The Word Sent through the Ministry and Ministers

June 25, 2023



Fourth Week after Pentecost

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.

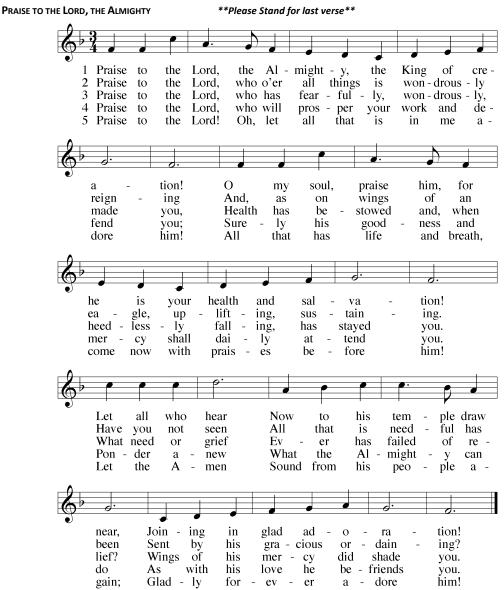
THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS – The Holy Ministry is given by God out of compassion for his people. Today the emphasis is still on the Ministry of the Word, but the focus shifts from the servants to the people they serve. We see the compassion and love of God for this world, love so great that he called ministers of the Word to share his grace and mercy and foretell of the coming kingdom of heaven.

MORNING PRAYER: O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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—CW, p.15



OPENING HYMN: #234



Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-80; tr. composite.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN (14 14 478) Ander Theil Des Erneuerten Gesang-Buchs, Stralsund, 1665, 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.

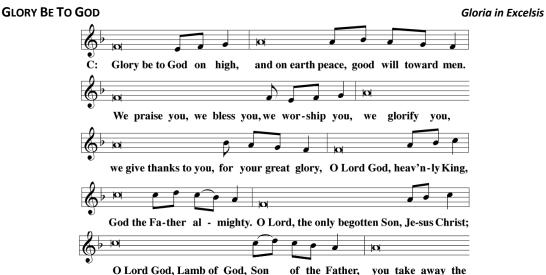


God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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





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The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



with you.

Please Be Seated

FIRST LESSON: NUMBERS 27: 15 – 23

The context of this lesson is of utmost importance. After forty years of faithfully leading God's people through their wanderings, after much pleading with God in prayer, Moses' hopes of leading the people into the Promised Land were dashed. Moses would see the land from afar, but then like his brother before him, he would die because of his actions at Meribah Kadesh. But look at Moses' response! There is no complaint or murmur or cry. See how this minister of the Word emulates the compassion of God and his Son: Moses' first thought is of the people of God.

Moses spoke to the Lord, "May the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the community, who will go out before them and come in before them, who will lead them out and bring them in, so that the community of the Lord will not be like sheep without a shepherd."

The Lord said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and place your hand on him. Have him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. You will commission him in their sight. You will give some of your authority to him so that the entire Israelite community will listen to him. He will stand before Eleazar the priest, who will inquire for him before the Lord with the decision of the Urim. He and all the Israelites with him, the entire community, will go out at his command and come in at his command."

Moses did just as the Lord commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. He placed his hands on him and commissioned him, just as the Lord spoke through Moses.







Refrain

Shout for joy to the LORD, <u>all</u> the earth.*

Worship the LORD with <u>glad</u>ness;
come before him with <u>joy</u>ful songs.*

Know that the <u>LORD</u> is God.

It is he who made us, and <u>we</u> are his;*
we are his people, the sheep of his <u>pas</u>ture.

Refrain

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his <u>courts</u> with praise;*
give thanks to him and <u>praise</u> his name.
For the LORD is good and his love endures for<u>ev</u>er;*
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son*
and to the Holy <u>Spirit</u>,
as it was in the beginning,*

Refrain

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON ROMANS 5: 6 – 11

Consider the compassion of God as seen in the sacrifice of Christ for the ungodly world. Christ did not die for good Christian folk. He died for the ungodly, the immoral, the enemies of God who wanted nothing to do with this sacrifice. In short, he died for us, because that is what we were before the grace and mercy of God sought us and found us.

For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia. (Psalm 132:9)



GOSPEL MATTHEW 9: 35 – 10: 8

The compassion of God for the lost and helpless sinner is the reason for Christ's work and the ministry of the Word. The people of Israel had been harassed by their spiritual leaders and left leaderless and helpless. Christ looked upon them and loved them, and then he called the twelve apostles to the ministry of the Word that they might shepherd these lost sheep.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest."

