

Sunday Service with Communion

The Beautiful Name - Acts 3-5

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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. 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: 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.

THE SPIRIT EXPERIENCE

Luke's Story of the Spirit of God. Luke wants to tell us a story; no, he wants to give us an experience. It's about those who are enlivened by the Lord's Spirit and are going out and acting as witnesses. This is the advent of the church, where Christ body is not the church collective struggling to bring hope and life to everyone they meet.

TODAY: The Beautiful Name

Outside the temple there was a gate called Beautiful. This gate was a sign post as to how the kingdom of God was here with the people, and that kingdom was making everything beautiful. However, outside this beautiful gate is a disabled beggar asking for change. This gate is hardly living up to the expectation of its name, but then Peter comes by and gives this beggar life and beauty in a name that is above every name.

-THE OPENING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation (LW 289)

1. *The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
by water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
and for her life He died.*
2. *Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
with ev'ry grace endued.*
3. *Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
of peace forevermore.
Till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.*
4. *Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace
That we, like saints before us,
may see You face to face*

--RESPONSE OF THE DAY Taken From Psalm 23

Pastor: *Christ is risen!*

PEOPLE: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Pastor: *The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.*

PEOPLE: HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES AND LEADS ME BESIDE CALMING WATERS.

Pastor: *Even though I walk through the darkest valleys,*

PEOPLE: I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE ALWAYS WITH ME.

Pastor: *You prepare a fine dinner for me and my enemies together.*

PEOPLE: YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL AND MAKE MY CUP OVERFLOW.

Pastor: *Your goodness and love will follow me all my days.*

PEOPLE: I WILL DWELL IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD FOREVER.

--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

This is the Feast of Victory for Our God

REFRAIN

**THIS IS THE FEAST
OF VICTORY FOR OUR GOD,
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!**

- 1. *Worthy is Christ,
the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to
be people of God. (REFRAIN)***
- 2. *Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are his.
(REFRAIN)***

**3. *Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation
Blessing, honor, glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
(REFRAIN)***

**4. *For the Lamb who was slain
Has begun his reign. Alleluia!
This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***


-- THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Pastor: **O Almighty God,**

**PEOPLE: MERCIFUL FATHER,
I CONFESS THAT I HAVE SINNED
AGAINST YOU.
I HAVE DONE THAT WHICH YOU
FORBID, I HAVE DONE WHAT IS
RIGHT IN MY OWN EYES.
IN THE WEARINESS OF A BUSY LIFE,
I HAVE YIELDED TO TEMPTATION.
I HAVE TRUSTED MYSELF MORE
THAN I HAVE TRUSTED YOU.**

**I HAVE FOLLOWED MY OWN
PATHS RATHER THAN YOURS.
FORGIVE ME, I PRAY.
BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT,
LEAD ME AND GUIDE ME
SO THAT I MAY TRULY BE
YOUR SERVANT IN YOUR GREAT
REDEMPTIVE WORK ON EARTH;
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON,
OUR LORD. 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.*
O God, since you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will: Grant that your people may love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 118:19-24

Early Christians found in the words of this psalm a wonderful way of describing the significance of Jesus. He was the rejected stone whom God made the cornerstone of a brand-new temple.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 4:5-12

If there is any doubt about the power of the Spirit, just take a look at Peter. When Jesus was captured, Peter cowered in fear that he might be identified as a man who loved Jesus. Now this same man is preaching, healing, witnessing in the face of Jewish officials who have captured him and John.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and

John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the

stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

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

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:42-46

Jesus has just confronted the spiritual leaders of the land with hard reality. In their minds, the cost of believing is just too high. Everything they have—their positions and standings in the community, their worldviews, their own images of themselves—is at stake.

