

Click here to open service web page for: 2006/06/11/

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Janelle Hein Elder: Benno Sydow
Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Keith Radichel; Dave
 Rust; Bill Ryan; James Squires; Eli Wales
Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever;
 Clint Welker; Mark Wales
Church Cleaners: M. & T. Wales

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

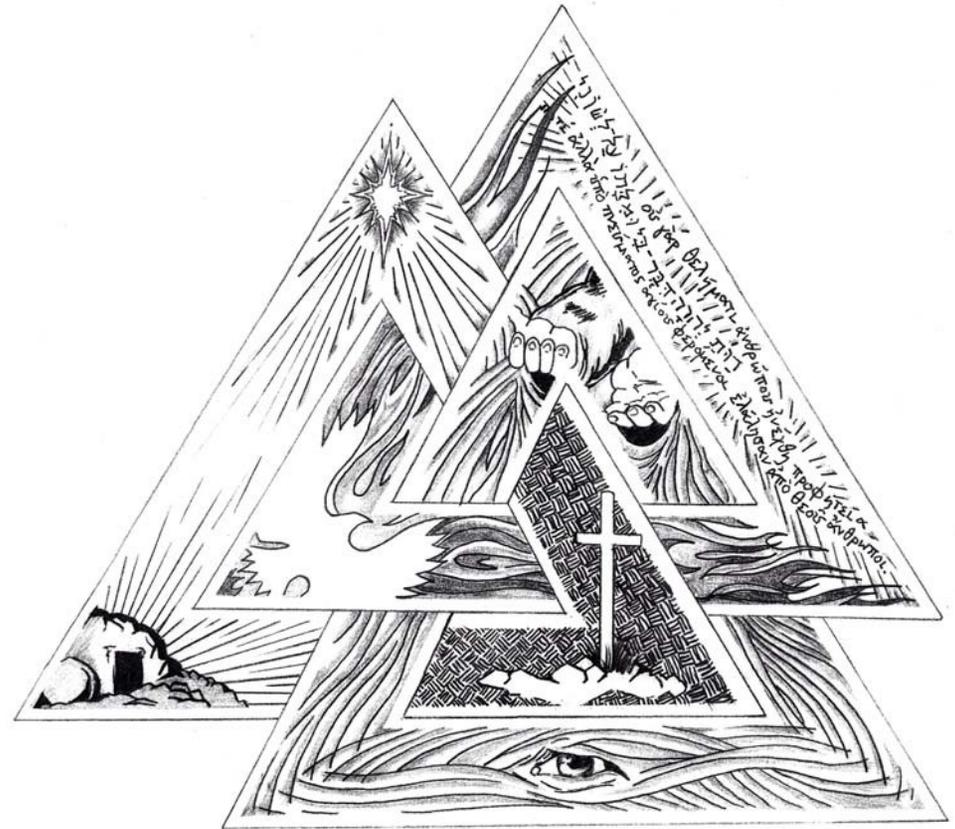
Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Keith Radichel; Dave
 Rust; Bill Ryan; James Squires; Eli Wales
Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack
 Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Ole Olmanson
Church Cleaners: Ochsner

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Trinity)
 10:15 am – Board Meetings; 11:00 am – Council
 3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conf. @ Berea - Inver Grove Hts.
Wed., June 14: NO BIBLE CLASS
Sun., June 18: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Worship Service
June 19-23: CLC Convention at Eau Claire, WI
Sun., June 25: 9:00 am – 50th Anniversary Worship Service
 50th Anniversary Video Presentation
 Fellowship Meal
July 31-Aug. 4: Vacation Bible School

Last Week's Stats: June 4, 2006		Sun.: 133	Wed.: 16
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	3,711.15	CLC: 860.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,970.00	CLC: 850.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+741.15	CLC: +10.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	69,195.28	CLC: 19,967.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	68,310.00	CLC: 19,550.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+885.28	CLC: +417.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition: 105.00
GLC Other: 116.00	MDF:	81.00	Kinship: 130.00
ILC Student Aid.: 0.00	ILC Bldg.	25.00	IIF: 110.00 CEF: 65.00

