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Pastor David's Message The Holy Trinity

We in the modern world want to explain and dissect things to death. We want to explain and break things down to the proton or the atom. We even want to smash protons and see its inner guts. Recently, the largest, most expensive scientific experiment in history, "the 'Large Hadron Collider'", does that. There were some concerns that this machine's power could destroy the world. So far, please be at ease, if you are reading this article, it means the world didn't end. We did not sink into a black hole because of this device. The price tag on this contraption is enormous, and it is the most powerful device ever built for probing the secrets of the universe. What we will do to explain our existence. This is who we are, it is within our nature. We are a curious creation. We also like to explain the nature of God. Building a billion-dollar device will not get us any closer to that answer. Faith is a gift from God that we just have to accept. When we truly know God, we will feel like we are born again. When we were born the first time, we usually accepted the existence of our mother and father. The second birth, or being born again, is the epiphany of truly knowing our Father in Heaven working in our lives. Our first birth is a gift from God; our second birth is the gift of faith. We would be wise to receive this gift, foster it and pray for it.

Most of us could describe our earthly parents, however, could we describe the nature of our Heavenly Father? Most of us would say He is loving and forgiving. We would say that our God is powerful, and almighty. We would describe Him as all-knowing and He encompasses the world. Yet is this enough to know who our God really is? Come on, be honest, we sometimes want to break God down to the nuts and bolts. So, let's be brave and attempt it or at least try! The best way to describe our God is to refer to this thing we call the Holy Trinity. As Christians we see God as one God, but as three aspects. We have God the Father, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus. We describe the nature of God in three ways: 1. We have the Father who most relate to as the Creator; 2. We have the Son who is Jesus, who is God that has come to us in the flesh; and finally, 3. We have the Holy Spirit or Comforter who many relate to as the one who comes to us after Jesus' ascension into Heaven.

We often think that God has come to us in three different ways. The three in one has always been present. Right in the beginning in Genesis 1:26NIV it states: Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." Here God is referring to himself in the plural. He also does it again in Genesis 11:7,8. In the Old Testament the

word God in Hebrew is Elohim and the name is actually in a plural form. Here God does not refer to himself as a singular form. In the New Testament we see the Holy Spirit working even before the time of Jesus' ascension. The angel talks to Jesus' mother Mary and says: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35(NIV). There are many scripture references to the Holy Trinity in the Bible. Here are two of many: John 14:10 NIV, John 8:58 NIV. As we can see, we have three persons in one that describes God. It is confusing to the earthly mind, but not to God. In the past the Church has used different earthly examples to explain this heavenly being. Even Luther himself claims that our attempts to find fitting terms are failures. The best earthly term would be the one St. Patrick used by describing the Trinity as a three-leaf clover. Father, Son, Holy Spirit, represent the leaves, the stem is God that is connected and working through them. God does speak to us and works with us in many wonderful ways. To be honest, the way we get to truly know God is to be born again in Him. As it says in Jeremiah 24:7 "I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. To get to know God personally we need to read his word. We best get to know God by knowing Jesus. In John 14, the scripture says: **5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." 9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. John 14:5-9 NIV**

To be honest, to break down God into pieces will not edge us closer to a greater relationship with Him. It is like the old saying: We don't always have to open up and take apart the Grandfather clock to enjoy its purpose. May the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you and keep you!

In Christ, Pastor David



Welcome to our New Members

On Sunday, May 25th, Grace Lutheran welcomed three new members to our church family:



From left: Jim & Marlene Pope, Monica Wallace and Pastor David. Make sure to take a few minutes to speak with them and make them feel welcome at Grace. **But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:13b**

COMPASSION CORNER

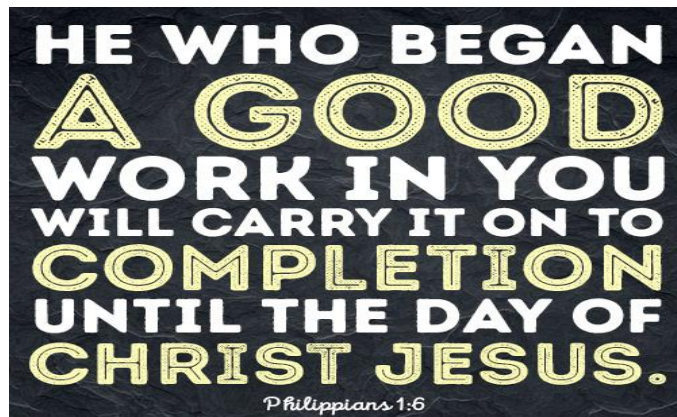


Pray for everyone in our church family who mourns including the Johnson, Sutherland and Lutz families. Pray for those recovering from surgery including, Marian Ruff and Dennis Lazaroff. Pray for those at home, including Nedra Schuler, Ellen Spielman, Alma Pasker, Kris Gering, Maria Heise, Jim Szabo, Louise Shopland, Gerald Schuler, Emily Hughes Fran Schmidt, Joan Ulmer, Coco Heebner and Lorraine Wentland. **"He himself bore our sins...by His wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24.**



