

The Church Meant for All

August 27, 2023



Thirteenth 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 Church is meant for all people. The Prayer of the Day reminds us that it is only by God's gift of grace that we come into his presence to offer true and faithful service. Today's lessons teach that the gift of grace given to Israel, God also intended to give through Israel to the world. The Church is meant for all people: a display of God's mercy and a result of the living and active Word of God.

MORNING PRAYER: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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:

#402

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

****Please Stand for Last Verse****



1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of
2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a -
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me
faint - ing heart; My zeal in - spire! As thou hast
round me spread, Be thou my guide. Bid dark - ness
sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior,



while I pray; Take all my guilt a - way;
died for me, Oh, may my love to thee
turn to day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way,
then, in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move;



Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!
Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-87.

Tune: OLIVET (664 6664) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.



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

C: A - men.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

KYRIE



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.

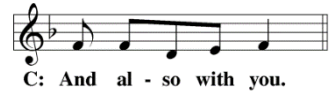
GLORY BE TO GOD

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PRAYER OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



****Please Be Seated****

FIRST LESSON:

JOSHUA 2: 8 – 21

It is reasonable that spies would hide themselves in a house of prostitution. It is reasonable, too, that this prostitute Rahab tried to cut a deal to preserve her life in the face of the Israelite onslaught that the whole city knew was coming. But what reason is there that she did it out of faith in the LORD? What reason did she find to have faith in the God of free and faithful love? There is no reason for that but the unreasonable gift of God worked in her heart by the living and active Word of God.

But before the men lay down, Rahab came up to them on the roof. She said to the men, “I know that the Lord has given you the land. Because of you, terror has fallen upon us, and all the inhabitants of the land are melting in fear before you. Indeed, we have heard that the Lord dried up the waters of the Red Sea in front of you when you came out of Egypt, and we heard what you did to the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan—to Sihon and to Og. We heard that you devoted them to destruction. We heard, and our hearts melted, and no one’s courage could hold up anymore against you, because the Lord your God is God in the heavens above and on the earth below. So now, please swear to me by the Lord that since I have shown kindness to you, you in turn will show kindness to my father’s house. Give me a trustworthy sign that you will preserve the lives of my father and mother and my brothers and sisters and everyone who belongs to them, and that you will spare our lives.”

The men said to her, “If you do not reveal what we are doing, our lives are pledged for your lives, even to the point of death. Then when the Lord gives us the land, we will show mercy and faithfulness to you.”

She let them down through the window with a rope, since her house was built into the city wall, and she was living inside the wall. She said to them, “To the hill country! Get moving, so the pursuers do not catch up with you. Hide there for three days until the pursuers return, and then you can go on your way.” The men said to her, “When we come into the land, we will be free from this oath that you made us swear unless you tie this bright red cord in the window through which you let us down, and you gather your father and mother, your brothers, and your father’s entire household into your house. If any one of them goes outside the doors of your house, his blood will be on his own head, and we will be free of guilt. Anyone who is with you in the house, his blood will be on our heads if a hand is laid on him. If you reveal what we are doing, we will be free from the oath that you made us swear.” She said, “It will be done just as you have said!” Then she sent them out, and they went away. She tied the bright red cord in the window.

PSALM OF THE DAY:

PSALM 133 – 134



Refrain

How good and pleasant it is*
when brothers live together in unity!
For there the LORD bestows his blessing,*
even life forevermore.

Refrain

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD*
who minister in the house of the LORD.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary*
and praise the LORD.
May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,*
bless you from Zion.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 11: 13 – 15, 28 – 32

On this day celebrating faith for the Gentiles, St. Paul warns his Gentile readers against any pride on their part or prejudice against the Jews. Note the point of this Apostle to the Gentiles: he reaches out to the Gentile with the hopes of also winning the Jew. Rejection by the people of Israel meant Christ would be preached to the Gentiles.

I am speaking to you Gentiles. For as long as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I am going to speak highly of my ministry. Perhaps I may make my own people jealous, and so save some of them. For if their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, what does their acceptance mean other than the dead coming to life?

In regard to the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But, in regard to election, they are especially dear for the sake of the patriarchs, because God's gracious gifts and call are not regretted. For just as you were once disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy due to their disobedience, so also now they have become disobedient, so that by the mercy shown to you they may be shown mercy too. For God imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may show mercy to all.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12)

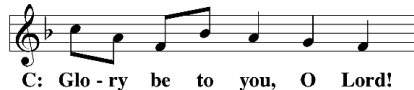


GOSPEL

MATTHEW 15: 21 - 28

The children of Israel—and especially their religious leaders—found nothing but fault in Jesus of Nazareth. The chosen people of God to whom belonged the patriarchs, the promises, the covenant and the temple, could see nothing in Christ but a breaker of man-made traditions. Jesus' words to them could not be harsher. They were the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophesy: their outward rites and rituals belied an inward spiritual emptiness. The very people who should have been closest to Christ were most distant.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!" But he did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, "Lord, help me."

