Glory only Comes through the Cross

May 21, 2023



Seventh Sunday of Easter

WELCOME, GUESTS!!! We are so glad you came! If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. Please take the time to fill out a guest register at the church's entrance. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. Congregational responses are indicated by indent and boldened letters.

THE THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS — Live in eager expectation of glory! That glory is not dimmed by earthly suffering; rather, such suffering reminds us of the glory that awaits us. First the cross; then the crown. Our light and momentary troubles cannot mute the joy of living in eager expectation of glory.

New Member Welcome – This morning we will welcome our new members after the offering in place of our morning prayer of the church.

MORNING PRAYER

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORDER FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: COMMON WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION— C.W., p.15







OPENING HYMN: #171

HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING

Please Stand for The Last Verse



6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to you let earth accord. Alleluia! Alleluia! You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: The Venerable Bede, 673-735, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (888 888 with Alleluias) Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Köln, 1623, alt.

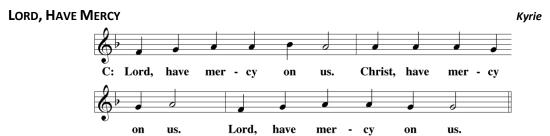


In the Name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

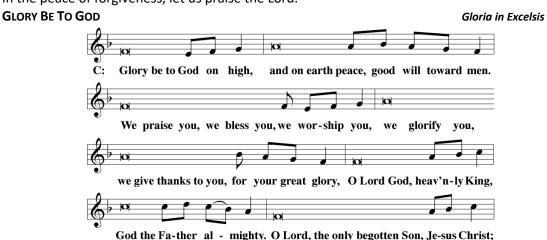


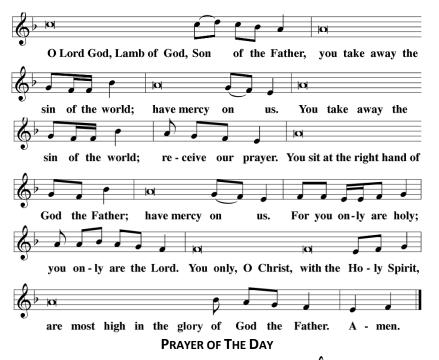
God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





The Lord be with you.



Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please Be Seated

FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 1: 21 – 28

Afflicted by her rival, Peninnah, Hannah's troubles seemed neither light nor momentary. Her barrenness brought suffering and sadness that embittered her life, but it did not shake her faith. At the house of the LORD she cast her cares on him and prayed, expectant of God's grace and blessing.

When this man Elkanah and his entire household went up to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vow, Hannah did not go up with them, because she said to her husband, "Not until the child is weaned. Then I will bring him, so that he can appear before the Lord and

remain there permanently." Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do whatever you think is best. Wait until you have weaned him. Yes, then the Lord will establish his word."

So the woman stayed at home, and she nursed her son until she was ready to wean him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her. She also took a three-year-old bull, twenty-five pounds of flour, and a container of wine, and she brought him to the House of the Lord in Shiloh. The boy was with them. And they brought him before the Lord, and his father killed the sacrifice as he regularly did before the Lord, and he brought the boy. When they had killed the bull, they presented the child to Eli. She said, "Excuse me, my lord. As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood here next to you, praying to the Lord. I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked for. So now I have also dedicated him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is dedicated to the Lord." So he worshipped the Lord there.



PSALM 8





Refrain

I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.
O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in <u>all</u> the earth!*
You have set your glory above the <u>heav</u>ens.

When I consider your <u>heav</u>ens,*
the work of your <u>fing</u>ers,
what is man that you are mind<u>ful</u> of him,*
the Son of Man that you <u>care</u> for him?
Refrain

You made him a little lower than the heavenly <u>beings</u>* and crowned him with glory and <u>hon</u>or.

You made him ruler over the works <u>of</u> your hands;* you put everything un<u>der</u> his feet.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>inning</u>,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

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SECOND LESSON

Who thinks that their troubles are light or momentary? When we lose a loved one, when we face mortal illness or financial ruin—who could ever think those troubles insignificant or passing? Only people who have a perspective that stretches to the unbounded time of eternity and encompasses the unbounded joy that we eagerly expect there.

Dear friends, do not be surprised by the fiery trial that is happening among you to test you, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead rejoice whenever you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

If you are insulted in connection with the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or as a meddler. But if you suffer for being a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God in connection with this name. For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. Now if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who disobey the gospel of God?

Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.

After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia. (John 14:23)



HYMN OF THE DAY:

#403

I KNOW MY FAITH IS FOUNDED





Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756; tr. composite.
Tune: Nun Lob, Mein Seel (78 78 76 76 76 76) Concentus novi, Augsburg, 1540, alt.

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 17: 1 – 11A

Can you hear the certainty in Christ's voice? Can you feel the authority resonate from his words? Stop for a moment and marvel at the words Christ speaks even as his enemies prepare to arrest him, to torture him, to kill him. Christ enters his passion as victor.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you. For you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he may give eternal life to all those you have given him. This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Now, Father, glorify me at your own side with the glory I had at your side before the world existed.

