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THE 1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Woodcut of Solomon, Dore, 1832

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

June 7, 2026

GRACE NOTES – June 7, 2026

TRINITY SEASON. Half of the church calendar is known as Trinity Season (sometimes called Ordinary Time), and it lasts from now until Advent.

A WISER WORLD – OUR SUMMER SERMON SERIES. This Summer we'll be working our way through sections of the Old Testament book of Proverbs and learning about biblical Wisdom and how it can seep into our minds and hearts as we engage with our complex world with greater and more mindful dexterity and clarity.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE? Use this QR-code and sign up today!



CHILDREN AFTER CHURCH. Parents, just a reminder to watch your kids after worship. Last Sunday a fluorescent light bulb was broken downstairs after worship and left on the ground shattered, which is dangerous to our kids. An adult must be present downstairs if kids are there. Thank you!

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC is on July 11th from 12:00-4:00 pm at Lake Latonka Pavillion (420 Lake Latonka Drive in Mercer). Scan the code for more details!



STOLES FOR RYAN. Ryan Wise, church planter in Zelenople, soon to be ordained a transitional deacon on June 6, is in need of stoles. Like to contribute? Please make a gift to Grace, denoting it for stoles.

ZELIENOPLE PLANT. Our Diocese has planted a parish in Zelenople, led by our own Ryan Wise. Find out more about the plant here: htzelenople.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- GAC's 20th Anniversary Party: Oct 24.
- Annual Summer Picnic – July 11

CHILDREN'S LITURGY. The following Sundays there will be no Children's liturgy: May 24 and June 14th will be the last class for this school year.

MONTHLY MISSIONS. Holy Trinity Anglican Zelenople is a new church plant of the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh with very close ties to us here at Grace through Ryan and Marlene Wise. Ryan's recent ordination to the transitional diaconate is a significant step forward for this young church body. Please pray that the beautiful, compelling hope of the Gospel would be embodied well in this new community and that Christ will build his church in and around Zelenople.

INFANT CARE ROOM. The library is available as a dedicated space to care for your infants during the service. The livestream is available in this space during evening services.

NURSERY. We offer nursery for children (infants to three-year-olds) downstairs.

THE CASA YOUTH MINISTRY is on Tuesday nights at 7pm at Holy Trinity.

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Opening Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Words: Smith, 1867 Tune: St Denio



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.



Minister. Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit.

Answer. And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Minister. Let us pray [together saying,]

The Collect for Purity, said by all

ALMIGHTY God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

HEAR what our Lord Jesus Christ says. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as your self. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. -MATTHEW 22:37-40.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALmighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of your laws, and in the works of your commandments; that, through your most mighty protection, both here and always, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with your spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

Collect for the First Sunday after Trinity

GRANT, O Lord, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your providence, that your Church may joyfully serve you in quiet confidence and godly peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 1:1-7 (ESV)

Reader. A reading from the Proverbs of Solomon.

The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: ²To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, ³to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; ⁴to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth—⁵Let the wise hear and increase

in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, ⁶to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles.

⁷The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Reader. The Word of the Lord.

Answer. Thanks be to God.

**Children (3-6yrs) may be taken to children's liturgy & retrieved at the Peace*

Psalm 90:1-5, 12

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were made, *
you are God from everlasting, and world without end.
- 3 You turn man back to the dust; *
you say, "Return, O children of men."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, *
even as a day that is past.
- 5 You scatter them as a night-watch that comes quickly to an end; *
they are even as a dream and fade away.
- 12 So teach us to number our days, *
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 7:24-29 (ESV)

Reader. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Answer. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

+ Jesus said, "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house

on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

²⁸ And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹ for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

Reader. The Gospel of the Lord. **Answer.** Praise to you, Lord

The Sermon

The Rev'd Ethan Magness, Rector

The Nicene Creed

LET us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

WE believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

WE believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

WE believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one in Christ.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for Ryan and Marlene Wise, and Ryan's ministerial leadership of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, a new church plant, in Zelenople. We beseech you to give them favor, protection, provision, and fresh connections with the people of their community. Give us grace in all that we undertake,
that our works might find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(The People may add their own petitions.)

Let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

ALL who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

General Confession, said by all.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

HEAR the comfortable words from the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
-MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. -JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. -1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. -1 JOHN 2:1-2

The Peace.

Minister. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People. And with your spirit.

Offertory Sentence. You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. -II Corinthians 8:9

Offering and Doxology (tune: lasst uns erfreuen)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (the 1662 Order)

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with your spirit.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Answer. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

IT is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: ***Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

The Prayer of Humble Access, said by all, kneeling.

WE do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The People continue to kneel. The minister stands and continues.

ALL praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. Hear us, merciful Father, and grant that we receiving these gifts from your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

AMEN.