Grace Lutheran Church & School



Trinity Sunday Father, Son, Holy Ghost

Grace Lutheran Church & School



460 75th Ave. NE
Fridley, MN 55432

Email: jphein@clclutheran.com

Home Page: www.CLCGraceLutheranChurch.org

Member: CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION



Pastor: John Hein (Cell 612-408-1635)

Phone: 763-784-8784

Principal: Ryan Libby (Ph. 763-784-6340)

Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Trinity

Date: June 11, 2006

THE SYMBOLISM OF THE INTERWOVEN TRIANGLES

The three triangle configuration on the bulletin cover (drawn by Pastor Caleb Schaller) was a design found on the walls of the catacombs, where early Christians buried their dead. It symbolizes the nature of the God of the Bible: three persons but only one God.

God the Father is represented by the lower triangle. It is reminiscent of water because an early symbol of the Father was the river. The blessings of the Father are said to flow down to mankind like a river – unceasingly and in abundance. The eye represents how His eye sees all. The hands are simply the hands of a Father who is ready to welcome His child home.

God the Holy Spirit is represented by the upper right triangle. The Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove when Jesus was baptized. The Holy Spirit showed His presence at Pentecost by a great sound of wind and with tongues of fire appearing on the heads of the disciples of Jesus. The script on the side of the triangle are two passages from the Bible. One is from the New Testament, in Koine Greek (**2 Peter 1:21**). One is from the Old Testament in Hebrew (**2 Samuel 23:2**). Both state that the Lord's prophets spoke the words that He gave them. The Bible, though written by men, was truly authored by God.

God the Son is represented by the left triangle. A new star appeared over Bethlehem to guide the Magi to the infant Jesus' temporary home there. The reason Jesus was born, was to die. But His death was not pointless. His perfect life, suffering and death won forgiveness for all people. To show that this sacrifice was acceptable, God the Father raised Jesus from the dead, leaving an empty tomb to proclaim this reality. This empty tomb is the joy of every Christian, and a foreshadowing of the future which is theirs in Christ.

CLC Email Devotion: Friday, May 27, 2005

2 Corinthians 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

BLESSINGS FROM OUR TRIUNE GOD!

One of the more nerve racking things I ever had to do in my life was to ask my now father-in-law for his daughter's hand in marriage. It was important to me and Gloria that we have his blessing. But because he lived about 3000 miles away from where I was living at the time, I had to seek his permission over the phone. I carefully thought through my little speech, then nervously dialed the number. The phone rang. A man answered. I proceeded to state the purpose of my call, after which the voice on the other end said, "Who is this? I don't have a daughter named Gloria. I think you have the wrong number." I had dialed the wrong number and had asked some total stranger if I could marry his daughter. Well, finally I did get a hold of the right father-in-law, and did receive his permission to marry his lovely daughter. His blessing -- while important for many reasons -- brought an end to the inner conflict of a very agitated young man. His blessing brought me great relief and peace.

Blessings are like that, especially God's blessings. Life in a sinful world involves conflict, turmoil, struggle. We have financial and time related pressures. There are many situations which challenge us emotionally, mentally, spiritually. On top of that, there are our many failures and feelings of guilt to rob us of peace. But despite all, we can still have peace. The key to peace is to turn to God for His blessings.

Our God loves to bless His children, and He wants us to take His blessings into our hearts so that we can live at peace in this evil world. Whatever trouble you may be currently undergoing, somewhere in God's Book is a blessing just waiting for you to grab hold of.

If you're unsure about the future, fasten this blessing to your heart: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

If your conscience is gnawed by guilt, try this blessing on for size: "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

If your Christian loved one is nearing the end of his earthly pilgrimage, wrap this blessing around yourself like a warm blanket: "Our Savior Jesus Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:10).

So, have you had a hard week? Take a deep breath! The Triune God is there with His blessings. What peace to have GOD'S GRACE! HIS LOVE! HIS FELLOWSHIP!