Jesus called his twelve disciples to himself and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James the son of

Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, "Do not go among the Gentiles, and do not enter any town of the Samaritans. Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near!' Heal the sick. Raise the dead. Cleanse lepers. Drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.



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

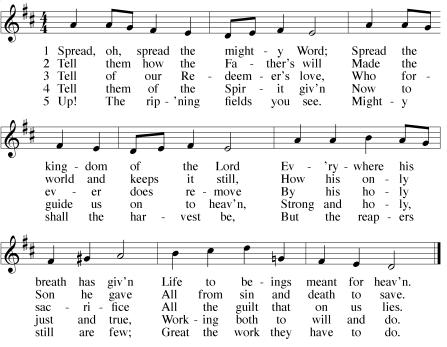
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate 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

HYMN OF THE DAY: #576

SPREAD, OH, SPREAD THE MIGHTY WORD



6 Lord of harvest, grant anew, Joy and strength to work for you, Till the gath'ring nations all See your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: HÖCHSTER PRIESTER (77 77) Erbaulicher Musicalisher Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745, alt.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77, alt.

Tune: St. Columba (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.

SERMON TEXT SERMON:

MATTHEW 9: 35 – 10: 8
PLEASE SEND WORKERS





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.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH'S MISSION

Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, and for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge.

Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament, bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ in our own neighborhoods and the areas in Deschutes County.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits.

Move us to support missionaries at home and overseas with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Silent prayer

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

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.



Text: John Hus, 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. composite.
Fune: JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND, DER VON UNS (88 78) Klug, Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1535, alt.

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, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

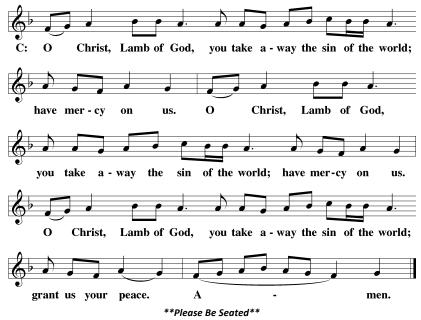
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

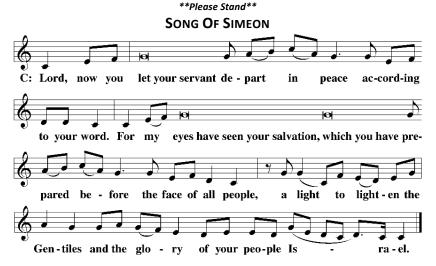


Agnus Dei



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.



Please Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN: #548

O LORD, IN PRAYER YOU SPENT THE NIGHT



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Tune: St. Petersburg (88 88 88) Dimitri S. Bortniansky, 1751–1825, adapt.

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study – Sunday School is back; please join us; come and go as you like. We continue our study of the "Acts of the Apostles" as we consider the early Christian Church after Jesus ascended into heaven and compare that to today's Christian Church. However, we always have time for other questions if you have a question about something else.

Midweek Bible Study – We are resuming Bible Study Tuesday, June 27, at 6 pm as we return to the Port's home, continuing our study of Romans. Please join us at 1923 NW Nickernut Court, Redmond, OR, or on Zoom.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057 Password: GraceOT

Ordination/ Installation – Well we are 3 for 3 with ordinations in the Pacific Northwest. Candidate Cody Anderson will be ordained/installed as the pastor and shepherd of Christ Lutheran Church in Klamath Falls, Oregon, at 6 pm on Friday, July 7, 2023. Please consider joining the pastor when he travels to Klamath Falls showing our support to Candidate Cody and Mrs. Taylor Anderson, along with the saints of Christ Lutheran Church, as they begin a new chapter of their ministry.

Grants Pass/Medford – Please keep these saints in your prayers as the call to Rev. Paul Freese was returned and they will once again be calling another pastor.

Summer Vicar – I had the opportunity to talk to our adopted seminarian—Peter Estrem. He thanks all of you for his support, in our conversation he seems willing to do a summer vicarage in 2024 with us. So what does this mean? We will need to set funds aside to pay him for the summer as well as his way to and from Redmond, and his room and board.

Outreach – It is summertime and time to meet our neighbors. Pastor Emmons will be walking the neighborhoods to share hope we have in Christ. Please consider walking with the pastor and Gene Baldwin on Fridays at 10 am. We meet at the church for a short devotion and then go to a neighborhood. We will be done no later than noon.

Bethany College – Our college is instrumental to the preparation of young men for the ministry; not to mention a host of other liberal arts degrees which have brought many a men and women to know their Savior. Our College is facing a financial challenge, please consider giving a monetary gift; you can give it to the church marked for the college, or send it directly to them.

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