Invitation to Communion. All baptized, believing Christians of an understanding age who are admitted to the Sacrament within their own church are encouraged to receive it with us. Scripture requires some understanding of the Supper, instructing those who commune to ‘discern’ the Body as well as ‘examine themselves’ (I Cor. 11). It is the historic and consistent Anglican practice for young children to be catechized before receiving the Supper (please contact a minister for resources). Please walk down the middle aisle to receive the bread in open hands and consume it. Drinking the wine directly from the common cup is the customary manner of receiving, though the bread may be carefully intincted (dipped) into the wine. Small, individual cups of wine are available for those who have health concerns.

Intercessory prayer is available in the back of the church. This takes place during the distribution of Communion. You can come back for prayer for any reason whatsoever. If you want prayer for healing (physical or otherwise), you can also request anointing with oil (a biblical symbol for healing and restoration).

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

1. My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.
2. My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.
3. My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

Jesus, Strong and Kind

1. Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him
No one else can satisfy; I should come to Him
2. Jesus said, if I am weak, I should come to Him
No one else can be my strength; I should come to Him

Chorus: For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus; Jesus, strong and kind

3. Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him
No one else can be my shield; I should come to Him (Chorus)
4. Jesus said, if I am lost, He will come to me
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me (Chorus)

The Goodness of God

1. I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never failed me, All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus: And all my life You have been faithful; And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

2. I love Your voice, you have led me through the fire, & in darkest night You are close like no other I've known You as a Father I've known You as a Friend. And I have lived in the goodness of God.

3. I love your cross; You have bought us with a ransom, & shed your blood; reconciled us with the Father. You search for us and find us and then you bring us home. And we are saved by the goodness of God (**chorus**)

Bridge: Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

The Lord's Prayer, said by all

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.

Post-Communion Prayer, said by all

ALMIGHTY God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out into the world in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise

1. The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of Love;
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and Heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred Name forever blessed.

2. Before the Savior's face the ransomed nations bow;
O'erwhelmed at His almighty grace, forever new:
He shows His prints of love—they kindle to a flame!
And sound thro' all the worlds above the slaughtered Lamb.

3. The God Who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
And "Holy, Holy, Holy!" cry, "Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:
Jehovah-Father-great I AM, we worship Thee!"

4. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of peace;
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

WHY DO WE USE LITURGY?

Worship at Grace is 'liturgical' (meaning that our services are structured, fairly traditional, with set forms, and are highly interactive with 'calls and responses'). Why do we go through all of this? Why do we use Liturgy in worship and not spontaneously 'wing it' every week? Well, until rather recently in Church history, the majority of Christians (including Protestants) used liturgical forms in worship. It may surprise some people, but free-form worship is (mostly) an American innovation of the last 75 years or so. We don't 'knock' the free-form expressions of worship, but we prefer a biblically grounded, theologically rich liturgy. Here's why:

1. Liturgy Connects. Our Liturgy (from the Book of Common Prayer) connects us with the historic, world-wide Church. Christians have used this particular Liturgy for well over 400 years (actually, some elements of the Prayer Book go back to the 1st century). And good Liturgy connects us with millions of Christians from all over the world, some of whom are (even at this moment) saying the same prayers to the same God. Locally speaking (that is, congregation-ally speaking) liturgy helps to bond with one another in worship. We say, in verbal union with our brothers and sisters in Christ, prayers, confess our sins, express our creedal faith, and respond to God's word as one body.

2. Liturgy Teaches. Good Liturgy enriches the mind and heart with truths about God. The Book of Common Prayer was written by thoughtful Christians who had a profound and deep understanding of the Bible and, as such, we can trust that these prayers say true things about God and what he's done for us in Jesus Christ. Because of their solid and rich content, our prayers and creeds have stood the test of time, informing the hearts, souls, and minds of millions.

3. Liturgy Focuses. Liturgy can lift our eyes, taking the focus away from our selves and onto something and someONE else. Put simply, a common and set liturgy can direct our thoughts Vertically -- toward God, who for our sakes became flesh.

4. Liturgy Carries. We do not bear the burden of having to conjure up certain emotions in worship, though we welcome emotional expressions. Instead, we trust the truths of Scripture, communicated through the Book of Common Prayer, to carry us to Jesus, regardless of our moods or attention spans. Worship is not something we have to muster-up with pitch-perfect feelings.

Some will ask, "Can't people 'go through the motions' with liturgical worship and not really mean it?" Well, sure—though people can 'fake it' through almost anything in life. But we think that if you get past the learning-curve of liturgy (that is, stick it out for a month or so in order to get used to it), you'll begin to appreciate and find it helpful. Liturgy, when it brings us close to Bible-ideas that are good for our spiritual diet, offers a substantial and nutritious meal. And when the liturgy frames the Gospel-Word preached and the Sacrament administered, it helps to satisfy the spiritual stomach.

GRACE'S STAFF

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