The grace of the
Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion
of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you.
2 Corinthians 13:13

IN GOD WE TRUST:

Martin Luther said, “What is it to have a god, or what is God? He answered: “A god is that to which we look for all good and where we resort for help in every time of need; to have a god is simply to trust and believe in with our whole heart. As I have often said, the confidence of faith of the heart alone make both God and an idol. If your faith and confidence are right, then likewise your God is the true God. On the other hand, if your confidence is false, if it is wrong, then you have not the true God.” He also said, “No people have ever been so godless as not to establish and maintain some divine service. Everyone sets up a god of his own, to whom he looks for blessings, help, and comfort. For example, the heathen who placed their hope in power and dominion exalted Jupiter as their supreme god; they who sought riches, happiness or pleasure, and a life of ease venerated Hercules, Mercury, Venus or others; women with child worshiped Diana or Lucina...So even in the minds of the heathen, to have a god meant to trust and believe. But they erred in that their trust was false” (LC, First Commandment).

Today most everyone worships a god, even if it be his own intellect and mind. They trust, but they err! The veneration of Mary and the saints is still false and is idolatry. The worship of Muslims, Buddhists, and other world religions may be sincere, but is still idolatrous. Idolatry “does not consist merely in the act of erecting an image and praying to it. It consists chiefly in the state of the heart that is intent on something else and seeks help and consolation from creatures, saints, or devils ...” Idolatry (money, horoscopes, vanity, military might, etc.) is not far from any of us because it is part of the corruption of the heart for which reason natural man tends to trust in someone or something other than the God Who says, “I am the first and I am the last; and beside me there is no God” (Isaiah 44:6).

Christians or Christian churches who in the name of love, political correctness, or “inclusivness” join in prayer worship to and with those who worship another than the Triune God, or who allow that every god is as good as the next are guilty of promoting idolatry, if not practicing it.

“In God we trust” is really a meaningless expression unless it is a practiced trust in the God Who has revealed Himself in His Word. Scripture says first of all, “No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost” (1 Corinthians 12:3). How important is it that we believe in Jesus? Scripture says, “All men should honor the Son even as they honor the Father, He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which has sent Him” (John 5:23).

The true God revealed in Scripture is the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. God is three distinct persons (Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14) in one divine Essence (Deuteronomy 6:4). To reject any one of the persons of the Trinity is to adopt an idol. Reason cannot grasp the mystery of the Trinity (Tri-une God – 3 in one). Nor would we want a god that fits within the definition of our finite reason. A god that is no larger than what our mind can grasp is a useless god indeed. We thank the Triune God that He is higher and nobler than we!

Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 5/21/2005

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 150, TLH p. 157*

Hymn: *TLH 246: Holy, Holy, Holy*

Invocation:

P: We begin this worship service in the name of our Triune God:

C: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession of Sins: *TLH 242: Father of Heaven*

P [♪]: Father of heaven, whose love profound
A ransom for our souls hath found,

**C [♪]: Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
To us Thy pardoning love extend.**

P [♪]: Almighty Son, Incarnate Word,
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,

**C [♪]: Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
To us Thy saving grace extend.**

P [♪]: Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death,

**C [♪]: Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
To us Thy quickening power extend.**

P [♪]: Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,

**C [♪]: Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
Grace, pardon, life, to us extend!**

Absolution:

P: Lift up your hearts! The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Response: *TLH 477, st. 3: Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head*

**C [♪]: Help us to serve You evermore
With hearts both pure and lowly;
And may Your Word, that light divine,
Shine on in splendor holy,
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow;
The power of sin destroy and all that does annoy.
Oh, make us faithful Christians!**

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray. ... **C [♪]: Amen.**

[ALL:] I - sa - iah, might - y seer, in days of old

[ALL:] The LORD of all in spir - it did be - hold

[Women:] High on a loft - y throne, in splen - dor bright,

[Men:] With flow - ing train that filled the Tem - ple quite.

[Pastor:] A - bove the throne were state - ly ser - a - phim;

[Women:] Six wings had they, these mes - sen - gers of Him.

