

*This Week at Grace*  
*Sunday, June 3, 2007*  
*The Holy Trinity*

**INTRODUCTION**

*Early Christians began to speak of the one God in three persons in order to describe more fully the wonder of salvation. God is above us, beside us, within us. God is our loving Father, our savior Jesus, our companion Spirit. To be baptized in this name is to enter into God's community.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty Creator and ever-living God:  
we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One,  
and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three.  
Keep us steadfast in this faith,  
defend us in all adversity,  
and bring us at last into your presence,  
where you live in endless joy and love,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

**FIRST READING** *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*

*In the Bible, wisdom has many faces. It is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, it is personified as feminine. In this passage, wisdom is depicted not only as a creation of God, but also as part of God's creative activity.*

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
<sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
<sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
<sup>4</sup> "To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.  
<sup>22</sup> The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.  
<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped,  
 before the hills, I was brought forth —  
<sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
 or the world's first bits of soil.  
<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there,  
 when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above,  
 when he established the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
 so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
 when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
 and I was daily his delight,  
 rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world  
 and delighting in the human race.

**PSALM (ELW)**      *Psalm 8*

*Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!--  
<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**  
**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger. R**  
<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them? R**  
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
 with glory and honor you crown them.  
<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**  
<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
 even the wild beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**  
<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
 how majestic is your name in all the earth! **R**

**SECOND READING**      *Romans 5:1–5*

*Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through the Spirit.*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**GOSPEL**      *John 16:12–15*

*The Spirit, sent by the Father, reveals God's truth by glorifying the Son and making him known.*

<sup>12</sup> I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

<b>TODAY:</b>		<b><i>Summer Worship Schedule Begins</i></b>
	8:00a	Worship Service
	9:00a	Outdoor Coffee Fellowship
	9:00a	Graduate Brunch
	10:00a	Worship Service with Senior Baccalaureate
<b>MONDAY:</b>	7:00p	Book Club
<b>TUESDAY:</b>		<b><i>Staff Calendar Planning Day</i></b>
	11:00a	Pastor's Text Study
	7:00p	Health Cabinet Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	9:00a	Sewing Day
	6:30p	Worship Telecast, Cable Ch. 6

**THURSDAY:** 6:00a Early Morning Bible Study  
6:00p GLCW Board Meeting  
7:00p Thursday Evening Worship Service

**FRIDAY:** *Synod Assembly*

**SATURDAY:** *Synod Assembly*

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 8:00a and 10:00a Worship Services  
9:00a Outdoor Coffee Fellowship

**MISSIONARY FOR A DAY:** [June 3: Given by Pastor Milt & Delores Ost.] [June 3: Sunday School] [June 4: Given by Babe & Lois Brandt.] [June 5: Given by Pastor Todd Walsh.] [June 6: GLCW].

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** our members and friends known to have been hospitalized this past week: Ruth Dagner (Mercy, Mason City), Robert Field, and Don Searles.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** those needing the continuing prayers of our congregation: Janice Anderson, Larry Bergo, Kathy Diaz, Carol Fisher (mother of Lynn Stadheim), Theresa Gamble, Shirley Gold, Burnette Grunhovd, Jan Guse, Dan Hagen, Tara Hanson, April Hustoft, Marlys Jahnke, Norman Johnson, Glenn McDaniel, Ethel McGill, Gary Mesch (son-in-law of Dick & Arlyss Haug), Vern Nasby, DeAnna Nelson, LeMoyné Oakland, Marian Odson, Lissa Parrish, Bob Richerson (brother of Nancy Greiner), Mark Stevens, LaVon Stewart, James Vangen, Leland Wadding, Sally Witham (mother of Greg Witham), and Eleanor Wolfe.

**WE JOIN OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS in Christ** throughout the Southeast Minnesota Synod today in praying for Synod Assembly voters, the planning committee and volunteers, guest speakers, and Synod Staff who prepare for the election of a Bishop at this week's Synod Assembly.

**REFRESHMENTS BETWEEN SERVICES** are being served by Andrea Crom and her mother, Linda.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Steve Bracker who is serving as van driver this morning. Our church van picks up riders every Sunday for the 10:00 worship service. If you or anyone you know is interested in riding the van, please call the church office to be added to the pick up schedule.

**BOOK CLUB** will meet again on Monday evening, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00p, at the home of Jeanne Gross. The featured book is *The Road to Home* by Vanessa Del Fabbro. Join us for great discussion and fellowship.

**OUR THANKS** to everyone who helped with geranium planting and yard clean-up on Wednesday during our nice shower. Thank you also to *Thrivent* for providing food and supplies for the work.

**TELECAST NEWS:** A reminder that our worship services are now telecast at 6:30 on Wednesday evening due to a change in equipment at the local Charter Communication site. Please help us get the word out.

**MUSICIANS NEEDED** during the summer months for sharing special music during our worship services. Please contact Robert Tewes (377-8364) so you can be scheduled.

**KITCHEN CLEANING NOTEBOOK** is still located on the GLCW Information Table in the narthex. If you haven't already, please write in what you have done and/or volunteer for one of the last few things to do. Thank you for your help.

