

## THE HOLY TRINITY

May 26, 2024 | 8:00 and 10:30am

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thornville, Ohio

### VISITORS

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We welcome you in the name of Christ and hope his word of forgiveness and freedom finds you while you are with us this morning. If you are visiting or are new to our church, we ask that you complete a yellow Connection Card and pass it to the center isle for collection during the Entrance Hymn. We would like to be in touch with you and to let you know more about Grace Lutheran. We're glad you are here.

### OUR WORSHIP

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Lutherans think of worship not in terms of something we do for God, but rather what God does for us. We often call our worship a "service," and that means that God serves us in our need. At the end of his life in 1546, Martin Luther famously said, "We are beggars" before God. In our liturgy (order of worship), which includes hymns and songs, specially selected Bible readings, preaching, and Holy Communion, God serves us by delivering to us sinful human beings the good news of Jesus Christ as Savior, which we grasp by faith. In turn, we respond with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, which carries over into our everyday lives.

### PARENTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." The presence of children in worship, even when they are noisy, is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our parish is growing. If you have to leave worship with your children, feel free to do so, but even more so, feel free to come back in!

### PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

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*We do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen*

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP - LBW Setting 1

*Watchword: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! – Isaiah 6:3 ESV*

### PRELUDE | WELCOME | OPENING PRAYER

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## Confession and Absolution

### INVOCATION

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P: In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION

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P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*The people kneel for silent reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

### ABSOLUTION

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*The pastor stands and addresses the assembly.*

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*The people stand.*



## Gathering

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Green Book 165

*Connection Cards/Prayer Requests should be passed to the center isle at this time.*

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

C=all voices; I=female voices; II=male voices

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **I** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **II** Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.  
**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **I** Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and  
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **II** For the Lamb who was  
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.  
**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al-so with you.

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

THE ATHANASIAN CREED – PART I

P: Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith. Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally. Now this is the catholic faith:

**C: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.**

P: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

**C: But the deity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.**

P: What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit. Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit; The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; and the Holy Spirit is infinite. Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit.

**C: And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal; as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings but one who is uncreated and unlimited.**

P: Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:

**C: And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.**

*The people may be seated.*



*The Liturgy of the Word*

THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

L: A reading from Isaiah.

*Heavenly beings called seraphim cry "Holy, holy, holy" in the presence of God. On earth, we are called to add our voices to theirs.*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the

seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." <sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

L: The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

*Psalm 29*

*The verses are chanted alternately by the cantor and the congregation.*



<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the | Lord, you gods,\* ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due his name;\* worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;\* the Lord is upon the | mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the Lord is a pow- | erful voice;\* the voice of the Lord is a | voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedar trees;\* the Lord breaks the ce- | dars  
of Lebanon;  
<sup>6</sup>**he makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,\* and Mount Hermon like a | young  
wild ox.**  
<sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord | shakes  
the wilderness;\* the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.  
<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the Lord makes the | oak trees writhe\* and strips the | forests  
bare.**  
<sup>9</sup>And in the temple | of the Lord\* all are | crying, “Glory!”  
<sup>10</sup>**The Lord sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;\* the Lord sits enthroned  
as | king forevermore.**  
<sup>11</sup>The Lord shall give strength | to his people;\* the Lord shall give his people  
the bless- | ing of peace.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:12-17

L: A reading from Romans.

*We have received a spirit of adoption, and that is why we call upon God as "Abba! Father!"*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

L: The Word of the Lord.      C: Thanks be to God.