[Men:] With twain they veiled their fac - es, as was meet,

[Women:] With twain in rev - 'rent awe they hid their feet,

[Pastor:] And with the oth - er twain a - loft they soared,

[Women:] One to the oth - er called and praised the LORD:

[Pastor:] "Ho - ly is God, the LORD of Sab - a - oth!

[Women:] Ho - ly is God, the LORD of Sab - a - oth!

[ALL:] Ho - ly is God, the LORD of Sab - a - oth!

[Men:] Be - hold, His glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!"

[Women:] The beams and lin - tels trem - bled at the cry,

[Men:] And clouds of smoke en - wrapped the throne on high.

Offering, Prayers

Benediction:

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

C [♪]: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn:..... TLH 50: Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing



† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

◆ **50th Anniversary Service:** Grace Lutheran of Fridley, MN, invites you to its 50th anniversary celebration on June 25th. The service will be at 9:00 am, followed by a video presentation and then a luncheon. Our guest speakers will be Pastor Daniel Fleischer and Prof. John Ude, the theme being "Glory Be to God!" Come and join us as we celebrate this milestone!

◆ **50th Anniversary Fellowship Meal:** Committee #2 will be serving. Meat (chicken and ham) will be provided, along with dessert (an anniversary cake). Salads and side dishes will be potluck.

◆ **Lutheran Spokesman Registration:** The signup list for this edifying publication is located by the guest book. In order to alleviate further cost to the congregation, please add \$11 to your General Fund Offering if you are able.

◆ **Convention Prospectus:** This publication shares the business items that will be presented at this year's CLC Convention in June. Please add \$2 to your General Fund Offering if you take a copy.

◆ **CLC Ladies Luncheon:** This event will be held on June 21 at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. Check in is at 11:30 am with a choir practice at the same time. Lunch will be served starting at noon, sandwich and salad bar with all the fixings and dessert. Cost will be \$5. This year's program is based on "Thy Will Be Done." To register, include your name and home church and send to Evlyn Carlile at carlileoa@yahoo.com or mail to 4716 Kappus Dr. #1; Eau Claire, WI 54701.



Go, My Children, With My Blessing



1. Go, my chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
 2. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
 3. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clo-ser to Me;
 4. I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by ser-ving, Joy-ful and free.
 I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace:



In My love's bap-tis-mal riv-er
 Here you heard My dear Son's sto-ry;
 Here My Spir-it's pow-er filled you;
 I the Lord will be your Fa-ther,



I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
 Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
 Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
 Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing -- You are My own.
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

First Reading:.....*Isaiah 6:1-8*

Isaiah's vision of the Triune God of heaven and earth.

Second Reading:.....*Romans 8:14-17*

We are children of God, making us His heirs for all eternity.

Confession of Faith:.....*The Athanasian Creed with TLH 252*

NOTE: This creed is named after Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true Man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continued to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith.

Part One:

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, the Holy Spirit is almighty; yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

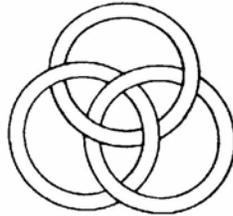
So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; yet there 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.

Hymn 252:1

All [♪]: Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.



Part Two

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.

Hymn 252:2

All [♪]: Hark! the glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!



Part Three

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 will
come to judge the living and the dead.

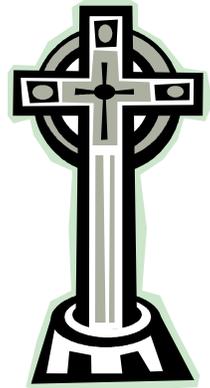
At His coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer
for their personal deeds. Those who have done good will enter
eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and
firmly believe this cannot be saved.

Hymn 252:3-4

All [♪]: Lo, the apostles' holy train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.

All [♪]: Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.



Hymn: *TLH 246: Holy, Holy, Holy*

1. Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.
2. God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them In His mighty arms He bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
4. Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

Sermon: *2 Corinthians 13:11-14*



(11) Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of
good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God
of love and peace will be with you. (12) Greet one
another with a holy kiss. (13) All the saints greet you.
(14) The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you
all. Amen. (NKJVTM)

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"