Miriam

On Sunday, May 25th, we celebrated the retirement of our office administrator, Miriam Shopland-Keith. She has worked steadfastly for the church for the past 11 years and is now ready to begin a new dream called, "Retirement." Miriam assures us that she has many things to keep her busy in retirement and would like to thank Grace Lutheran congregation for the opportunity to serve in this area of ministry for the past 11 years. Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make the retirement party so memorable, and special thanks to Christine Williams who will be filling in the office position on an interim basis. May God bless you all & keep you in His care.



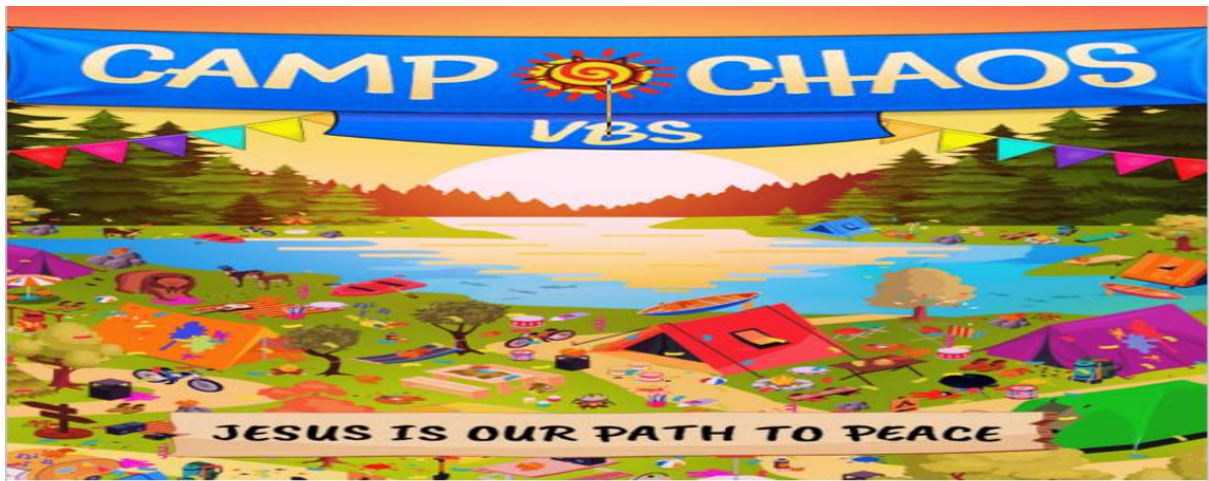
Thank
you!



L to R: Brent & Miriam Keith and Louise Shopland



May
God's
Blessings
be with
you all!



VBS AT GRACE LUTHERAN
1162 Hudson Road West Kelowna
July 8, 9 & 10
9AM to NOON - 4-12 yrs.

Please fill out registration attached and return to:
graceoffice1162@gmail.com or call 250.769.5685 to register.

Vacation Bible School

Do you consent to your child's photograph being taken and/or used for church use only

_____ YES _____ NO

Please fill out one form per child

CAMP CHAOS

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - 1162 HUDSON ROAD

AGES 4 TO 12 (Must be potty-trained)

TUESDAY, JULY 8 TO THURSDAY, JULY 10 - 9AM TO NOON

Name: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

Completed Grade _____ this year. Care Card # _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone# _____ Emergency Contact Name & #: _____

In case of emergency, who should we call first? _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Cost: There is no cost to attend but a free-will offering/donation will be accepted anytime at Grace Lutheran Church office - 1162 Hudson Road, West Kelowna between 9:00AM-1:00PM (Tues to Fri).

Congregational Life

Christian Education

Sunday - Sunday School at 10:15AM

Monday - Zoom Bible Study resumes in September

Wednesday - Ladies Bible Study resumes in September

Thursday - Choir Practice resumes in September

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thankful
incredibly
grateful
unbelievably
blessed

Serving Others

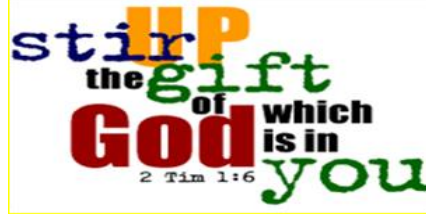
**Volunteer at the
Kelowna Gospel Mission**
251 Leon Ave, Kelowna, BC

On the 4th Tuesday of every month a team from Grace Lutheran goes to the Kelowna Gospel Mission. They help in the kitchen with lunch and dinner preparation. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Corinn Lutz at 250.869.8092 or by email: timcorlutz@gmail.com



Men's Breakfast

June 14th at 8:30AM



Grace Coffee Social

Sundays at 10:10AM Everyone is Welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall and meet your Grace neighbours!

