

Trinity Sunday

June 19, 2011



10:00 A.M.



From the fullness of his GRACE we have all received one blessing after another.

John 1:16

Order of Worship for Trinity Sunday

WELCOME

HYMN

“Come, Now, Almighty King”
Christian Worship # 193

STAND

CONFESSION OF SINS

MINISTER: Our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—has created us, redeemed us and sanctified us. In spite of this great love, we continue to sin against our merciful and holy God. Let us join in confessing our sins and unworthiness before the Righteous Lord and seek his forgiveness.

CONGREGATION: Dear Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I confess that I have sinned against you many times and in many ways. I have gone against your holy will by what I have done and said. I have left undone the things that are pleasing to you. I am truly sorry for all my sins. I put my faith in you, dearest Savior, and so I ask you to have mercy on me and forgive me.

M: God has indeed had mercy upon us all through our Lord Jesus Christ and his atoning work. Therefore as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Praise be to God! Amen!**

Sing: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

And God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water.” So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. God called the expanse “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.” So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Finally, brothers, good-bye. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints send their greetings. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 6:3b

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.

STAND

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

BE SEATED

HYMN

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

Christian Worship #194

SERMON

2 Corinthians 13:14

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BLESSING

CONFESSION OF FAITH—Athanasian Creed

The Athanasian Creed is a Christian statement of beliefs that has served the Church for over 1500 years. It leads us to confess with absolute certainty that we have a Triune God—that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three distinct persons, yet only one God! Note that good works or deeds are mentioned at the end. We know that our works cannot save us, but those good things we do serve as evidence that we have faith in our Triune God!

The Congregation is asked to read the indented lines; the Pastor will read the others.

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God,
without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,
but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,
just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,
but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty;
yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,
so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,
but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,

so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.



It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh. Now this is the true Christian faith:

We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh,

equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;

and though he is both God and Man, Christ is not two persons but one,

one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;

one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;

for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

OFFERING

Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.

Please include your name and information in the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass along. Thank you!

VOICES OF GRACE

"We All Believe in One True God"

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We could not have known you, our only Savior, if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son and Spirit—three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all unbelief, and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

God our Father, whatever good is in us and whatever good we do, comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being. Open our eyes to see the gifts you shower down upon us daily—purely out of your own fatherly love and care.

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into the world to make the Father known to us; you joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity; you brought us back to God by shedding your blood. You bore the punishment for sin that we deserved and you did not. In the bright new hope of your resurrection, teach us to offer our lives each day in praise to God and in love to others.

Creator Spirit, you have opened our eyes by the bright light of your Word; you have breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel. Through Word and Sacrament, help us grow in our understanding of how high and wide and deep is the love of our God. Make us determined to battle our sin. In weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves as God's true children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and abounding in love.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

O Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, the God of every comfort. From you and through you and to you are all things. We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and live to praise your holy name forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my [†] body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my [†] blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice Member Communion at Grace. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod congregations (WELS) are invited to receive the Lord's Supper with us.

If you are not a WELS member but have an interest in receiving Holy Communion, please speak with one of our pastors after church today or at another time. We are aware that there are a number of other teachings about Holy Communion, and we want it to be a blessing for you, so we would look forward to sharing with you what God says about this Sacrament.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Triune God, Oh, Be Our Stay"

Christian Worship #192

STAND

PRAYER

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God, and
The fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Christian Worship #195

POSTLUDE

O Blessed Holy Trinity

By Jan Bender

Assisting in Worship Today

PreacherPastor Ronald Koehler
Worship LeaderPastor Nathan Kassulke
Communion Assistants Pastor Sam Clemons
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OrganistElaine Goldie
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To Aid You in Worship...

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. ASK A GREETER OR USHER FOR A COPY.
- *For those with young children:* A private Mother's Room is located across the courtyard in the Ladies' Restroom. Parents of young children may also use the Child Care Room in the basement at any time to quiet and care for them (the service can be heard in both locations).
- Sermon copies & service CDs are available in the narthex.

Welcome to Grace!

Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. Guests and visitors, please see p. 7 in today's bulletin under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

Baptized & Confirmed

Justin DeWayne White was baptized and confirmed during 7:45 AM worship this morning. We welcome him to Grace and ask God's blessings on him!

Altar flowers have been given by Sean & Mary Brearcliffe in celebration of Erin's 16th birthday.

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

1 Kings 22:10-28
2 Peter 1:20-2:3
Matthew 7:15-29

Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:

Matthew 7:15-29
The Firm Foundation

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship following 10:00 AM worship today hosted by Ron & Kathy Silver. Please join us in the courtyard.

Special Voters' Meeting June 26 after 10:00 AM Worship

There will be a special Voters' Meeting following the 10:00 AM service next Sunday, June 26 to approve the following motion.

Motion:

In accordance with Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code, Grace Lutheran Church of Tucson, AZ designates \$15,000 of Pastor Colin Rieke's compensation for housing allowance, including utilities, for 2011.

As a reminder, this is simply a tax designation which is voted on for each pastor each year. It is important to do this before Pastor Rieke begins serving at Grace.



Installation Service for Pastor Rieke

The Installation Service for Pastor Colin Rieke will be here at Grace Sunday, July 10 at 4:00 PM with a catered meal by El Molinito to follow. There are sign-up sheets located in the Fellowship Hall if you plan on attending the meal. You may also RSVP to Cora in the church office at 623-6633.

Today

- Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class..... 8:45a
- Adult Bible Class: *The Life of Christ* 9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*..... 9:00a
- Coffee Fellowship Following 10 AM Worship.....

Monday

- Financial Peace University.....6:30p

Tuesday

- Council Meeting**6:15p

Wednesday

- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History* 10:00a
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Sunday

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- Children's Sunday School8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
- Adult Bible Class: *The Theology of the Cross*9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a
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Rieke Welcome

We are having a gift card/money shower to welcome Pastor and Kristin Rieke to Grace and Tucson. Cash or gift cards can be given to Debbie Koehler or left in a marked envelope in the office. Don't forget to purchase your gift cards through the Scrip program!

Anniversary Services

If you haven't done so already, please mark your calendars for our two special services celebrating the 100th anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church. The first service is Sunday afternoon, September 11. Rev. Jon Buchholz, our District President and a son of our congregation, will preach. The second service is Sunday morning, October 9 at 10:00 AM. Our Synod President, Rev. Mark Schroeder, will preach for that service. The anniversary service will be our only scheduled worship service on October 9 (no 7:45 AM service).

Sunday School Today

Today, Sunday School students are studying 2 Chronicles 20:1-30, "Journey with Jehoshaphat." Students should understand how God allowed His people to defeat their enemy. *Parents could ask their children, "Why was it important for the people to gain victory? How does God give us the victory over our enemies—sin, death, and the devil?"*

Meals for Rerecich Family

Addison Rerecich, a member at Redeemer and classmate of several of our Grace children has been hospitalized for some time at UMC. Redeemer members have been taking meals to the family every other day and have asked if members of Grace would like to help make meals or donate money to buy food for the Rerecichs. If you are interested in helping please call Ruth Schaller at 572-6686.

Pastor Koehler re-elected to serve as Circuit Pastor

At a June 4 circuit meeting of pastors, male teachers, and lay delegates from the Tucson congregations, Pastor Koehler was re-elected to serve as Circuit Pastor for the Saguaro Circuit, which is comprised of the five Tucson congregations. This is a two-year term. Here is a brief description of the position: *The circuit pastor serves as the "pastors' pastor." He visits the pastors and congregations of the circuit to discuss the goals and work of the synod and to assist in solving problems. He has oversight of doctrine and practice in the circuit, conducts call meetings for congregations (for calling pastors). He serves as the right hand of the district president in the area and serves on the district council. The Handbook for Circuit Pastors includes sections on Confidentiality, Encouragement, Good Listening, Helpfulness, and Promoting a Spirit of Unity. The circuit pastor's gifts ought to include these things. He conducts regular meetings (study, business, fellowship) of the pastors on the circuit.*