He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to their little dogs." "Yes, Lord," she said, "yet their little dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

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

#413

WHEN IN THE HOUR OF UTMOST NEED



1 When in the hour of ut - most need We know not
 2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may
 3 For you have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil-dren's
 4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our
 5 So that with all our hearts we may To you our



where to look for aid, When days and nights of
 meet be - fore your throne; To you, O faith - ful
 cries in time of need Through him whose name a -
 woes be - fore you lay. Be with us in our
 glad thanks - giv - ing pay, Then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought Nor help nor coun - sel yet have brought,
 God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.
 lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
 an - guish still; Free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
 to your Word And now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

Text: Paul Eber, 1511–69, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–c. 1561.

SERMON TEXT

MATTHEW 15: 21 – 28

SERMON:

WORDS WHICH COME FROM THE HEART

CREATE IN ME



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -



tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

****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.

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.

Please Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#404

FAITH IS A LIVING POWER FROM HEAVEN



1 Faith is a liv - ing pow'r from heav'n
 2 Faith finds in Christ what - e'er we need
 3 Faith in the Sav - ior brings us peace
 4 We thank you, then, O God of heav'n,
 5 As you have prom - ised, grant each soul



That grasps the prom - ise God has giv'n,
 To save or strength - en us in - deed;
 And bids the mourn - er's weep - ing cease;
 That you to us this faith have giv'n
 Its ho - ly faith's true end and goal:



A trust that can - not be o'er - thrown,
 Re - ceiv - ing grace from heav - en's throne
 By faith the chil - dren's place we claim
 Through might - y Word and sac - ra - ment
 The bless - ed - ness no foes de - stroy,



Fixed heart - i - ly on Christ a - lone.
 And hum - bly shar - ing cross and crown.
 And give all hon - or to one name.
 To trust the one whom you have sent.
 E - ter - nal love and light and joy.

Text: Petrus Herbert, d. 1571, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

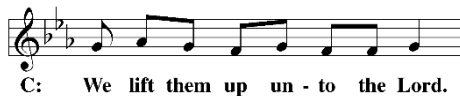
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THE SACRAMENT

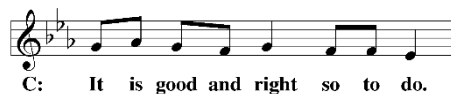
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.

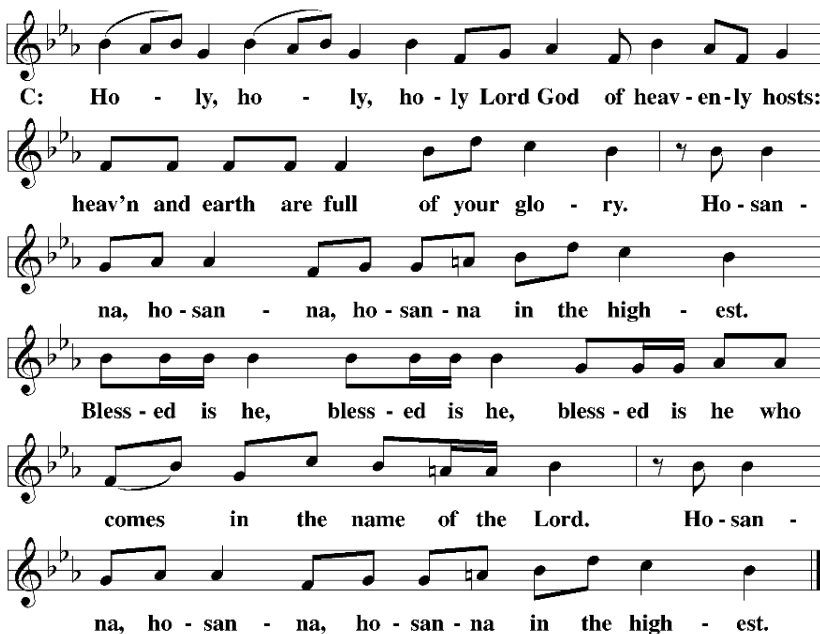


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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."