Healing Service

June 10th at 7:00PM



**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!**
Acts 2.4

Council Meeting

June 17th at 7:00PM



Your secret sister needs prayer during the summer month too!



Life just changed. Unexpectedly. Take courage. You are not alone. There is hope. We help women and teens facing unexpected pregnancy. Pregnant? Let's talk. All our services are free and confidential. We do not provide or assist in arranging abortions. Pick up a baby bottle from the narthex table and fill it with your loose change or a cheque or you may donate by credit card or e-transfer by calling: 250.763.2112. Your change can change a life! (Return filled bottles on or before Father's Day June 15th.)

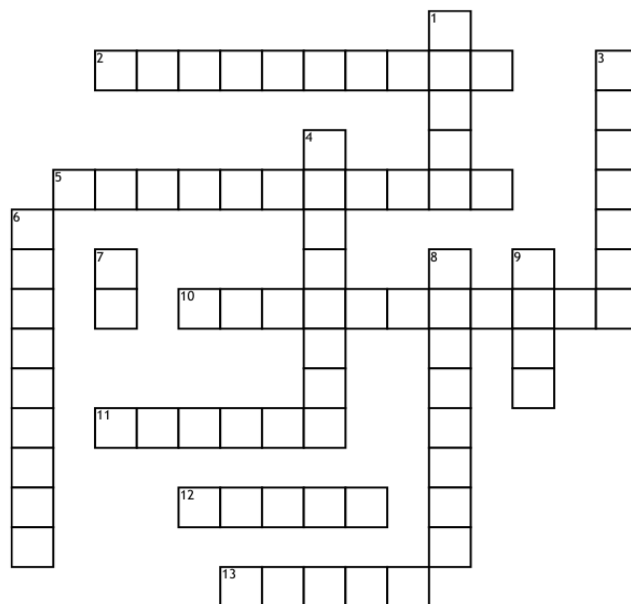
Pentecost & Father's Day

Activities Page

—above all,—
NEVER LOSE
FAITH *in your*
Heavenly Father
WHO
LOVES YOU MORE
THAN
YOU CAN *comprehend.*

—JEFFREY R. HOLLAND

Pentecost Crossword (Acts 2 - KJV)



Across

2. The fire from heaven the power and presence of the Holy Ghost in them.

5. Peter said repent, be baptized in the name of ___ for the remission of sins.

10. Pentecost was also called the feast of ___, when the people brought an offering.

11. Only after they were with the Holy Ghost did the disciples speak in tongues.

12. Because of the Holy Ghost, now the believers had this to be witnesses to everyone.

13. This Pentecost was special because the Holy ___ filled the disciples.

Down

1. The Hebrew meaning of Shavuot is ___.

3. All of the disciples began speaking in other___.

4. On the day of Pentecost three ___ souls were added.

6. This is the Greek word of the festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover.

7. Acts 2: states there's one way to God, baptized in Jesus name.

8. In the last days, God will pour out his spirit and sons and daughters shall ___.

9. A rushing mighty ___ from heaven suddenly came into the house where they were gathered.



Pentecost Word Search



FIRE TRINITY EVANGELIZE HOLY SPIRIT
 GIFTS EASTER TONGUES POWER



JUNE 2025 – Grace Lutheran Church

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|--|----------|--------|---|
| 1 Easter 7 9:00AM Contemporary w/Holy Communion 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional w/Holy Communion | 2 7:00PM Zoom Study with Jim Statham | 3 1:00PM Adult Bible Study 2:00PM Lakeview Lodge PD | 4 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven PD | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Day of Pentecost 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional | 9 7:00PM Zoom Study with Jim Statham | 10 1:00PM Adult Bible Study 7:00PM Healing Service | 11 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study | 12 | 13 | 14 8:30AM Men's Breakfast 11:00AM COL Private Event 2:00-6:00PM WKMS Student Recitals |
| 15 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! Holy Trinity 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional w/Holy Communion RETURN BABY BOTTLES TODAY! | 16 | 17 7:00PM Council Meeting | 18 2:00PM Brookhaven FOG | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Pentecost 2 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Pentecost 3 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 11:00AM Traditional | 30 | | | | | |

Happy Father's Day Blessings!

As a father has
compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion
on those who fear him.

Psalms 103:13



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