

# The Word Brings Division

September 7,  
2025



Thirteenth 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 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:** Four weeks of warnings for Christians begins on this Sunday that the life of faith will be marked by difficulties. These warnings are given so that the believer will be prepared to meet these challenges with the confidence of the cross. Today we see that the Word of God doesn't always unite—it also divides. The living and active Word of God does not bring peace between believers and unbelievers, but division.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** 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:** SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT— CW, p.26

*The "Service of Word and Sacrament" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.*



# OPENING HYMN:

#32

WHEN SINNERS SEE THEIR LOST CONDITION

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



1 When sin - ners see their lost con - di - tion And feel  
 2 When Je - sus en - ters meek and low - ly To fill  
 3 When Je - sus en - ters land and na - tion And chang-  
 4 When Je - sus comes—O bless - ed sto - ry— He works  
 5 Oh, may he soon to ev - 'ry na - tion Find en -



the press - ing load of sin And Je - sus comes on  
 the home with sweet - est peace, When hearts have felt his  
 es peo - ple with his love, When, yield - ing to his  
 a change in heart and life; God's king - dom comes with  
 trance where he is un-known, With life and light and



his blest mis - sion To heal the sin - sick  
 bless - ing ho - ly And found from sin com -  
 kind per - sua - sion, Our hearts his truth and  
 pow'r and glo - ry To young and old, to  
 free sal - va - tion, That Sa - tan's pow'r be



heart with - in, All grief must flee be - fore his  
 plete re - lease, Then calm and joy with - in shall  
 bless - ing prove, Then shall our life on earth be  
 man and wife. Through sac - ra - ment and liv - ing  
 o - ver-thrown, And heal - ing to all hearts may



grace, And joy di - vine will take its place.  
 reign, And hearts di - vid - ed love a - gain.  
 blest; The peace of God on us shall rest.  
 Word Faith, love, and hope are now con - ferred.  
 come In heath - en land and Chris - tian home!

Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802–80, abr.; tr. Oluf H. Smeby, 1851–1929, alt.

Tune: WER WEISS, WIE NAHE (98 98 88) Christian Möck, 1737–1818.

The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also, with you.**

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

## CONFESSION OF SINS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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.

**Amen.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*KYRIE*

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise. (*Psalm 145:3*)

### O LORD, OUR LORD



all the earth. Al-might - y God, mer-ci - ful Fa - ther,  
 you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
 you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
 ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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:

### JEREMIAH 23: 23 – 29

*With the Kingdom of Judah moving ever closer to judgment, Jeremiah proclaims the Lord's condemnation of false prophets. These false prophets had led the people into idolatry, claiming to speak in the name of the Lord. But there is comfort for the faithful: the true Word of the Lord comes like a hammer to crush and like a fire to refine.*

***Am I a God who is only nearby, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord.***

***I have heard what the prophets who prophesy lies in my name have said. They say, "I have had a dream! I have had a dream!" How long will this be in the hearts of these lying prophets? These prophets proclaim the fantasies of their own hearts. They think they can make my people forget my name with the dreams each one tells his neighbor, the way their fathers forgot my name because of Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream. But let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully.***

***What has chaff to do with grain? declares the Lord. Is not my word like a fire? declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?***

### PSALM OF THE DAY:

### PSALM 139A



### Refrain

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me;\*  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
You discern my going out and my lying down;\*  
you are familiar with all my ways.

### Refrain



Where can I go from your Spirit?\*  
 Where can I flee from your presence?  
 If I go up to the heavens, you are there;\*  
 if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.  
 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,\*  
 if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
 even there your hand will guide me,\*  
 your right hand will hold me fast.  
**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

## EPHESIANS 6: 10 – 20

*God's Word bring division because we are at war. Marked by the cross, we are now targets for extra effort on the part of evil. We have no choice; we must give battle. But we are not without hope. As we battle, the Word of the Lord is our strength to stand firm and our full armor against the weaponry of evil. Total victory is already assured in Jesus.*

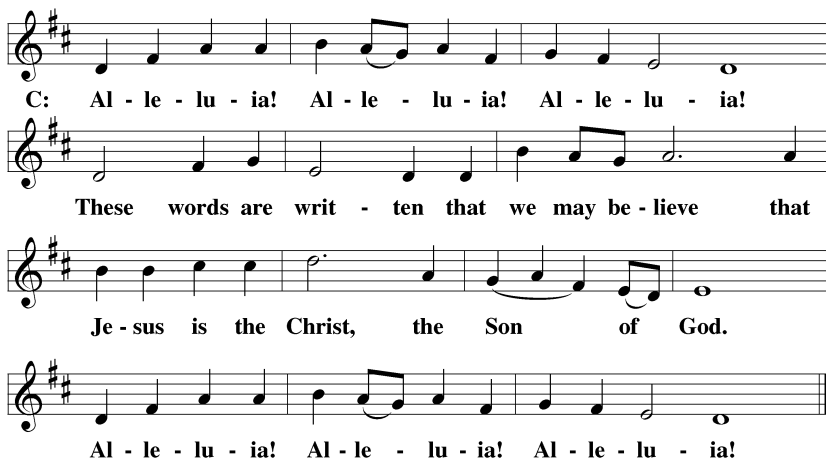
***Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand. Stand, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness fastened in place, and with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace tied to your feet like sandals. At all times hold up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. Also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.***

