



A Major Failure in Fairness

Trinity Sunday

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KING OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Golden Valley, Minnesota*

Welcome to God's divine service among his saints in his house this morning. If you experience any kind of barrier to worship, please speak with an usher. There is a hearing assistance system available, there are activity bags for children, and the service is streamed live in the Fireside Room down the hall.

Service of the Word

Trinity Sunday is one of the few Sunday festivals during which we celebrate a doctrine, not an event. The mystery of the Holy Trinity is beyond our comprehension. Yet it is proclaimed in Scripture and we believe in the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

HYMN

We All Believe in One True God | #37

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you—of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ—to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

C: I do.

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in his name?

C: I do.

P: Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the place and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you! Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray for faith in the Triune God: Eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and you live in the perfect unity of love. Give us a sure faith in you and defend us from all adversities so that we worship you as three Persons in one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 8:22–31

God's Wisdom is pictured as a person distinct from God and yet inseparable from God. This Wisdom of God is Jesus, active before he became human and even before creation.

²²"The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works,
before his deeds of old;

²³I was appointed from eternity,
from the beginning, before the world began.

²⁴When there were no oceans, I was given birth,
when there were no springs abounding with water;

²⁵before the mountains were settled in place,
before the hills, I was given birth,

²⁶before he made the earth or its fields
or any of the dust of the world.

²⁷I was there when he set the heavens in place,
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he established the clouds above
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he gave the sea its boundary
so that the waters would not overstep his command,

and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

³⁰Then I was the craftsman at his side.

I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence,

³¹rejoicing in his whole world
and delighting in mankind.

HYMN (10:00)

From All That Dwell Below the Skies | VBS Students

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:22–36

St. Peter uses King David's words from Psalm 16 to show Jesus is David's son, yet also in God's position as his Lord.

²²Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

²⁶Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will live in hope,

²⁷because you will not abandon me to the grave,

nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence."

²⁹Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. ³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. ³³Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father

the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“The Lord said to my Lord:

‘Sit at my right hand

³⁵until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet.’”

³⁶Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.

GOSPEL READING

John 8:48–59

Jesus directly claims to be the eternal God of the Old Testament.

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Aren’t we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?”

⁴⁹“I am not possessed by a demon,” said Jesus, “but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”

⁵²At this the Jews exclaimed, “Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?”

⁵⁴Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. ⁵⁵Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”

⁵⁷“You are not yet fifty years old,” the Jews said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”

⁵⁸“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I AM!” ⁵⁹At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest | #10

SERMON

A Major Failure in Fairness | Matthew 20:1–16

¹For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. ⁴He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁵So they went.

'He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. ⁶About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

⁷'Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

'He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

⁸“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹“The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹²‘These men who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³“But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

HYMN

Create in Me



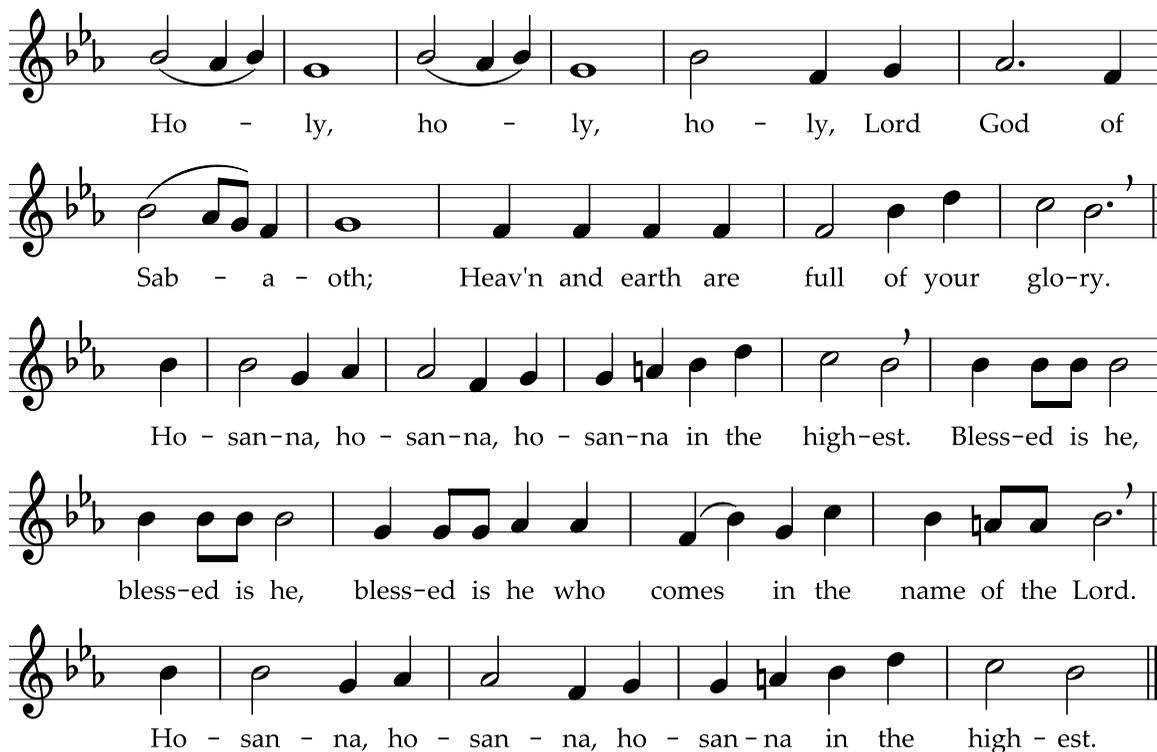
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