THE VERSE

*The people please stand.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

A musical staff with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics 'Praise to you, O Christ.' are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

SERMON

Pastor Tom Jacobson

HYMN OF THE DAY

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Green Book 467

*The people stand.*

THE ATHANASIAN CREED - PART II

P: Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; and the Holy Spirit is God;  
**C: And yet there are not three gods, but one God.**  
P: Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord;  
**C: And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.**

P: As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords. The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten; the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father; the Spirit was neither made nor created but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.  
**C: Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.**  
P: And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.  
**C: Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition:*  
*A: Lord, in your mercy,   **C: hear our prayer.***

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

The Liturgy of Holy Communion

THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C: And also with you.**  
*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.*

# OFFERING

Stationary plates have been placed in the sanctuary for giving offerings before or after service. Online giving through the church's website is also highly encouraged. Quiet music will play to provide a time for prayer and reflection.

Choir Anthem (10:30 only) "Arise My Soul, Arise" (lyrics are printed on the Announcements page)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

The people stand.

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

# THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father  
C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our  
selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ATHANASIAN CREED - PART III

P: It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our  
Lord Jesus Christ became flesh. For this is the true faith that we believe and  
confess;  
C: That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man. He is God,  
begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father, and he is man,  
born in the world from the being of his mother – existing fully as God,  
and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body; equal to the  
Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.  
P: Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ.  
C: He is united because God has taken humanity into himself; he does not  
transform deity into humanity. He is completely one in the unity of his  
person without confusing his natures. For as the rational soul and body  
are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.  
P: He suffered death for our salvation. He descended into hell and rose again  
from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.  
C: He will come again to judge the living and the dead. At his coming all  
people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds. Those  
who have done good will enter eternal life, those who have done evil will  
enter eternal fire. This is the catholic faith.  
P: One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical notation for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you. P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord. P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right .... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

Musical notation for 'The Sanctus' in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.'

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 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 FRACTION

P: Blessed be the Kingdom of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, now and forever.

*The people may be seated.*



LAMB OF GOD

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

Lutherans teach that Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) was instituted by Jesus Christ himself for us to eat and drink. As his words declare, with bread and wine, he imparts to us his body and blood, and with it the grace of God. This sacrament is God's way of giving us the good news of Jesus in a concrete, physical way as we continue our pilgrimage on earth. We are rightly prepared to receive this great gift when we come before God with humility and faith. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

To receive Holy Communion, come forward in two lines (10:30) or one line (8:00) as the ushers direct you. With open hands, you will receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister. For those not able to receive regular bread, some gluten free wafers are available. Then proceed to receive the wine from an assistant on your side of the sanctuary. Take an empty cup, which will be filled using a pouring chalice. For those not able to receive wine, there are some pre-filled cups of grape juice available. After receiving the Lord's Supper, the communicant may say "Amen" and return to your pew for prayer. Those choosing not to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a brief prayer and blessing. You may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.

Hymns during distribution: Green Book 226, 223, 221

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The people please stand.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C: Amen.



Sending

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

☐ A - men

A: Go in peace. Share the good news!  
C: Thanks be to God!

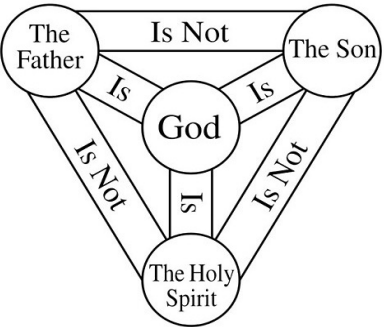
SENDING HYMN      *All Glory Be to God on High*      Green Book 166

THE POSTLUDE

*We are sent into the world to proclaim God's grace in word and deed.*

PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

*Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted onto our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the fruit of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen*



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COMMEMORATIONS:

As Christians in the twenty-first century, we are called to remember that God's people of the past form a great "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1). In that spirit, we commemorate memorable Christians of the past, usually on the day of their death. Though imperfect, their witness inspires us today as we run the race of faith. This week, the Church commemorates:

- May 27 John Calvin, renewer of the Church, 1564
- May 29 Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, 1637
- May 31 The Visitation
- June 1 Justin, martyr at Rome, c. 165

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE 2 PENTECOST (JUNE 2)

Deuteronomy 5:12-15	Psalms 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:6