***At every opportunity, pray in the Spirit with every kind of prayer and petition. Stay alert for the same reason, always persevering in your intercession for all the saints. Pray for me also, that when I open my mouth, a message will be given to me that boldly reveals the***

***mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may speak about it boldly, as it is necessary for me to speak.***

### 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)



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

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

### GOSPEL

### LUKE 12: 49 – 53

*The fire of the Word has come to destroy evil and bring peace between God and his people. Jesus warns that his fire will bring division between believer and unbeliever, even within that most intimate of human relationships, the family. How can Jesus wish such division were already happening? He can only say that because he knows its final purpose: the salvation and purifying of believers.*

***"I came to throw fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already ignited. But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is finished! Do you think that I came to bring peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. Yes, from now on there will be five divided in one household: three against two, and two against three. They will be divided: father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."***



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

# HYMN OF THE DAY:

#457

## FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT



1 Fight the good fight With all your might;  
2 Run the straight race Through God's good grace;  
3 Cast care a - side, Lean on your guide;  
4 Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.



Christ is your strength and Christ your light.  
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.  
His bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.  
He chang - es not, and you are dear.



Lay hold on its life, and it shall be  
Life with its way be - fore us lies;  
Lean, and the trust - ing soul shall prove  
On - ly be - lieve, and you will see



Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.  
Christ is its life and Christ its love.  
That Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-75, alt.  
Tune: MENDON (448 88) *The Methodist Harmonist*, New York, 1821.

## SERMON TEXT:

LUKE 12: 49 – 53

## SERMON THEME:

PROTECTED BY DIVISION

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

## 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\*\****

***OUR 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.***

### **PRAYER FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH**

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, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

**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 to our family members and neighbors.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament, bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to clearly witness and to act boldly to those who live in Redmond and her surrounding cities. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

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.

***Silent prayer.***

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

***Special Prayers and Intercessions***

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.**

### 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

**#455**

**RISE! TO ARMS! WITH PRAYER EMPLOY YOU**

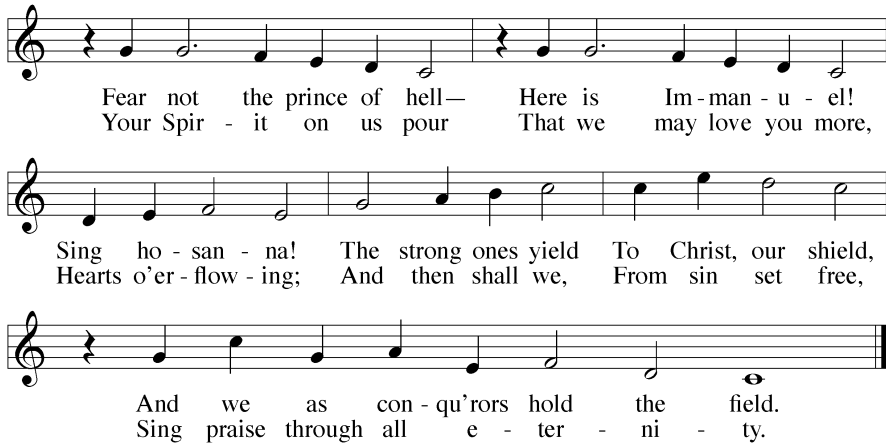
1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em - ploy you,  
2 Je - sus, all your chil - dren cher - ish,

O Chris - tians, lest the foe de - stroy you, For Sa - tan  
And keep them that they nev - er per - ish Whom you have

has de - signed your fall. Wield God's Word, a weap - on  
pur - chased with your blood. Let new life to us be

glo - rious; A - gainst each foe you'll be vic -  
giv - en That we may look to you in

to - rious; Our God will set you o'er them all.  
heav - en When - ev - er fear - ful is our mood.

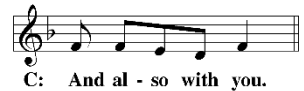


Fear not the prince of hell— Here is Im-man-u-el!  
 Your Spir - it on us pour That we may love you more,  
 Sing ho - san - na! The strong ones yield To Christ, our shield,  
 Hearts o'er - flow - ing; And then shall we, From sin set free,  
 And we as con - qu'rors hold the field.  
 Sing praise through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Wilhelm E. Arends, 1677–1721, abr.; tr. John M. Sloan, 1835–after 1890, alt.  
 Tune: WACHET AUF (898 898 664 448) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

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

### THE SACRAMENT



C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

Lift up your hearts.



