

# Promises Kept Salvation Won

January 5,  
2025



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after  
Christmas

**Welcome, guests!** We're delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. This folder contains all the information about our services and the congregational responses are indicated by indented and bolded letters. Please also take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church's entrance; this is used by the pastor and elder only. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

**THE THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS:** Promises kept; we celebrate with joy how God fulfilled them all.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, 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, Pg.15



# OPENING HYMN:

#87

## HAIL, O SOURCE OF EVERY BLESSING

**\*\*Please Stand for The Last Verse\*\***



1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our  
2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach your  
3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their



hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, your grace pos - sess - ing,  
sa - cred throne, In your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed,  
of - f' rings bring, In your tem - ples seek your fa - vor,



In your courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be -  
Rec - on - ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern  
Je - sus Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and



fore you, In your Church re - jice to live, See your glo -  
sa - ges, See the star of mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid  
spir - it, Live de - vot - ed to your praise, Glo - rious realms



ry and a - dore you, Thank - ful for the grace you give.  
in for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.  
of bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

Text: Basil Woodd, 1760–1831, alt.

Tune: O DURCHBRECHER ALLER BANDE (87 87 D) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, 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*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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.

C: A - men.

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

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

**GLORY BE TO GOD**

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,  
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,  
God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the  
 sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;  
 you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

**FIRST LESSON:**

**GENESIS 17: 1 – 7**

*The LORD, the God of free and faithful grace, appears to Abram at the age of ninety-nine to again confirm his gracious covenant and promise. This time, the Lord changes his name to Abraham saying, “I have made you a father of many nations.”*

***When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty. Walk before me and be blameless. I will make my covenant between me and you, and I will make your descendants very numerous.”***

***Abram fell on his face. God spoke with him. He said, “As for me, this is my covenant with you. You will be the father of many nations. Your name will not be Abram anymore, but your name will be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a large group of nations. I will make you extremely fruitful, and I will produce nations from you. Kings will come out of you. I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you***

**as an everlasting covenant throughout their generations. I will be your God and the God of your descendants after you.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY:**

**PSALM 148**



**Refrain**

Praise the LORD from the heavens,\*  
praise him in the heights above.  
Praise him, all his angels,\*  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.  
Praise him, sun and moon,\*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

**Refrain**

Praise the LORD from the earth,\*  
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,  
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,\*  
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,  
kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,\*  
young men and maidens, old men and children.  
Let them praise the name of the LORD,\*  
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**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**

**GALATIANS 4: 4 – 7**

*Thousands of years had passed, generations had come and gone, since the promise made by God in the Garden. But all those years were not wasted, but preparatory. Finally, when everything had been perfectly prepared, God kept the Garden Promise and sent his Son, born of woman. The promise kept has transformed us from slaves to sons and heirs.*

***But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be***

***adopted as sons. And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts to shout, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son. And if you are a son, then you are also an heir of God through Christ.***

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia. (Psalm 98:3b)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

***\*\*Please Stand\*\****

**GOSPEL**

**LUKE 1: 68 – 75**

*With an emphasis on the two natures of Christ, these words from Luke reveal Jesus' growth "in favor with God and men." Yet, very clearly, Jesus always understood his purpose was to carry out the Father's plan of salvation. Though he willingly he obeyed Mary and Joseph, more striking is his willing obedience to the Father's will.*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

***Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited us and prepared redemption for his people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, just as he said long ago through the mouth of his holy prophets. He raised up salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, in order to show mercy to our fathers by remembering his holy covenant, the oath which he swore to Abraham our father, to grant deliverance to us from the hand of our enemies, so that we are able to serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.***

*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:

#34

NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our  
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to  
3 Now through his Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di -  
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly



voice; He from whom joy stream - eth Poor  
thee. Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O  
vine. Death o'er us had reign - ed Through  
ground? Where the an - gels sing - ing With



in a man - ger lies; Not so bright - ly  
pure and ho - ly Child; Through thy grace and  
sin and van - i - ty; He for us ob -  
all his saints u - nite, Sweet - est prais - es



beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.  
mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,  
tain - ed E - ter - nal joy on high.  
bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!  
Draw me un - to thee! Draw me un - to thee!  
May we praise him there! May we praise him there!  
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

Text: Latin hymn, 14th century; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, alt.  
Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO (66 66 66 55) German melody, 14th century, alt.



SERMON TEXT:

GALATIANS 4: 4 – 7

SERMON THEME:

THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS REDEEMED AND ADOPTED

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

### 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 –In 2 Corinthians 9: 7, Paul tells us: “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.*

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

### NEW MEMBER WELCOME

*At this time, we invite Daniel, Theresa Schwarz, Ted, and Janet Gunther to come forward and be welcomed into membership of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.*

Dear members of Grace Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church, Daniel, Theresa, Ted, and Janet, having been baptized and instructed in the teachings of the Word of God, have announced their desire to become members of this congregation.

Dear 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. **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

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 with the hand of fellowship; we 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 member of this your Congregation.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith, in mercy, you have 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 a living sacrifice 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 all to live in love and harmony with one another and work together to serve 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.

**Amen.**

### THE 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.**

Daniel, Theresa, Ted, and Janet go in peace!

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#596

LET ME BE YOURS FOREVER



1 Let me be yours for - ev - er, My faith - ful  
2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my  
3 O gra - cious Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort -



God and Lord; Let me for - sake you nev - er  
 life di - vine, My on - ly con - so - la - tion,  
 er and guide, Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it



Nor wan - der from your Word. Lord, do not  
 To you I all re - sign, For you have  
 I al - ways may con - fide, Him to the



let me wa - ver But give me stead -  
 dear - ly bought me With blood and bit -  
 end con - fess - ing Whom I have known



fast - ness, And for such grace and fa - vor  
 ter pain. Let me, since you have sought me,  
 by faith. Give me your con - stant bless - ing



Your ho - ly name I'll bless.  
 E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
 And grant a Chris - tian death.

