

Faith Trusts in God Especially at Death

June 29,
2025



Third 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: Last Sunday we heard that faith trusts God's power completely. This Sunday's lessons sound the depth of that faith. Can our faith trust completely, even when faced with death itself? Facing our own mortality, or that of our loved ones, brings out the weakest parts of our character. And so, today the Church prays: Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN:

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DRAW US TO THEE

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



1 Draw us to thee, For then shall we Walk in
 2 Draw us to thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us
 3 Draw us to thee; Oh, grant that we May walk
 4 Draw us to thee That al - so we Thy heav'n -
 5 Draw us to thee Un - ceas - ing - ly; In - to



thy steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where
 de - part with glad - ness That we may be For -
 the road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest
 ly bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where
 thy king - dom take us. Let us for - 'er Thy



thou art gone To be with thee, dear Sav - ior.
 ev - er free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.
 we should stray And from thy paths be driv - en.
 sin and hell No more can vex our spir - it.
 glo - ry share; Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

Text: Friedrich Funcke, 1642–99; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: ACH GOTT UND HERR (447 447) As *hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, 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



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.

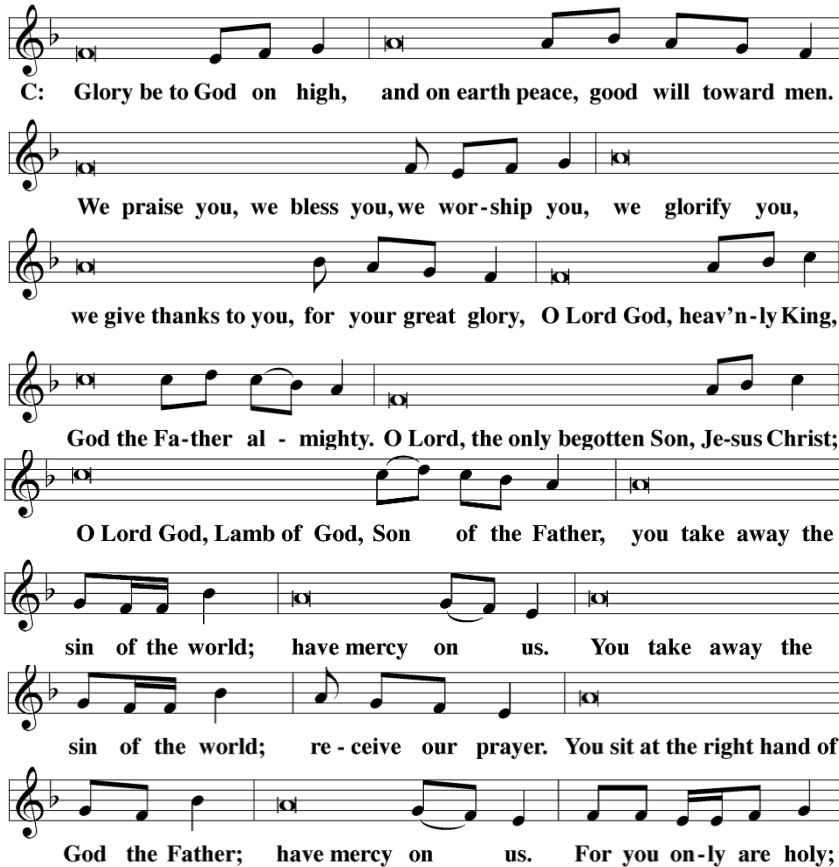


PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

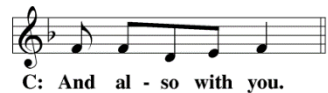
GLORY BE TO GOD

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS





PRAYER OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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FIRST LESSON:

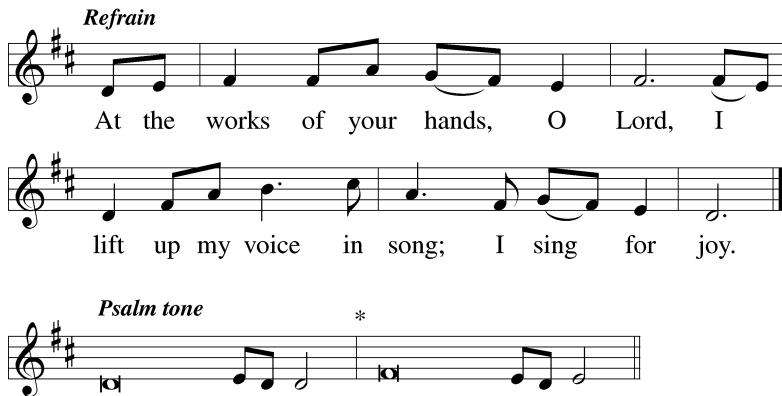
1 KINGS 17: 17 – 24

The Shunamite woman expressed her faith in the Lord by providing for the Lord's prophet, Elijah. But her faith is shaken at the death of her only son, himself a special gift from the Lord. But the Lord changes her sorrow into joy by raising her son from the dead.