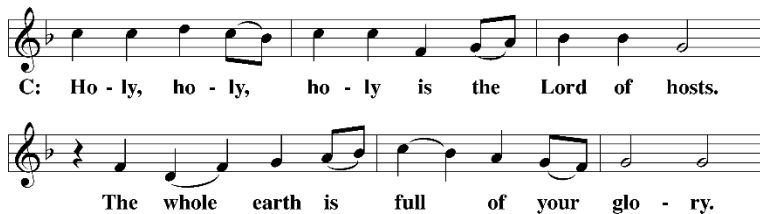
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

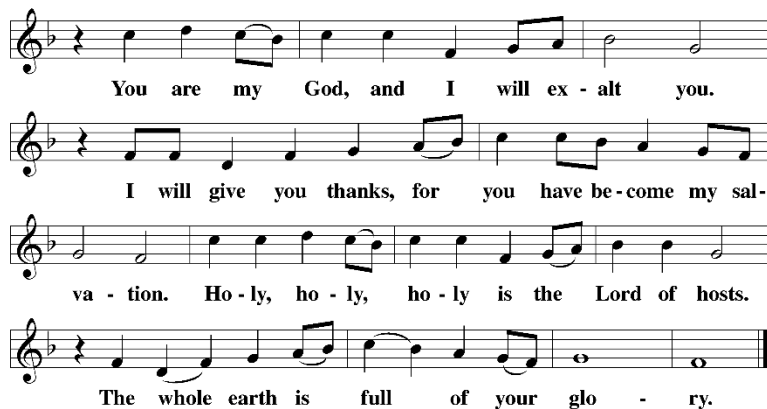
Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

### SANCTUS



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



### 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."

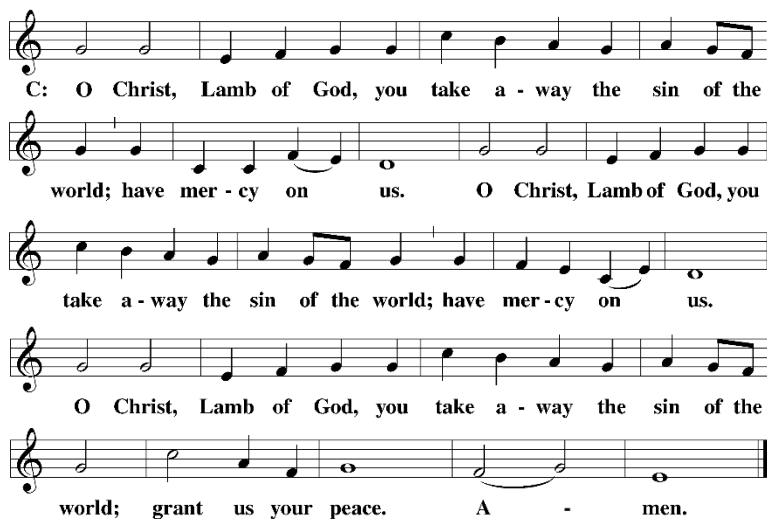
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



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\*\***

## THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.  
He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

## CLOSING PRAYER

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

## BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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:

#537

## ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,  
2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;  
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,  
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful; Join the hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.  
Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.  
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.  
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;  
We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,  
Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;  
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ the King;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See his ban - ners go!  
One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.  
We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.  
This through count - less a - ges Saints and an - gels sing.

### Refrain



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

Text: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, abr., alt.

Tune: ST. GERTRUDE (65 65 D with Refrain) Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900.

### **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

**September Calendars:** They are available in the entryway; please pick one up today.

**Council Meeting:** We will meet at Mitch's house on Wednesday at 10 am

**Afternoon with Luther:** September 21 at 1 p.m. Grace will welcome Dwight Johnson from Colorado Springs as he performs a one-man play about the life of Martin Luther. This event is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be collected, with all proceeds supporting the Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG). There will also be a potluck beforehand; please sign up to bring an item.

**Women's Mission Rally:** The Pacific Northwest will host its women's rally at Bethany Lutheran Church, located at 151 Tremont Street, Port Orchard, WA, on September 26-27. The welcome dinner is scheduled for Friday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The rally will be held on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., featuring Rev. Thomas Heyn and Rev. Timothy Bartels as speakers. Mavis has offered a ride for anyone interested in attending; please contact her to make arrangements.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** We will focus on Luke 12; please join us at 9:00 a.m. We hope this Bible study is enlightening for you! Feel free to bring your questions; you can come and go as needed; reading is always optional, and questions are always welcome.

**Midweek Bible Study:** We will not hold our midweek Bible study this week, but we will resume on September 16. Join us at 6:30 p.m. at Greg and Penny Port's house, 1923 NW Nickernut Ct, Redmond, to study the book of Jonah. You can also join via Zoom. We will focus on the minor prophets of the Old Testament for the next twelve weeks. The Zoom link is provided, or you can email Pastor Emmons to request the link.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057

Password: GraceOT

**Visiting Our Neighbors:** Pastor Emmons will not be available this week, but plan on joining him next Thursday, September 18, from 10 a.m. to noon. Please consider spending some time with him to keep him company.

**Home Visits:** Pastor Emmons will be making home visits and completing this summer's visits in September. If you have not been visited yet, please remind him. If there are better times for you, please schedule a visit with him. This is a good opportunity to discuss any personal issues or share ideas for our congregation.

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