

Sunday Service

The Standard - Slow Down
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Live Broadcast 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.

To our many members and friends worshiping 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 muder. I have not broken that yet. However when we look deeper at the commandments we see a deeper standard for our lives.

TODAY: Slow Down

Rush, rush rush, running around in every direction. Perhaps our vision of God can be clearer when we slow down and remember Jesus.

---- THE OPENING HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise.
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise!
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Not wanting nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life Thou givest to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changes Thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.
All laud we would render, oh, help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

-- Opening

*We offer your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice to God, a sacred offering;
this is your good and essential worship.*

--- 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, help us to grow in faith, hope, and love. Make us love what you command, and give to us what you promise. 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

"Jesus Your Name"

- 1. Jesus Your name is power, Jesus Your name is might.**
Jesus Your name will break ev'ry stronghold; Jesus Your name is life.
- 2. Jesus Your name is healing, Jesus Your name gives sight.**
Jesus Your name will free ev'ry captive; Jesus Your name is life.
- 3. Jesus Your name is holy, Jesus Your name brings light.**
Jesus Your name a-bove ev'ry other, Jesus Your name is life.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 23:23-32

The shepherd-leaders of God's people have misled them, and the results have been disastrous. Now God intervenes, gathers His exiles from wherever, and places them under the guidance and protection of new shepherds, responsible leaders, who will bring them home once again, safe and secure.

"Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart,

who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, declares the Lord, who steal my words from one another. Behold, I am against the prophets, declares the Lord, who use their tongues and declare, 'declares the Lord.' Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, declares the Lord, and who tell them and lead my people astray by their lies and their recklessness, when I did not send them or charge them. So they do not profit this people at all, declares the Lord.

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

PEOPLE:  **THANKS BE TO GOD**

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 19:11-20

Practitioners of magic believed they could control spirits by invoking their names, and they sometimes summoned more powerful spirits to deal with lesser ones.

And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul

I recognize, but who are you?" And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 2:18-28

Some Jews fast twice a week and pray three times daily, but Jesus has a different set of practices for His followers. Some of the pious are disturbed by this.

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will

burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins."

One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- THE APOSTLES CREED

--- THE SERMON - The Standard Slow Down

--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.***

--- 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

Thine Forever, God of Love

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**1. Thine forever, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne above.
Thine forever may we be here and in eternity.**

**2. Thine forever! Oh, how blest! They who find in Thee their rest!
Savior, guardian, heav'nly friend, O, defend us to the end.**

**3. Thine forever! Lord of life! Shield us through our earthly strife.
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, guide us to the realms of day.**

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

4. Thine forever! Shepherd, keep these Thy frail and trembling sheep;
Safe alone beneath thy care. Let us all Thy goodness share.

5. Thine forever! Thou our guide, all our wants by Thee supplied.
All our sins by The forgiv'n; lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

----- 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

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

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1. O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in your fold with us rejoice.
2. Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose in most minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
3. O gently call those astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.
4. Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting hear
5. That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n
By all your Church in earth and heav'n.

Lord God, To Thee We Give All Praise

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1. Lord God, to Thee we give all praise,
With grateful hearts our voices raise,
That angel hosts thou didst create
Around Thy glorious throne to wait.
2. They shine with light and heav'nly grace
And constantly behold Thy face.
They heed Thy voice, they know it well,
In Godly wisdom they excel.
3. They never rest nor sleep as we;
Their whole delight is but to be
With Thee, Lord Jesus, and to keep
Thy little flock, Thy lambs and sheep.
4. The ancient dragon is their foe;
His envy and his wrath they know.
It always is his aim and pride
Thy Christian people to divide.
5. As he of old deceived the world
And into sin and death was hurled,
So now he subtly lies in wait
To undermine both Church and state.
6. A roaring lion, round he goes,
No halt nor rest he ever knows;
He seeks the Christians to devour
And slay them by his dreadful pow'r.
7. But watchful is the angel band
That follows Christ on ev'ry hand
To guard His people where they go
And break the counsel of the foe.
8. For this, now and in days to be,
Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee
Whom all the angel host adore
With grateful songs forevermore.

O Jesus King Most Wonderful!

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1. O Jesus King most wonderful!
O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable,
In whom all joys are found:
2. When once You visit darkened hearts,
Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs,
The kindles love divine.
3. O Jesus light of all below,
The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
All that we can desire:
4. May ev'ry heart confess Your name,
Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame
To seek You more and more!
5. Oh, may our tongues forever bless,
May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express
The image of Your own!

---- **THIS WEEK AT GRACE - Today** **August 23, 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

August 24 - August 29

Individual/Family Communion	Wednesday 11:00, 11:20, 11:40 & Noon
ZOOM Bible Study www.gracelutheranpsl.com	Thursday, 11:00 AM
Korean Church Prayer	Saturday, 6:00 AM

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

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Mary Ann Roksvold - 8/23, Jerry Freudenburg - 8/26, Tony Young - 8/27, Susan Becker, Kyle Kneifel & Taytum Tucholski (1 year) - 8/28

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given by Susan Schill & George Tsikoudis in memory of Susan's beloved mother Bonnie Schill.

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS are with Ed Bock as he grieves the loss of his wife Barbara who passed away on August 12th. A memorial service will be held on September 8th at 11:00 A.M. The service will also be livestreamed for those unable to attend.

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 Fundraiser Banquet, Thursday, September 24 or Friday, September 25. Please call 772-237-2626 and let Phil or Judy know which evening you wish to attend and your menu desire, either pasta or chicken.

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.

COMMUNITY BAG PROGRAM: Thank you to all of you who purchased the Winn Dixie bags in July. You helped raise \$40.00 to be used to help furnish the new Alzheimer's Community Care building once finished, Thanks.

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 - "Slow Down"

1. Explain what is meant by the misuse of God's name.
2. Read Acts 19:11-20. How do the sons of Sceva misuse the name of God?
3. Give present day examples of the way people sinfully misuse God's name to gain something or selfishly manipulate other people.
4. How can we properly use God's name?
5. This week, what are ways that you could remember the Sabbath and further observe the rest Jesus gives you?