

Sunday Service with Communion

You Will Be - Acts 1

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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: You Will Be

Jesus is alive! He has been hanging out and teaching the disciples for 40 days now and they ask him a question. Jesus we have seen what you can do the power you have, when will you restore the kingdom to Israel. Jesus then looks at them, quotes Isaiah and says you will be..... and disappears into God's presence.

-THE OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy (LW 168)

1. *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, holy,
All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee;*
3. *Holy, holy, holy,
Though the darkness hide thee,
Thought the eye made blind by sin
thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy;
there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.*

--RESPONSE OF THE DAY

Taken From Isaiah 32, 43, 49

Pastor: *Christ is risen!*

PEOPLE: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Pastor: *the Spirit is poured upon us from on high*

PEOPLE: THE DESERTS BECOMES AS FRUITFUL FIELDS

Pastor: *"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord,*

PEOPLE: "AND MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN,

Pastor: *I will make you as a light for the nations,*

PEOPLE: THAT MY SALVATION MAY REACH TO THE END OF THE EARTH.

--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
(NO REFRAIN)***
- 4. *Blessing, honor, glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
(REFRAIN)***
- 5. *For the Lamb who was slain
Has begun his reign. Alleluia!
(NO REFRAIN)***
- 6. *This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
(NO REFRAIN)***

-- 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.

Almighty and eternal God, help us always to willingly serve you with a pure heart as our king. 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 FIRST LESSON Daniel 7:9-14

Daniel's prophecies are written from the perspective of the Babylonian exile, these prophecies describe the coming suffering of God's people under foreign rule and look forward to a time when God will liberate them.

"As I looked,

thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

"I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

"I saw in the night visions,

and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 1:6-11

The Creator of heaven and earth is orchestrating a redemptive story that will radically change the course of history. The most significant supernatural event in the history of this newly formed church will be the filling of the Holy Spirit through which God will direct the church's growth.

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when

the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GO

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:25-31

God calls His Spirit-indwelt people to something greater, something more significant: they are here as redeeming forces on this earth; their time here is about reclaiming the things He has created.

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to

you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY

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 above ev'ry other,
Jesus Your name is life.*

--- THE SERMON

You Will Be

--- 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.*

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.

--- 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

The Lamb

1. *The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's
the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes, God will provide the
Lamb of price! (REFRAIN)*

*WORTHY IS THE LAMB
WHOSE DEATH MAKES ME HIS OWN!
THE LAMB IS REIGNING ON HIS THRONE!*
2. *The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heaven His praise to sing.
(REFRAIN)*
3. *The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will,
on our behalf the Law to fill. (REFRAIN)*
4. *He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness.
(REFRAIN)*
5. *He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
'Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.
(REFRAIN)*

Beautiful Savior

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.*
 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!*
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My Jesus, I Love Thee

1. *My Jesus, I love Thee;
I know Thou art mine.
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer,
my Savior art Thou:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*
 2. *I love Thee because
Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon
on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing
the thorns on Thy brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*
 3. *I'll love Thee in Life,
I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long
as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death-dew lies
cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.*
 4. *In mansions of glory and endless
delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering
crown on brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.*
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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

Holy, Holy, Holy (LW 168)

Holy, 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!

----- SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Today **May 5, 2019**

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Worship
Korean Church Worship
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8:45 am
10:00 am
1:00 pm
7:30 pm

This Week

LWML
Via de Cristo @Bocks home
Surviving Spouses
Korean Church Bible Study
MOPS
Mahjongg
Bible Study @ Perkins Restaurant
Scripture Narration
Korean Prayer Service

Monday, 12:00 pm
Monday, 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 12:30 pm
Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, 9:15 am
Wednesday, 12:00 noon
Thursday, 7:00 am
Thursday, 11:00 am
Saturday, 6:00 am

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.

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

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS Nancy Brewer & Richard Harris, 5/5; Linda Gannon, 5/8; Phyllis Schimkat, 5/9; Norm Neuberger, 5/11. Belated Birthday greetings: Ed Watts, 5/1.

ANNIVERSARIES No anniversaries listed this week.

THE FLOWERS adorning the altar are given to the glory of God by Greta Tuning in memory of her husband, Richard.

QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON DURING THE WEEK

1. What comes to your mind when you think about the book of Acts?
2. Read Acts 1:6-11. What question do the disciples ask Jesus? Why do you think they would ask Him that?
3. What does Jesus promise will happen?
4. Who is someone that you have seen in the world which needs the love of Jesus? What has prevented you from sharing that love?
5. Have you ever thought that Jesus may be sending you to bring His restoration to that person? What would it look like for Jesus to use you to be His witness in that situation?