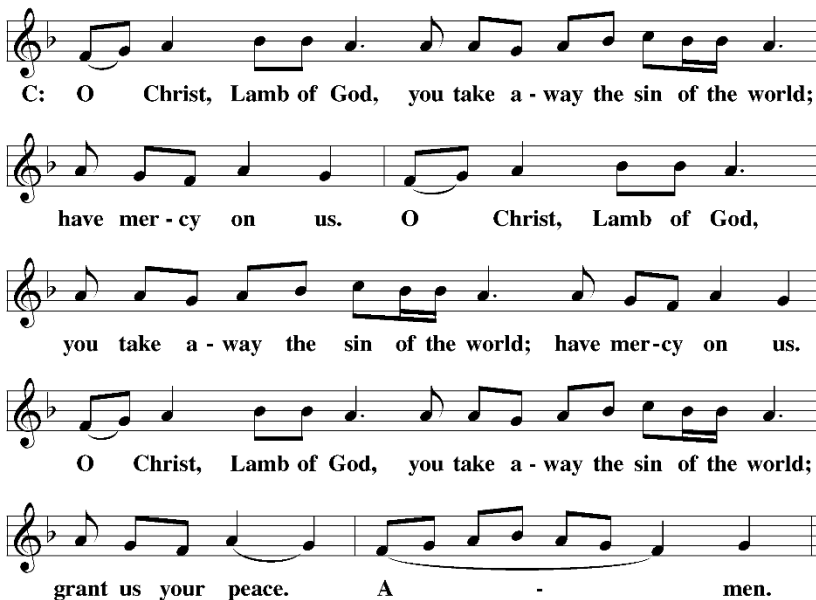
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

AGNUS DEI



****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.

****Please Stand****

SONG OF SIMEON

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

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.

C: A - men.

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.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

CLOSING HYMN:

#577

RISE, O LIGHT OF GENTILE NATIONS



1 Rise, O Light of Gen - tile na - tions, Je - sus, bright and
 2 Know - ing you and your sal - va - tion, Grate - ful love dare
 3 May our zeal to help the hea - then Be in - creased from
 4 Sav - ior, shine in all your glo - ry On the na - tions

Morn - ing Star; Let your Word, the glad - some ti - dings,
 nev - er cease To pro - claim your ten - der mer - cies,
 day to day, As we plead in true com - pas - sion
 near and far; From the high - ways and the by - ways

Ring out loud - ly near and far, Bring - ing
 Gra - cious Lord, your heav'n - ly peace. Let us
 And for their con - ver - sion pray. For the
 Call them forth, O Morn - ing Star. Guide them

free - dom to the cap - tives, Peace and com - fort
 sound the gos - pel ti - dings To the earth's re -
 man - y faith - ful work - ers, For the gos - pel
 whom your grace has cho - sen Out of Sa - tan's

to the slave, That the hea - then, free from
 mot - est bound That the sin - ner has been
 they pro - claim, Let us all be cheer - ful
 dread - ful thrall To the man - sions of your

bond - age, May pro - claim your pow'r to save.
 par - doned And for - give - ness can be found.
 giv - ers To the glo - ry of your name.
 Fa - ther— There is room for sin - ners all.

Text: Herman Fick, 1822–85, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE (87 87 D) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

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 – Please join us; come and go as you like. With September we will return to our study of Acts. In October we will return to our study of Luther’s Small Catechism. However, we always have time for other questions if you have a question about something else.

Midweek Bible Study – Bible Study **Tuesday**, at 6 pm at the pastor’s home, continuing our study of Romans please read Romans 10 in preparation. You may join us at 4384 SW 36th St, Redmond, OR, or on Zoom.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057

Password: GraceOT

Outreach – Feel free to walk along with us on Tuesday, 10 am; if you cannot walk with us, please keep us in your prayers as we meet our Redmond neighbors. We meet at the pastor’s home for a short devotion and then go to a neighborhood. We will canvas until noon, or you can leave earlier.

Ladies’ Mission Rally – Here is an opportunity for the ladies to get together with the other ladies of the Northwest. There will be a Ladies’ Mission Rally being held at Parkland Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, September 22 – 23rd. The year’s focus is raising up children in the Lord considering the faith formation at home and school the theme is: “Train Up a Child”. The link to attend is <https://form.jotform.com/231547647192159>. Please RSVP by September 8. Contact Mavis Vandelicht or Pastor Emmons for more information on hotels.

Wedding Announcement – We are announcing the wedding of Aaron Johnson and Shae Slettedahl at 5 pm on September 8, 2023, to be held at Gene Baldwin’s home.

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