

Community of Grace

DAILY WALK WEEK OF JUNE 6, 2022

Day of Pentecost

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Monday June 6th Steadfast Love

“We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. Your name, O God like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory.” Psalm 48: 9-10. Part of what we do each week in worship is ponder over the steadfast love of God for us and all of creation. When we begin with the steadfast love of God everything falls into place. Our fears that cause us to make poor and hurtful choices are placed to the side and we begin to see our world as God does. We see the gifts in the people around us, the blessings in creation, and the opportunity to serve in grace for others. The power is in the steadfastness of God’s love, in that, God never quits loving all creation. When we are afraid, we need to remember that and let that reality transform our fears into hope and meaning. Prayer: “Guide me, loving God, deeper into your steadfast love for all creation this day. Amen.”

Tuesday June 7th It is about the Spirit

“Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.” 1 Corinthians 2: 12-13. St. Paul is teaching the Corinthians that faith is a work of God preformed by the Holy Spirit. How they understand God and the world could not be understood through human wisdom rather it comes to us from the Spiritual things in our life. When we worship, learn, or serve in the Spirit our faith is nurtured by God in great and small ways. The season of Pentecost is about how the Spirit transforms our hearts, lives, and community through its great work. Prayer: “Spirit

of God, fall on our hearts this day nurture the gift of faith you give us. Amen.”

The Holy Trinity

Written by Vicar Jared Fischer

Wednesday, June 8th

“Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: “To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live” (Proverbs 8:1-4). We celebrate the Holy Trinity this week in remembrance of the Christian theologians that came before us and laid the groundwork for the theology that we believe in today. At the Council of Nysa in 325 A.D. a group of Christians, confronted with opposing views from the Arians, decided to make the truth of the Holy Trinity a basic tenet of the Christian theology. In remembrance of that day, we are reminded that the Holy Spirit is always with you. It is the wisdom in your life, the small tugs in your feelings and soul that you should or should not do something. It is with you at all of the crossroads of your life and before you embark upon any undertaking. You would be wise to seek out the counsel of the Holy Spirit through prayer before any meaningful decision. The Lord speaks to us through the Holy Spirit and it is only there that we will begin to understand our role in the grand design. Prayer. “Good and gracious God, we give thanks and praise for the messages delivered by the Holy Spirit in our most trying times. We pray that we have our hearts and souls open to your will so that we can best act in community through loving our neighbor and taking care of ourselves and each other. Amen.”

Thursday, June 9th

“The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the begin-

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ning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, 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, then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race" (Proverbs 8:22-31). The Holy Spirit and Jesus were with God at the beginning. It is an almost impossible thing to try and understand but try we must! As God was working on creating the Earth, the Holy Spirit and Christ were with the Lord. But now, Christ has returned to His Father and the Holy Spirit still inhabits the Earth, where they will remain forever. I take solace in knowing that God's plan was always there. Even at creation God knew all and saw all of what would come to pass with humanity's fall, its sin, and its salvation. Prayer. "Good and gracious God, we give thanks and praise for your omniscience. You have seen all that was and all that is to come and still grant us salvation through the blood of your son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for this gift that we do not deserve. Amen."

Friday, June 10th

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 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" (John 16:12-13). The Holy Trinity is cel-

ebrated through this passage from John. It is a difficult thing to imagine three beings in one but Jesus tries to explain it to us through his teachings many times. Jesus tells the disciples that while they are not ready to bear all of the things that need to be known in his time on earth, the holy spirit will help and guide them along the way in his absence. In doing so, it will not be a new revelation, like Jesus' teachings, but a continuation of those very teachings. Be mindful of those around you who are speaking the truth to you, it may not just be them speaking but also revelations from the Holy Spirit inspiring them. Prayer. "Good and gracious God, we give thanks and praise for all of your revelations from the Holy Spirit. We pray that we are welcoming and understanding to those who have heard your word and are trying to spread that true gospel. Amen."

Saturday, June 11th

"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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" (Romans 5:1-2). Our faith in the Lord is what gives us our justification. Justification is when God moves a person from a state of sin to a state of righteousness. What Paul is saying here is that faith alone leads to your salvation. Faith in Jesus Christ who has already died for your sins. Take comfort in knowing that you, me, and everyone else has sin deep rooted in our bones but God the Father, through the sacrifice of the Son, and the power of the Holy Spirit, will take you out of that sin ridden existence in to one of righteousness and glory in the eternal kingdom of heaven. Prayer. "Good and gracious God, we give thanks and praise for our faith in the new covenant made in your blood for the sake of our justification. We pray that we constantly remember that ultimate sacrifice

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as we try and act accordingly. Amen.”

Sunday, June 12th

“He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you” (John 16:14-15). Human beings are set to inherit the kingdom of God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Remember that God gave Jesus his glory and Jesus is giving you the same. This has been done out of complete and perfect love for you and everything you are. Everything good in this world is a gift from our creator, do your best to think about how you want to show gratitude for that gift. Find time today to give freely to another as Christ has freely given you God’s glory, not out of a need to repay but as a way to reflect the great gift that has been bestowed to you. Prayer. “Good and gracious God, we give thanks and praise for the continuing knowledge of your will. We pray for continued observance and learning throughout our lives to better understand your plan and our role in it. Amen.”