Service of the Sacrament

P: Let us pray: It is truly, good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Sab - a - oth; Heav'n 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,
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

CONSECRATION, DISTRIBUTION, AND RECEPTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lamb of God

O Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world,
 grant us your peace. A - - - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

God Loved the World So that He Gave | #403

The Lord, My God, Be Praised | #404

PRAYER

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for his sake you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask you not to forsake your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

Announcements

SEMINARY STUDENT

Preaching for us today is John Spivey, a third-year seminary student at our Bethany Lutheran Seminary in Mankato.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

King of Grace welcomed 130 kids from our congregation and community to four days of fun and friendship as they learned about Jesus this week. We give a big thanks to the 35 volunteers who made this happen!

VOLUNTEER

Come serve brunch to families at Ronald McDonald House next Saturday, 6/22. Carpools will leave church at 8:30 and return around 1:00. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway and pick up a t-shirt at the SCRIP table.

PICTURE DIRECTORY

New picture directories are available. Thanks to the Membership Committee for many months of work to produce this resource! Volunteers on the committee are Dan and Linda Browning, JoAnn Hinnenthal, Tim and Joni Knudsen, Aaron and Serena Kreuter, Sonja Luxford, Christina Madson, and Paul Thomforde. Also, thanks to Ryan Madson, Karen Madson, and Jamie and LaDonna DeLorme for their contributions to the project.

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP

Join the King's Daughters ladies at 6:00 on Tuesday, 6/25 for a night out at Three One Six restaurant, located at Brookview Golf Course. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Contact Wanda Warnke with prayer requests at (612) 529-1497.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send all requests for bulletin announcements to bulletin@kog-els.org.

Calendar

Monday	6:30 pm	Communion Service
	7:00 pm	Board of Elders
Tuesday	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Board of Youth
Saturday	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:15 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Worship Service

Preacher.....Seminarian John Spivey | **Liturgist**..... Rev. Aaron Ferkenstad
Pianist.....Lynn Handberg | **VBS Music**.....Emily Wiechmann

Counters Today Brian & Jennifer Pederson, Claire Joubert
Counters Next SundayRandy & Julie Voelker, Paul & Arlene Fuller
Usher Captains Today.....Steve Kopacek, Brian Pederson
Usher Captains Next Sunday.....Bruce Christensen, John Vomhof
Video Team TodayBen Oppitz
Video Team Next Sunday Jason Guillaume
June Altar Guild..... Linda Browning, Arlene Fuller

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given in celebration of the 40th wedding anniversary of Jim and Alice Ringen.

Attendance Last Week: 379 worshiped on Sunday and 20 worshiped on Monday.

Offerings Last Week:

Average Needed Per Sunday: \$16,154
Received Last Week: \$12,803

Average Needed Year to Date: \$807,700
Received Year to Date: \$852,070