,
consecrate my heart to You;
Take my moments and my days; let
them sing Your ceaseless praise*
 2. *Take my hands and let them do
works that show my love for You;
Take my feet and lead their way,
never let them go astray.*
 3. *Take my voice and let me sing
praises to my Savior King;
Take my lips and keep them true,
filled with messages from You.*
 4. *Take my silver and my gold,
all is Yours a thousand fold;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r
as You shall choose.*
 5. *Make my will Your holy shrine,
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Your own;
it shall be Your royal throne.*
 6. *Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at Your feet its treasure store;
Take my self, Lord, let me be
Yours alone eternally.*
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Come Unto Me Ye Weary (LW 345)

1. *"Come unto me, ye weary, and I will give you rest."
O blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppress!
It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace.
Of joy that has no ending, of love that cannot cease.*
2. *"Come unto me, ye wand'ers, and I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus, which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness, and we had lost our way;
But thou hast brought us gladness and songs at break of day.*
3. *"Come unto me, ye fainting, and I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus, which comes to aid our strife
The foe is stern and eager, the fight is fierce and long;
But thou has made us mighty and stronger than the strong.*
4. *"And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out."
O patient love of Jesus, which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners to come, dear Lord, to thee!*

----- THE BLESSING

Pastor: May God bless you and your family, and may you take his love and grace to all you meet.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

----- THE CLOSING HYMN

God is So Good

1. God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, He's so good to me,
2. He cares for me, He cares for me,
He cares for me, He's so good to me.
3. I'll do His will, I'll do His will,
I'll do His will, He's so good to me.
4. He loves me so, He loves me so,
He loves me so, He's so good to me.
5. He answers prayer, He answers prayer,
He answers prayer, He's so good to me.

----- SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

<u>Today</u>	<u>September 23, 2018</u>
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	8:45 am
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	Immediately following worship
Korean Church Worship	1:00 pm
AA	7:30 pm

This Week

MOPS	Wednesday, 9:15 pm
Mahjong	Wednesday, 12:00 pm
Bible Study @Perkin's Restaurant	Thursday, 7:30 am
Scripture Narration	Thursday, 11:00 am
Carenet 29th Annual Fundraising Banquet	Thursday, 6:30 pm
Carenet 29th Annual Fundraising Banquet	Friday, 6:30 pm
Korean Prayer Service	Saturday, 6:00 am

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS Alexis Blizzard, 9/26; Betty Bareither, 9/28; Bill Strauss, 9/29.

ANNIVERSARIES No anniversaries listed this week.

THE FLOWERS adorning the altar Sunday were given to the glory of God.

PRAYER REQUESTS--PLEASE NOTE...In an effort to keep our prayer list up to date and be sure everyone is listed, ***we need you to make your requests in writing.*** You can make your request by email either to Midge Watts, meowatts@bellsouth.net or to the church website, www.GraceLutheranPSL.com/pray. Also, your loved one will remain on the list for four weeks. If you wish someone to remain longer than four weeks, 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 needs. Thank you.