

Sunday Service

Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 24, 2021 - 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

Live Broadcast at 10:15 AM

Faith & Family
dysfunction
Working our Way Through Biblical Dysfunction.

today: **Triangles**

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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.

Faith & Family Dysfunction - Working Our Way through Biblical Dysfunction

Anxiety, pitting our family and friends against each other, group think, and bitterness -- these all take life away from us and can cause us to live in despair. But when we look through the main story of Scripture, we see a family that is extremely dysfunctional, and yet God never leaves them, and we know them as the patriarchs

TODAY: Triangles

Remember that time when you asked your mom for something and she denied your request? Then you went straight to your dad and asked him. Yeah, that's making a triangle. It's bad, but we do that all the time, and yet it needs to stop.

---- THE OPENING HYMN

“God Himself is Present”

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- 1. God himself is present; let us now adore Him and with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple; all within keep silence, humbly kneel in deepest rev'ence.
He alone on His throne is our God and Savior; Praise His name for ever!**
- 2. God himself is present; hear the harps resounding; see the hosts the throne surrounding!
“Holy, holy, holy!” Hear the hymn ascending, songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow your ear to us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises that Your Church now raises.**
- 3. Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit, Trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before you, May I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will ever still rule Your Church terrestrial as the host celestial.**

-- Opening

*God has said you are an instrument whom I have chosen
to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel.'*

--- 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.

Almighty and eternal God, you rule over everything in heaven and on earth. In mercy listen to the prayers of your people, and give us your peace in our times. 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

Father I Adore You

Father, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.

Jesus, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.

Spirit, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love you.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 27:5-29

Rebekah comes up with a plan of deception. But it must look like Isaac's idea.

Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, 'Bring me game and prepare for me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you before the Lord before I die.' Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you. Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves. And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies." But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing." His mother said to him, "Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me."

So he went and took them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared

delicious food, such as his father loved. Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

So he went in to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?" Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me." But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the Lord your God granted me success." Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him. He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He answered, "I am." Then he said, "Bring it near

to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you." So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near and kiss me, my son." So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said,

"See, the smell of my son
is as the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed!
May God give you of the dew of heaven

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 5:5-7

Humility is rarely a virtue that our culture values. We're trained to show our strengths and hide our weaknesses. This spills into our models of leadership as well. Peter, however, says that we should be humble in our relationships with one another and not lead as dictators.

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

In God's economy, each soul has its own value apart from all others. Jesus calls the people of His kingdom to help the weak and the friendless, the small and the frail, the mute and the poor, the ugly and the disfigured.

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence

and of the fatness of the earth
and plenty of grain and wine.
Let peoples serve you,
and nations bow down to you.
Be lord over your brothers,
and may your mother's sons bow down to you.
Cursed be everyone who curses you,
and blessed be everyone who blesses you!"

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

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- THE APOSTLES CREED

--- THE SERMON

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--THE OFFERTORY

***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.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
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 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

“Beautiful Savior” (Ver 2:56 min.)

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1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I’d love thee, truly I’d serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

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 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. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forever more be thine!

----- 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

“BY GRACE I’M SAVED”

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1. **By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
my soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No; then this word must true remain:
by grace you too will life obtain.**
2. **By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
our works and conduct have no worth.
God in his love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
his death did for our sins atone,
and we are saved by grace alone.**
3. **By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
that Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
that brought him from his heav'nly throne.**
4. **By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
what in his Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done,
Depends on grace - grace in his Son.**
5. **By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
in tribulation's furnace tried,
by grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
the Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure,
if grace were not my anchor sure?**
6. **By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
in Jesus' promise I rejoice;
for though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown,
since I am saved by grace alone.**

“Drawn to the Cross, Which You Have Blessed”

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1. **Drawn to the cross which Thou have blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in thee my life, my rest,
Christ Crucified, I come.**
2. **Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,
Christ Crucified, I come.**
3. **Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain,
Christ Crucified, I come.**
4. **And then for work to do for Thee,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
Christ Crucified, I come.**

“Oh, Worship the King”

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1. Oh, worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

3. This earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r has founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

---- **THIS WEEK AT GRACE - Today** **January 24, 2021**

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>Rest of the week</u>	<u>January 25 - 30, 2021</u>
<i>Olivet School</i>	<i>Tuesday, 8 AM - 1 PM</i>
<i>Individual/Family Communion</i>	<i>Wednesday, 11 AM - Noon</i>
<i>Bible Study</i>	<i>Thursday, 11 AM</i>
<i>also on Zoom</i>	
<i>Foster Grandparents</i>	<i>Friday, 9 AM</i>
<i>Korean Church Prayer Gathering</i>	<i>Saturday, 6 AM</i>

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

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK Gloria Solack - 1/28



THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Cheryl Nolte in memory of her husband Bill.

LWML LADIES Our next meeting will be Monday, February 1st. Please pick up a copy of the upcoming Bible Study for the meeting. It is on the table by the exit door.

PLEASE CALL PEOPLE: The COVID quarantines began in March of 2020 and many of our members have health conditions which have kept them isolated at home for 9 months. So that we all don't descend into madness, let's call and talk to each other regularly as well as sending cards or notes through the mail. Phone and address directories are available for your convenience on the counter by the office door.

WINN DIXIE SUPPORT For the month of February Winn Dixie on Bayshore and PSL Boulevard will donate \$1 for each reusable bag you purchase to Grace Lutheran for the Alzheimer's Community Care Center. Grace received \$40 last year from this effort.

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.

BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL! Pastor Cris is conducting a Bible Study on Thursday's at 11 AM and you are welcome to attend in person! Seating is with social distancing along with wearing a mask. The Bible Study is also "live streamed" through ZOOM as well for you to participate from home. (www.GracelutheranPSL.com) Also, recorded for your future viewing if you would like.

SEE YOUR GRACE FAMILY ON ZOOM: Coli, along with Pastor, will be hosting Zoom to Coffee at NOON, TODAY, for those who would like to join in fellowship "virtually" to see and chat with Grace members and friends. All are welcome! www.GraceLutheranPSL.com

GIVING: 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. We have added Paypal for online donations. 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.

THANK YOU! Thank you for your card and gift last Sunday. It is a pleasure serving the Lord and you here at Grace Lutheran. Peace and Joy, Kevin

Questions to Ponder This Week - Faith and Family Dysfunction - "Triangles"

1. Describe a time when you were hurt by someone triangulating or gossiping about you.
2. Read Genesis 27. How does Rebecca triangulate to get her way? What effect does this have on the relationships in her family?
3. Read Matthew 18:15-20. What does Jesus call us to do when we have a problem with someone? What promise does he make to us?
4. Who do you need to go to directly this week to be reconciled?