After these events, the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. The illness became worse until he stopped breathing. Then she said to Elijah, "What is the issue between us, man of God? Have you come to remind me of my sins and to kill my son?"

He said to her, "Bring your son to me." Then he took him and carried him to the upstairs room where he was living, and he laid him on his bed. Then he cried out to the Lord, "O Lord, my God, have you sent tragedy on this woman with whom I am staying by killing her son?"

Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times, and he cried out to the Lord, "O Lord, my God, let this boy's soul return to his body!" The Lord listened to Elijah's voice, and the boy's soul returned to his body, and he came to life. Then Elijah took the boy and brought him down to the house from his upstairs room, and he gave him to his mother. Elijah said, "See, your son is alive!" The woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is true."

*Refrain*

Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;*
praise his holy name.
For his anger lasts only a moment,*
but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may remain for a night,*
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Refrain

To you, O LORD, I called;*
to the Lord I cried for mercy.
Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;*
O LORD, be my help.
You turned my wailing into dancing,*
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

**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: 11 – 24**

As a testimony to the power of the Christ and the authority of his gospel, Paul cites the example of his own previous way of life. The power of the Christ raises the spiritually dead to spiritual life. Paul who once persecuted the church, was redeemed and raised from death to new life in Christ—a life of service to the saints in the Lord's Kingdom work and life forever in heaven.

But I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation from Jesus Christ.

Certainly you have heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God to an extraordinary degree and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my own people, because I was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. However, God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me, so that I would preach him among the Gentiles. At that time, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, and I did not go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me. Instead I went away into Arabia, and then I returned again to Damascus.

Next, after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to meet Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles, except James, the Lord's brother. (Now about the things I am writing to you—look, I assure you in the presence of God that I am not lying.) Then I went to the regions of Syria and Cilicia. I was still personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They heard only: "The one who was once persecuting us is now preaching the faith that he once tried to destroy." And they were praising God for what happened to me.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 5:19 cf. RSV)



GOSPEL

LUKE 7: 11 – 17

A grieving heart finds unexpected joy as death is met by the Author of life. Leaving the people in awe at the display of his power, Jesus raises the young man of Nain from the dead. In so doing, Jesus brought joy to his mother and a promise of help to God's people. Death is powerless before the Son of God.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Soon afterward Jesus went on his way to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd were traveling with him. As he was approaching the town gate, there was a dead man being carried out, the only son of his mother. She was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not cry." He went up to the open coffin, touched it, and the pallbearers stopped. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

Fear gripped all of them, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us” and “God has visited his people!” This was reported about him in all of Judea and in all the surrounding countryside.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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.

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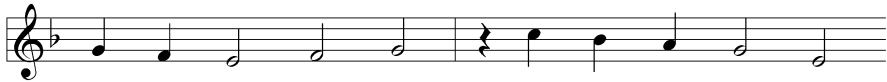
HYMN OF THE DAY:

#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:

LUKE 7: 11 – 17

SERMON THEME:

TRUSTING THE ONE WITH POWER OVER DEATH

****Please Stand****

CREATE IN ME



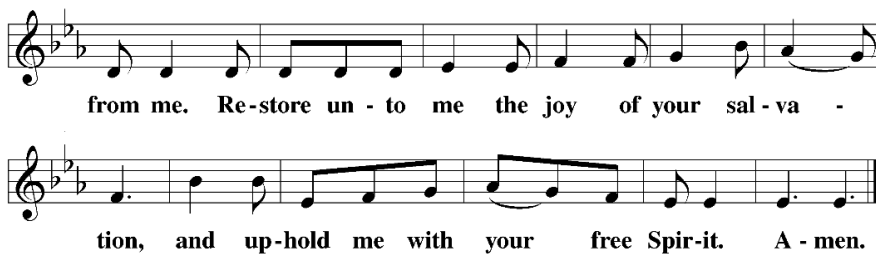
C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



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



****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****

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

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PRaise THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who



lib - er - a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the
strong, yet gen - tle, word; Praise the one who drove out
suf - fered in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic -



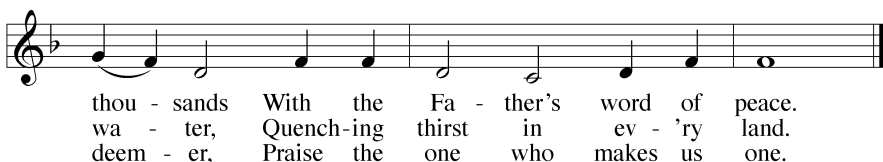
pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
de - mons With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
to - rious That we may know God by grace.



