Faith Trust in God's Great Power

June 22, 2025



Second Sunday after Pentecost

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 more than happy to assist you. This folder includes all the details about our services, with the congregational responses indicated by indented, bold letters. Please take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church's entrance; this will be used solely by the pastor and elder. 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: Faith trusts in God's power completely. No matter how impossible the problem, faith believes that God can and will help. Faith like that, given by the Holy Spirit, is not reserved exclusively for the direct descendants of Abraham. Rather, the gift of faith comes to every heart in the spiritual House of Israel.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

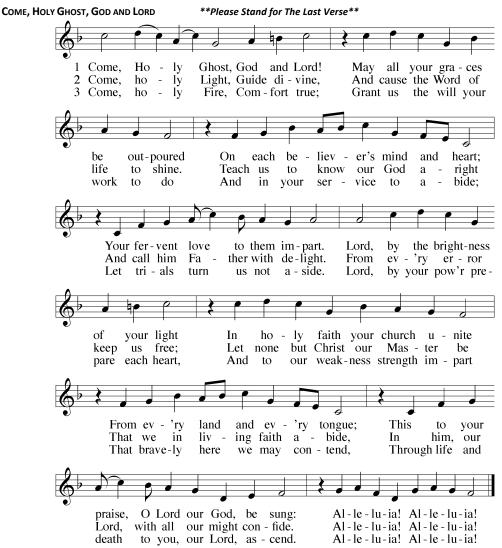
THANK YOU: We would like to thank Elder Clark Pederson for conducting our service while Pastor Emmons is at the Synod Convention. Pastor Emmons will return on June 27.

ORDER FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: COMMON WORSHIP - CW, Pg.15









Text: German hymn, 15th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-3; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt. Tune: KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT (78 88 88 8 10 8) *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524.

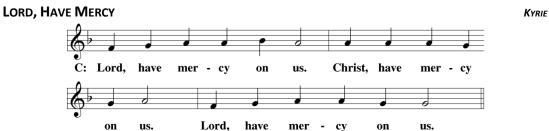


In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

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.





PRAYER OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please Be Seated

FIRST LESSON:

1 KINGS 8: 22, 23, 41 - 43

At the dedication of the temple, Solomon exalts the object of our faith, the LORD, the God of Israel, the God of all power and might, and also the God of free and faithful grace. So great is his name and so deep his love that the faithful will come from the ends of the earth to worship him. In his grace, the LORD will keep his promises and bring his deliverance with a mighty hand and outstretched arm to all who trust in him.

Then Solomon stood in front of the altar in the presence of the whole congregation of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven. He said: O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God

like you in the heavens above or on the earth below. You keep the covenant of mercy and faithfulness with your servants who walk before you with all their heart.

Also for the foreigner, who is not one of your people Israel, but who comes from a distant land because of your Name (for they will hear about your great Name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm, and they will come and pray toward this house), for that foreigner, hear in heaven, which is your dwelling place, and do everything for which that foreigner cries out to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your Name and fear you, just as your people Israel do, and because they know that your Name is proclaimed in this house which I have built.

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 100

SPOKEN RESPONSIVELY

Refrain: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.* Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.* Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;* we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Refrain

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; *give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; *his faithfulness continues through all generations.

> 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 1: 1 – 10

his lesson begins a series of six readings from Paul's letter to the Galatians. Paul pleads with the Galatians not to abandon the faith to which they have been called. Their faith is in the Lord who has rescued them from hell itself. How can they abandon the Gospel they have known? But in the midst of trial, know this: It is the Lord who brings salvation.

Paul, an apostle—not from men, nor through a man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—and all of the brothers who are with me, to the churches of Galatia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. He gave himself for our sins to rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father—to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ, for a different gospel, which is really not another gospel at all. There are, however, some who are trying to disturb you by perverting the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven would preach any gospel other than the one we preached to you—a curse on him! As we have said before, so I now say again: If anyone preaches to you any gospel other than the one you received—a curse on him!

Am I now seeking the favor of people or of God? Or am I striving to please people? If I were still trying to gain the approval of people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia. (Psalm 119:105)



GOSPEL LUKE 7: 1 – 10

In the centurion Jesus sees great faith in the heart of a foreigner. He trusted completely in Christ's power and believed that Christ could help in any trial. Though he was a foreigner, the centurion can claim membership in the House of Israel because of the grace given to him through the Christ.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



After Jesus had finished saying all these things to the people who were listening, he went into Capernaum. A centurion's servant, who was valuable to him, was sick and about to die. When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking

him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they begged him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, because he loves our nation, and he built our synagogue for us."

Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to tell Jesus, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, because I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am also a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes; and to another one, 'Come!' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard these things, he was amazed at him. He turned to the crowd that was following him and said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel." And when the men who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: #190

WE NOW IMPLORE GOD THE HOLY GHOST



Text: German hymn, c. 13th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-4; tr. composite. Tune: NUN BITTEN WIR (99 11 10 4) Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

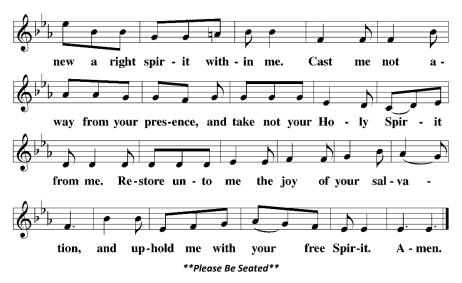
SERMON TEXT:

Answering the Request

LUKE 7: 1-10



SERMON THEME:



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

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special Prayers and Intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. 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.

CLOSING PRAYER

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE 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.



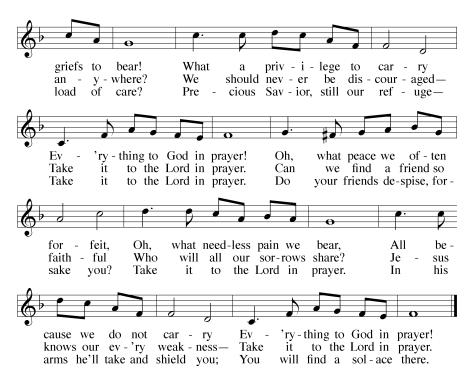
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CLOSING HYMN:

#411

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS





Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820-86, alt.

Tune: Converse (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918.

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study: We will resume our study of Luke's Gospel on June 29 at 9:00 a.m. after Pastor Emmons returns from the synod. If you have questions or are curious about Luke's Gospel, please feel free to join us. You may come and go as needed; reading is always voluntary, and questions are always welcome.

Midweek Bible Study: Join us at 6:30 pm on July 1 at Greg and Penny Port's home at 1923 NW Nickernut Ct, Redmond. You can also join us via Zoom. We are focusing on reaching out to our neighbors using Pastor David Rosenau's One by One Bible study. The link to join us on Zoom is provided, or you can email Pastor Emmons, and he will send you the link.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057 Password: GraceOT

Information on the Bible: We will share information about the Bible. This is aimed at those who have questions regarding the Bible, are curious about it, or disagree with it, but want to understand what it truly says. This is an eight-week course with one-hour sessions to be held at Sam Johnson Park at a picnic table or in the shelter, starting on July 1 at 5 pm. I am limiting the time to an hour and the class to 10 participants.

Synod Convention: Pastor Emmons will be traveling from June 8 to 27.

Home Visits: Pastor Emmons will be conducting home visits. Please let him know if there are any times when you will not be available so he can schedule your visit accordingly. This is an opportunity to discuss any personal issues you might have or ideas for our congregation.

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