Text: Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532-92, st. 1; *Gesangbuch*, Rudolstadt, 1688, st. 2-3; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828-1915, alt.  
 Tune: ICH DANKE DIR, LIEBER HERRE (76 76 D) *Musika Teutsch*, Nürnberg, 1532, alt.

### THE SACRAMENT

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***



C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Lift up your hearts.



C: It is good and right so to do.

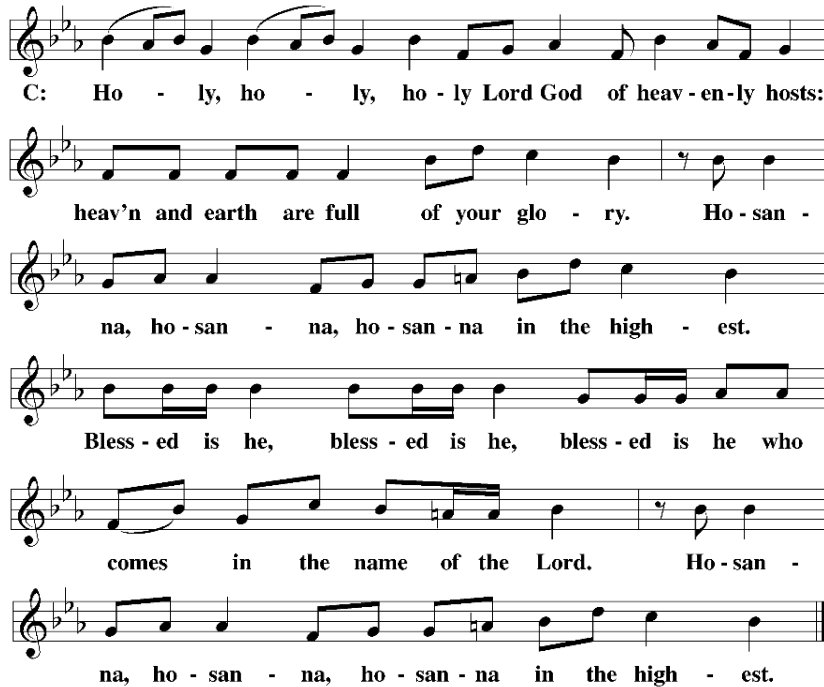
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, for in the wonder

and mystery of his birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**SANCTUS**



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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."

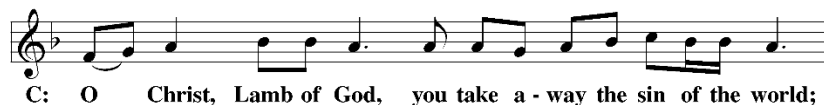


C: A - men.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

**AGNUS DEI**



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A - men.

**\*\*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.*

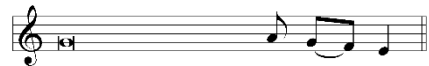
**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

**SONG OF SIMEON**

*NUNC DIMITTIS*



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.



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

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

**CLOSING PRAYER**

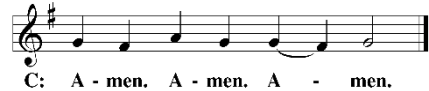
We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it, you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another.

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:

#6

COME, O LONG-EXPECTED JESUS



1 Come, O long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set your peo - ple free;  
 2 Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a king,



From our sins and fears re - lease us By your death on Cal - va - ry.  
 Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now your gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope to all the earth im - part,  
 By your own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 By your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to your glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt.  
 Tune: ST. HILARY (87 87 D) Unknown.

## 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, 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

**Welcome New Members:** We welcome Daniel and Theresa Schwarz and Ted and Janet Gunther into the Grace family. There is cake and coffee in the back; please take a moment to introduce yourselves to them. We will hold our potluck in February.

**Pastor Emmons out of Town:** Pastor Emmons will be out of town from 7 to 10 January. He will have his phone available should any emergency arise, or you can contact our Elder Gene Baldwin at 541-610-9978.

**Envelopes:** Our treasurer has placed new boxes of envelopes in the back of the church for 2025 giving; please take a box for your family. If you give cash, please write your name on the outside of the envelope for January so your envelope number can be accurately recorded.

**Midweek Bible Study:** We will resume on Tuesday, 14 January.

**Area Pastor Conference:** If the weather permits, Pastor Emmons will attend the Klamath Falls area pastor conference on 16 January.

**Sunday Bible Study:** Please join us for our Sunday morning Bible Study as we consider the book of Luke. Bring your questions, reading is always optional, and you can come and go as you like. We begin at 9 a.m.

**Potluck:** We will hold our first potluck of the new year on 16 February. The event will be themed around Valentine's Day, welcoming our newest members.

**Game Night:** On Friday, 24 January, Tammi and Pastor Emmons will hold a game night at their home from 6 to 9 p.m. Please RSVP by 17 January so Pastor Emmons knows how much food to prepare.

**Council Position:** In May, our council president, Mitch Breyton, will have served two terms. According to our constitution and by-laws, he is ineligible to serve an additional term. Please consider serving in this capacity. The requirements are as follows: He must be one of the primary signatures on all legal paperwork for our congregation, coordinate all council and voter meetings, and work with the council members to oversee all administrative work of the congregation.

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