Praise the one who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing
Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter To the
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing



ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing
des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes liv - ing
what our God has done; Let us praise the true Re -



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THE SACRAMENT

****Please Stand****

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



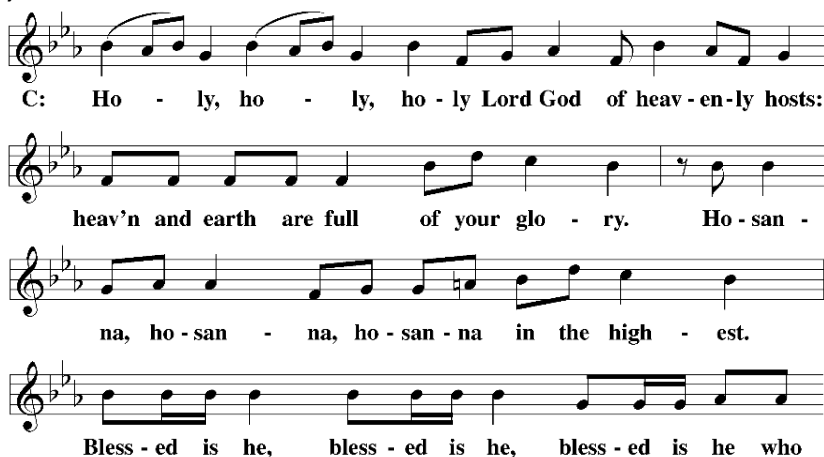
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

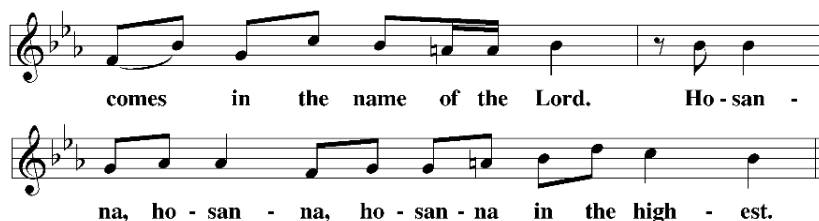


It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

SANCTUS





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."

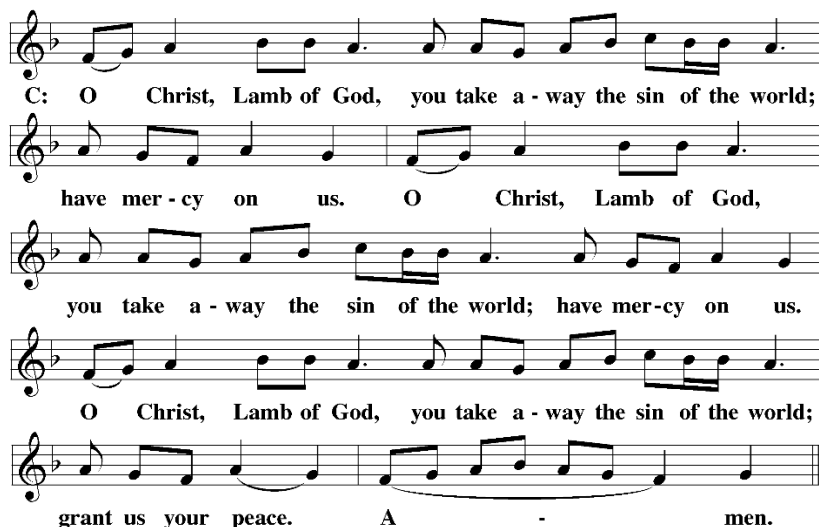
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



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.

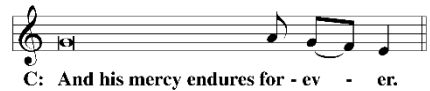
****Please Stand****

SONG OF SIMEON

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.



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.

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.



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

****Please Be Seated****

CLOSING HYMN:

#607

HOW BLEST ARE THEY



1 How blest are they who trust in Christ When we
2 In rip - ened age, their har - vest reaped, Or gone
3 In Christ, who tast - ed death for us, We rise



and those we love must part. We yield them up, for
from us in youth or prime, In Christ they have e -
a - bove our nat - ural grief And wit - ness to a



go we must, But do not lose them from our heart.
ter - nal life, Re - leased from all the bonds of time.
strick - en world The strength and splen - dor of be - lief.

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Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, 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, 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 at 9:00 a.m. next Sunday. 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.

Visiting Our Neighbors: Pastor Emmons will be out in the streets on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 9 to 11 am throughout July and August. Please consider joining him for some company.

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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