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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism and Dedication - On Mother's Day, May 9th, we will have both child dedications and baptisms. If you are interested in participating in or finding out more about either, please talk to Pastor Mike or Pastor Dave.

Help Needed Sunday Mornings - If you are looking for a way to serve the body on Sunday mornings, please consider helping out with the Soundboard or Power Point. Both are very simple and don't require any previous experience. Please contact Mat Adams if you are interested or have any questions.

Generation 2 generation (G2g) - G2g Bonfire at the Dahl's- 6:30pm to 9:30pm on Friday, May 14th will be a time that you can either drop off your youth at our place for a few hours or you are also welcome to stay and visit. We will provide hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, chips, beverages and s'more fixings. Questions? Call Suann 612-834-0649 29817 Ivywood Trail, Chisago City, MN 55433 Please [RSVP](#) so we know how much food is needed. Thanks!

G2g Older Kids Summer Retreat - We have locked in dates at Oak Forest Retreat Center in Luck, WI. We will leave on Thursday, July 15th and return Saturday evening on the 17th. Cost will be \$125 per person. Please fill out the [registration form](#) before May 15th.

As always, News & Notes contains everything you need to stay current with all that is happening at Grace Church. Please notify an elder if you would like to be added to our digital newsletter.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Leader) Insofar as you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of your sins know that your sins have already been forgiven. *(All) Thanks be to God.*

(Leader) Know also that by the blood of Jesus you are welcomed into the presence of God as his beloved sons and daughters. *(All) Praise be to God.*

(Leader) Lift up your hearts. *(All) We lift them up to the Lord.*

WORSHIP SONG

Rejoice

Verse 1

Come and stand before your
Maker
Full of wonder, full of fear
Come behold His power and glory
Yet with confidence draw near
For the one who holds the
heavens
And commands the stars above
Is the God who bends to bless us
With an unrelenting love

Chorus

Rejoice, come and lift your hands
And raise your voice,
He is worthy of our praise

Rejoice, sing of mercies of your
King And with trembling, rejoice

Verse 2

We are children of the promise
The beloved of the Lord
Won with everlasting kindness
Bought with sacrificial blood
Bringing reconciliation
To a world that longs to know
The affections of a Father
Who will never let them go.

Verse 3

All our sickness, all our sorrows
Jesus carried up the hill

He has walked this path before us
He is walking with us still
Turning tragedy to triumph
Turning agony to praise
There is blessing in the battle
So take heart and stand amazed

Final Chorus

Rejoice, when you cry to Him He
hears
Your voice, He will wipe away your
tears
Rejoice, in the midst of suffering
He will help you sing, rejoice!

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 147:1-6, 7-11

[Leader] Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. 3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. 4 He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. 5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. 6 The Lord lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

[All] 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! 8 He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. 9 He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. 10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, 11 but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

WORSHIP SONGS

Our Great God

Verse 1

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown.
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne.
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Verse 2

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

Verse 3

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by His word

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Verse 1

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life Into my willing soul
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your Word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Verse 2

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my striving into works of grace
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do

Verse 3

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your Church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see

SERMON TEXT Genesis 33

¹ And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two female servants. ² And he put the servants with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. ³ He himself went on before them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

⁴ But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. ⁵ And when Esau lifted up his eyes and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." ⁶ Then the servants drew near, they and their children, and bowed down. ⁷ Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down. And last Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. ⁸ Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favor in the sight of my lord." ⁹ But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." ¹⁰ Jacob said, "No, please, if I have found favor in your sight, then accept my present from my hand. For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God, and you have accepted me. ¹¹ Please accept my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." Thus he urged him, and he took it.

¹² Then Esau said, "Let us journey on our way, and I will go ahead of you." ¹³ But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are frail, and that the nursing flocks and herds are a care to me. If they are driven hard for one day, all the flocks will die. ¹⁴ Let my lord pass on ahead of his servant, and I will lead on slowly, at the pace of the livestock that are ahead of me and at the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir."

¹⁵ So Esau said, "Let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord." ¹⁶ So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir. ¹⁷ But Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built himself a house and made booths for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

¹⁸ And Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, on his way from Paddan-aram, and he camped before the city. ¹⁹ And from the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, he bought for a hundred pieces of money the piece of land on which he had pitched his tent. ²⁰ There he erected an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel.