"I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me, and they received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed that you sent me.

"I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in them. I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.



SERMON: SERMON TEXT IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THAT ONE MOMENT

JOHN 17: 1 – 11 A

Gospel Lesson will be read as part of the Sermon





We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Please Be Seated

OFFERING – Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9: 7: "Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver." This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

At this time we invite our new members: Ron and Heidi Carpinella, Dave and Leta Johnson, Katie Variz to come forward to be welcomed into member ship of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Dear members of Grace Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church: Ron, Heidi, Dave, Leta, and Katie, having been baptized and instructed in the teachings of the Word of God, you have announced your desire to become members of this congregation.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus Christ promises to confess before his Father in heaven those who faithfully confess him on earth. You have come before this Christian congregation to declare your faith and to unite with us in Christian love and fellowship.

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If so answer: I do.

I do

Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God? If so, answer: I do.

I do

Do you intend to continue steadfast in the true Christian faith, be diligent in the use of God's Word and sacraments, and lead a godly life even to death? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

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Will you support with your prayers, time, talents, and offerings the work our Lord has given to this congregation? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Having heard your promises, we, the members of Grace Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church, receive you in fellowship and love, and invite you to share in our worship and mission, in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Now, receive the hand of fellowship uniting you as a members of this your Congregation.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined these brothers and sisters in Christ to your Church when they were born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you taught them your saving truth. Grant that they may offer themselves as living sacrifices to you as their spiritual act of worship. Transform them by the renewing of their minds so that they will not conform to the pattern of this world. Help us live in love and harmony with one another and work together in serving you. Keep us united in your Spirit, and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

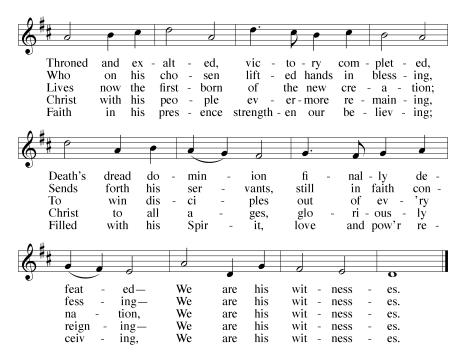
C: Amen.

Go in peace.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.





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Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (11 11 11 6) Antiphoner, Paris, 1681.

Please Stand

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places, give you thanks O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

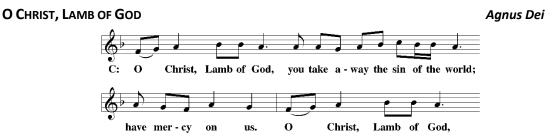


Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Please Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul's guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: "For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord's body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.





O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

CLOSING PRAYER

We give thanks, almighty God that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it, you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

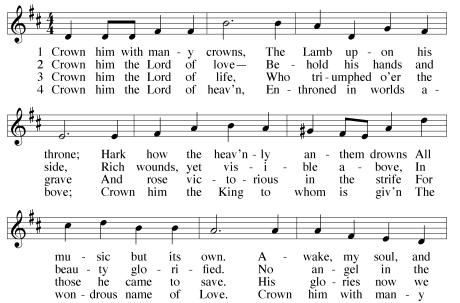


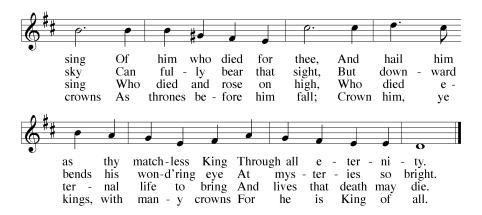
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CLOSING HYMN:

#341

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS





Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3.

Tune: DIADEMATA (SM D) George J. Elvey, 1816-93.

What We believe:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God and is the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life, and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment and destroy this present world.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Potluck / New Member Welcome – Following our service in the fellowship hall we invite everyone to join us for a meal and some cake to welcome our new members.

Strategic planning – As promised, we will look at our strategic planning. We have many new faces, so Pastor Emmons will send a survey in the next few weeks. So please look for this and send it back in so we can compile and prepare for our strategic planning.

Sunday Morning Bible Study – You are invited to join us for Sunday Morning Bible Study, reading is optional; come and go as you like. We are looking at the Christian Church after Jesus ascended into heaven. However, if you have a question about something else we always have time for other questions.

Midweek Bible Study – Pastor will be gone through Thursday so we will not have our midweek study.

Pastor Bryant 50th Anniversary – We have been invited to celebrate Pastor Ed Bryant's 50th Anniversary of his ordination into the ministry and his retirement on 4:00 pm Wednesday, May 31, 2023. Please contact Pastor Emmons if you would like to ride with him.

Midweek Bible Study – We will resume Bible Study Tuesday, May 23, at 6 pm at the Port's home to continue our study of Romans. We meet at the Port's house, 1923 NW Nickernut Court, Redmond, or on Zoom.

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