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Pastor: *The Gospel of the Lord*

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

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ is Our Cornerstone (LW 290)

- 1. Christ is our cornerstone,
on Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
the courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love our hopes we place of
present grace and joys above.*
- 2. Oh, then, with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim in joyful song,
both loud and long, that glorious name.*

3. *Here, gracious God, do
now and evermore draw near;
Accept each faithful vow,
and ev'ry sup-pliant hear.
In co-pious show'r on all who pray
each holy day Your blessing pour.*

4. *Here may we gain from heav'n
the grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n,
be with us evermore
Until that day when all the blest
to endless rest are called away.*

--- THE SERMON

The Beautiful Name

--- 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 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 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

---- 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

---- THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared (LW 246)

- 1. Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared
This feast for my salvation,
Your very body and your blood;
Thus, at your invitation,
With weary heart, by sin oppressed,
I come to you for needed rest,
I need your peace, your pardon.*
- 2. Though into heaven you have gone,
Ascending far above me,
Yet here in earthly food I see
How much indeed you love me.
You are not bound to any place;
No contrite heart escapes your grace;
Your love unsought surrounds me.*
- 3. I eat this bread, I drink this cup,
Your promise firm believing;
In truth your body and your blood
My lips are here receiving.
Your word remains forever true;
All things are possible for you;
Your searching love has found me.*
- 4. Unaided reason cannot see
What eager faith embraces,
But this consoling supper, Lord,
Each restless doubt displaces.
Your wondrous ways are not confined
Within the limits of my mind;
Your promise wholly triumphs.*

*5. I should have died eternally,
But here, repentant kneeling,
Newborn I rise to live the love
Found in your strength, your healing.
Lord, in this sacrament impart
Your joy and courage to my heart;
Dead yet alive I praise you!*

Drawn to the Cross, Which You Have Blessed (LW 356)

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| <i>1. Drawn to the cross
which you have blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in you my life, my rest,
Christ Crucified, I come.</i> | <i>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.</i> |
| <i>2. How well you know my griefs and fears,
Your grace abused, my misspent years!
Yet now to you with contrite tears,
Christ Crucified, I come.</i> | <i>4. Then all that you would have me do
Shall such glad service be for you
That angels wish to do it too.
Christ Crucified, I come.</i> |
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My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (LW 368)

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| <i>1. My hope is built on nothing less than
Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim but wholly
lean on Jesus' name.</i> | <i>3. His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain
me in the raging flood;
When all supports are washed away, He
then is all my hope and stay. (CHORUS)</i> |
| <i>(CHORUS)
ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK, I STAND;
ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND.</i> | <i>4. When he shall come with trumpet
sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!
(CHORUS)</i> |
| <i>2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.
(CHORUS)</i> | |
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----- THE BLESSING

Pastor: *Christ is risen!*

PEOPLE: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

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

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With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.*

----- SENDING

Pastor: *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Today **May 19, 2019**

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

8:45 am

Worship

10:00 am

Korean Church Worship

1:00 pm

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7:30 pm

This Week

Via de Cristo @Bocks home

Monday, 6:00 pm

Heatherwood HOA

Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Korean Church Bible Study

Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Mahjongg

Wednesday, 12:00 noon

Bible Study @ Perkins Restaurant

Thursday, 7:00 am

Scripture Narration

Thursday, 11:00 am

Korean Prayer Service

Saturday, 6:00 am

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Next 2019 Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for May 28 at 5:15 pm.

Next Quarterly Voter's Meeting is scheduled for June 16 following the worship service.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS Ervin Schimkat & Allison Schultz, 5/19; Danielle Hoffman 5/21; Claude Hesse, 5/24; Rod Kerstner, 5/25.

ANNIVERSARIES No anniversaries listed this week.

THE FLOWERS adorning the altar are given to the glory of God.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kent & Linda Bowen
Terry & Hatha Brown
Rogerio & Karen Clemente
Joyce Matte
Sabina Sukhai
Michaela Tomasch
George Tsikoudis & Susan Schill

QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON DURING THE WEEK

1. What does the name of Jesus mean to you?
2. Read Acts 3:1-10. What does the crippled man ask for? How does Peter respond? How does Jesus work in this situation?
3. What do you think the name of Jesus means for the disabled man after he is healed?
4. Read Acts 4:1-14. How do the leaders of the temple respond to the healing? Why do you think they are so upset?
5. What does Peter say in response? What does it look like for you to trust in the name of Jesus only?
6. How can you use this story to encourage someone this week?