SERMON OUTLINE Genesis 33

Jacob and Esau Reconciled | David VanAcker

THE SOMBER, PRIORITIZED APPROACH (1-3)

THE UNEXPECTED, HAPPY REUNION (4-11)

THE SLOW, SLIPPERY RETURN (12-20)

MAIN POINT

This week's text is mainly about a wrestling match! Given the context you might expect that it was between Jacob and Esau. Instead, shockingly, it was between Jacob and God. In it, among other things, we see plainly that our identity and victory are both exclusively from God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. If you're willing, and it would be appropriate, what is the hardest relational conflict you've ever had? What caused it? What perpetuated it? Did you ever reconcile? How is this like and how is it different from our conflict with God?
3. Who do you think was in the harder spot between Jacob and Esau? How have you experienced something similar to either man? Did you handle it like either man?
4. What is the most messed up situation you've ever seen reconciled?
5. Is it easy for you to remain hopeful when conflict arises?
6. Do you ever show favoritism? Why?
7. How often do we make choices motivated by sick selfishness (even when it comes to those we're most charged to care for), godless groveling (in the face of those who might do us harm), faithless forgetting (of God's promises and declarations of who we are), and fear-fueled folly (whenever we want to avoid uncomfortable consequences)?
8. How often do we bicker and fight on the way to church, come in smiling, and go back out in frustration? How often do we have a quiet time and follow it up with selfish, godless scrolling on the internet instead of with repentance? How often do we talk kindly to our friends and then talk trash to our spouse or siblings?
9. What's the most dramatic example of moral whiplash you've experienced (from righteousness to sin)?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

10. Write out, in simple but clear terms, how God reconciles sinners to Himself. Praise God for this. Share this good news with someone who doesn't already know it.
11. Pursue reconciliation with someone. Admit your sins. Make restitution if you've defrauded. Be eager to forgive their sins if they confess them and overlook them if they don't.
12. Keep your word. If you find yourself lying, deceiving, exaggerating, or failing to follow through, quickly confess it.
13. Find a way to artistically express the awesomeness of the gift of reconciliation with God or others.
14. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

15. Adoration. Praise God for being the Great Reconciler. Praise God that no reconciliation is beyond His power. Praise God for being an infallible promise-keeper. Praise God for being unstoppable in His plans of glory.
16. Confession. Confess any unforgiveness you're harboring. Confess any failure to trust in God's promises. Confess any selfishness, groveling/flattery, pride, or deceit. Confess any moral whiplash in your life.
17. Thanksgiving. Thank God for reconciling you to Jesus. Thank God for reconciling others to you. Thank God for giving us these stories that we might learn from the successes and failures of others.
18. Supplication. Ask God to grant repentance to some specific person in your life. Ask God to make us a church of reconcilers. Ask God to help our church love what God loves and hate what He hates. Ask God to strengthen all His churches and give rest to all who call upon His name.

WORSHIP SONGS

Man of Sorrows

Verse 1

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Verse 2

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten, mocked, and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

Chorus

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out
Over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee

Verse 3

Sent of heaven, God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

Bridge

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed

Verse 4

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah, God be praised
He's risen from the grave

For the Cause

Verse 1

For the cause of Christ the King
We give our lives, an offering
'Til all the earth resounds with
ceaseless praise To the Son.

Verse 2

For the cause of Christ we go
With joy to reap, with faith to sow
As many see and many
put their trust In the Son.

Chorus

Christ we proclaim,
The Name above every name;
For all creation, Every nation,
God's salvation Through the Son!

Verse 3

For the King once lifted high
To cries of rage, of 'Crucify!'
Endured the cross as every
sin was laid, On the Son.

Verse 4

To the King who conquered death,
To free the poor and the
oppressed,
For lasting peace, for life and
liberty In the Son.

Verse 5

Let it be my life's refrain,
To live is Christ, to die is gain;
Deny myself, Take up my
cross and follow the Son.

BENEDICTION

Eph. 3:17-19 - [May] Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.