**WANTED: Youth and Adult Relay for Life Teams**

Help raise money for the American Cancer Society, be a part of a great team, and have a lot of fun doing it! Team members assist in fundraisers, sell luminaries, and participate in the Relay, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. This community-wide event is a great mission to be a part of. Sign up sheets for **youth and adults** are in the back of the narthex. Contact Denae Juntunen, Pastor Todd, or Becky Tennis Hanson if you have any questions.

**THANK YOU** to our Altar Guild workers for May: Mary Hallum, Sylvia Johnson, and Ila Quade.

**GRACE SENIORS: Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:00p**

Grace Seniors will meet that day in the Fireside Room. Featured speaker will be Tina Honsey from Wells Fargo making us aware of *Identity Theft* which could affect us all. Come, bring a friend with you, and gain some important information.

**AN INVITATION:** Graduation Open House for Emma Dahl will be held Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-7:00p at her home (216 E. Richway Dr.). Everyone is welcome.

**NEEDED:** white t-shirts in sizes 4, 6, 8 (mixed boys and girls); 10-12, 14, 16 for boys; and 10-16 for girls. During VBS this summer we will be decorating new t-shirts for the Children's Orphanage in Bogota, Columbia, at the request of Jeanene Thicke. Please help us out with your donations. They can be dropped off at the Education Office.

**ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS:**

Remember that our summer picnic is coming up on Tuesday evening, June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30p. Plan to attend.

**WANT TO KEEP UP** on our Missionary for a Day mission partners? Sign up to receive the e-mail updates that we receive periodically from our mission partners in Colombia, Latvia, Russia, and Tanzania. E-mail Pastor Todd ([twgrace@smig.net](mailto:twgrace@smig.net)) and you will get on the list. The e-mails will be generated here at Grace and filtered with our virus protection. Some will be short. Some will be long. Some will come regular. Some not so regular. It depends on what information we receive here at the church.

**THE ANNUAL VALLEYFAIR TRIP** for youth in grades 6-12 is set for Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church at 8:00a and be home around 6:00 or 7:00p. Cost of the trip is \$25.00 which includes ticket and transportation. Sign up is on the bulletin board outside of Denae's office.

**GLCW NOTE:** Please save 8 oz. cool whip containers and their lids to keep in our church kitchen closet. Many times we need this size container to give leftover food from events to people to take home. Any donations can be left on the kitchen counter and we will stick them away to be used for that purpose. Thank you for your help.

**GIVING AT GRACE:**

The Property and Finance Ministry appreciates your generous support.  
Your faithful stewardship is essential for us to continue to support our ministries at Grace.

	<b>Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>
General Fund Giving	\$ 6,843.00	\$ 225,452.00
Budgeted Need	\$ 10,096.00	\$ 212,016.00
Quarters for World Hunger	\$ 32.25	\$ 994.00
Stones, Rocks, Boulders Fund	\$ 142.00	

Attendance Last Sunday - 340; Last Sunday - 300

**TODAY WE SALUTE OUR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!**

God be with you all the days of your life. Walk with God, whatever you do, that we may hear of your faithfulness and rejoice over you always!



This year’s graduates include:

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| <i>Brohdy Avery</i>     | <i>Lucas Hanson</i>     | <i>Joshua O’Byrne</i>    |
| <i>Ashley Brandt</i>    | <i>Cody Johnson</i>     | <i>Kate Schreiber</i>    |
| <i>Marisa Cottrell</i>  | <i>Ryan Knudtson</i>    | <i>Lindsey Sherburne</i> |
| <i>Patricia Davila</i>  | <i>Tyler Kvenvold</i>   | <i>Abraham Swee</i>      |
| <i>Jenna Drescher</i>   | <i>Jordan Laurie</i>    | <i>Casey Tabor</i>       |
| <i>Jessica Feeney</i>   | <i>Alexandra Leland</i> | <i>Jesse Tuttle</i>      |
| <i>Jared Gavle</i>      | <i>Sabra Metcalfe</i>   | <i>Leah Walters</i>      |
| <i>Joslin Gillespie</i> | <i>Kristopher Moen</i>  | <i>Mellisa Webb</i>      |
| <i>Hannah Gjersvik</i>  |                         | <i>Steven Zuniga</i>     |

**Grace Lutheran is pleased to announce this year’s graduating senior scholarship recipients:**

**Grace Foundation Scholarships** (\$1,000):

(Grace Foundation Scholarships are renewable and are awarded to Grace members who attend a Lutheran College.)

- Emma Dahl, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN
- Jared Gavle, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN
- Leah Walters, Luther College, Decorah, IA

**John & Alma Mathews Memorial Scholarship** (\$500): Marisa Cottrell, Winona State, Winona, MN

**Godtland Scholarship** (\$500): Abraham Swee, Drake University, Des Moines, IA

**Lindsey Loehr Diemer Memorial Scholarship** (\$500): Alexandra Leland, U of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

**Oscar Severson Memorial Scholarship** (\$250): Jordan Laurie, U of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

**Gertrude Hanson Memorial Scholarship** (\$250): Ashley Brandt, LaJames College, Mason City, IA

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Albert Lea, Minnesota**  
**THE HOLY TRINITY**  
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