

# Receiving True Rest in Jesus

July 12,  
2026



Seventh Sunday  
after Pentecost

**Welcome, guests!** We're delighted you could join us. If you have any questions or need more information about our church, any member of Grace will be happy to assist you. This folder contains all the details about our services, with congregational responses indicated by indentation and bold letters. Please take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church entrance; it will be used only 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!

**THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS:** The Christian finds rest in Jesus. From the beginning of time, God provided rest for his creation. He blessed the seventh day and set it apart, that man might learn to find his rest in God alone. In Jesus, the Christian finds rest from his burdens, rest from his battles, and rest forever in heaven.

**MORNING PRAYER:** God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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:**

#214

**JERUSALEM THE GOLDEN****\*\*Please Stand for the Last Verse\*\***

1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and  
 2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, All ju - bi -  
 3 There is the throne of Da - vid, And there, from  
 4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of



hon - ey blest— The sight of it re - fresh - es The  
 lant with song— And bright with man - y an an - gel And  
 care re - leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The  
 God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try That



wea - ry and op - pressed. I know not, oh, I  
 all the mar - tyr throng. The Prince is ev - er  
 song of them that feast; And they who with their  
 ea - ger hearts ex - pect! Je - sus, in mer - cy



know not What joys a - wait us there, What ra - dian -  
 in them; The day - light is se - rene; The pas - tures  
 lead - er Have con - quered in the fight For - ev - er  
 bring us To that dear land of rest; You are with



cy of glo - ry, What bliss be - yond com - pare.  
 of the bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green.  
 and for - ev - er Are clad in robes of white.  
 God the Fa - ther And Spir - it ev - er blest.

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
 Tune: EWING (76 76 D) Alexander C. Ewing, 1830–95, alt.



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.

**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.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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:**

**EXODUS 33:12 – 23**

*Can you hear the frustration in Moses' voice? Can you sense the worry? Since their great fall with the golden calf, God had refused to go with the people of Israel. Moses pleaded with God to go up to the Promised Land with them. Though the Israelites had sinned greatly, Moses reminded the LORD that they were God's people. God responded in grace and mercy and promised Moses that his very Presence would go with them, and he himself would give Moses rest.*

***Moses said to the Lord, "Look, you yourself have been telling me, 'Lead this people up,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' So now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you, so that I may find favor in your sight. Consider that this nation is your people."***

***The Lord said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Moses said to him, "If your Presence is not going to go with me, do not send us up from here. After all, how would people know that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Isn't it in this way: that***

*you go with us, so that we are distinguished, I and your people, from all the people who are on the face of the earth?"*

*The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have said, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Then Moses said, "Please show me your glory."*

*The Lord said, "I will make all my goodness pass in front of you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord in your presence. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy." He said, "You cannot see my face, for no human may see me and live." The Lord also said, "Look, there is a place next to me, where you shall stand on the rock. It will happen that, while my glory passes by, I will put you in a crevice in the rock. I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back. But my face will not be seen."*

PSALM OF THE DAY:

PSALM 145

*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



*Refrain*

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;\*  
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;\*  
they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall\*  
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

*Refrain*

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.\*  
You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,\*  
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;\*  
he hears their cry and saves them.

**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 7:15 – 25A

*The Christian life is a battle between the sinful flesh and the new man born in us through baptism. The Old Adam wages a constant war. Where can we find rest from this fight? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came to give rest to weary and burdened souls.*

***For I do not understand what I am doing, because I do not keep doing what I want. Instead, I do what I hate. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. But now it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me. Indeed, I know that good does not live in me, that is, in my sinful flesh. The desire to do good is present with me, but I am not able to carry it out. So I fail to do the good I want to do. Instead, the evil I do not want to do, that is what I keep doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me.***

***So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is present with me. I certainly delight in God's law according to my inner self, but I see a different law at work in my members, waging war against the law of my mind and taking me captive to the law of sin, which is present in my members. What a miserable wretch I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!***

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. (Luke 8:15)



### 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:**

**IF GOD HIMSELF BE FOR ME**

**#419**

**Vs. 1 – 5**



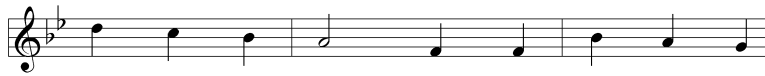
1 If God him - self be for me, I may a  
 2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, Of this I  
 3 I build on this foun - da - tion: That Je - sus  
 4 He can - celed my of - fen - ses, De - liv - ered  
 5 No sin can now con - demn me Or set my



host de - fy; For when I pray, be - fore  
 make my boast, That God is my dear Fa -  
 and his blood, A - lone are my sal - va -  
 me from death; He is the Lord who clean -  
 hope a - side. Now hell no more can claim



me My foes, con - found - ed, fly. If Christ,  
 ther, My friend who loves me most, And that,  
 tion, My true, e - ter - nal good. With - out  
 ses My soul from sin through faith. In him  
 me; Its fu - ry I de - ride. No sen -



my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from  
 what - e'er be - tide me, My Sav - ior is  
 him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less  
 I can be cheer - ful, Cou - ra - geous on  
 tence now re - proves me; No guilt de - stroys



a - bove, What foe or what dis - as -  
 at hand Through storm - y seas to guide -  
 on earth; The gifts I have from Je -  
 my way; In him I am not fear -  
 my peace, For Christ, my Sav - ior, loves



ter Can drive me from his love?  
 me And bring me safe to land.  
 sus A - lone have price - less worth.  
 ful Of God's great Judg - ment Day.  
 me And shields me with his grace.

## GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 11:25 – 30**

*Jesus turned to his followers and praised God that the Lord of heaven and earth had revealed the truth of Jesus' identity to the little children who believe in him. He has no words of judgment for his followers. He has only words of invitation, of comfort, of rest.*

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

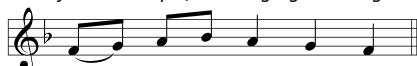


C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

***At that time, Jesus continued, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from clever and learned people and have revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, because this was pleasing to you. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.***

***"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."***

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## SERMON TEXT:

**MATTHEW 11:25 – 30**

## SERMON THEME:

**TRUE REST ONLY COMES THROUGH FAITH AND NOT UNDERSTANDING**

### 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 -



## 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.

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

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#616

FEED YOUR CHILDREN, GOD MOST HOLY

Feed your chil - dren, God most ho - ly; Com - fort  
sin - ners poor and low - ly. Je - sus, bread of life from  
heav - en, Bless the food you here have giv - en.  
As these gifts the bod - y nour - ish, May our souls  
in gra - ces flour - ish Till with saints in heav'n - ly  
splen - dor At your feast due thanks we ren - der.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.  
Tune: SCHMÜCKE DICH (LMD Trochaic) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662, alt.

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

### THE SACRAMENT

C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

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

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."



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\*\***

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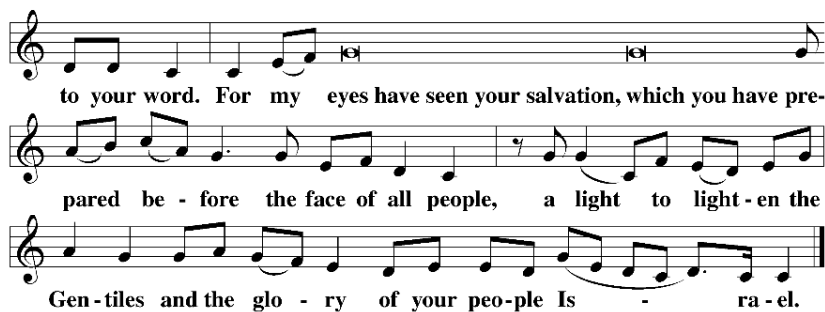
*DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul’s guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: “For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord’s body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” Therefore, 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\*\***

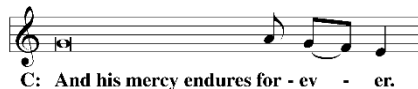
## SONG OF SIMEON

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 prepared before 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

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness, you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through 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:**

#372

**I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS**

1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less  
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness  
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry  
 4 I long to be like Je - sus: Meek, lov - ing,



Lamb of God; He bears them all and frees us From  
 dwells in him. He heals all my dis - eas - es; My  
 soul of mine. His right hand me em - brac - es; I  
 low - ly, mild; I long to be like Je - sus, The



the ac - curs - ed load. I bring my guilt to Je - sus  
 soul he does re - deem. I lay my griefs on Je - sus,  
 in his arms re - cline. I love the name of Je - sus,  
 Fa - ther's ho - ly child. I long to be with Je - sus



To wash my crim - son stains White in his  
 My bur - dens and my cares; He from them  
 Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord; Like fra - grance  
 A - mid the heav'n - ly throng To sing with



blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.  
 all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.  
 on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.  
 saints his prais - es, To learn the an - gels' song.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.  
 Tune: AURELIA (76 76 D) Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-76.

### **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, assuming His 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, all believers will be with Him in heaven, all unbelievers will be condemned to eternal torment, and this present world will be destroyed.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bible Information Class:** We are looking for participants for our Bible Information Class on Thursday evenings at 6 pm. If you have neighbors or friends who have questions about the Bible or wonder, “What do Lutherans believe?” Please get them in contact with me.

**Time for Outreach:** Do you want to hear local music and share the hope you have in Jesus? Here is your opportunity for both. Our congregation has a booth at the “Music on the Green” concert series at the American Legion Park. The series runs every other Wednesday at 3 pm for setup, so mark your calendar for July 22. Please consider coming out to join us and meet our neighbors.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** Please consider attending our Sunday morning adult Bible Study as we study Paul’s letter to the church at Ephesus.

**Midweek Bible Study:** Our Tuesday evening Bible Study will resume on August 4 at 6 pm. with Isaiah. We will meet at Gary and Lani Carroll’s home or join us on Zoom. We will begin our study of the book of Isaiah.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057

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**Outreach Ideas:** We need ideas for a family outreach event in October.

**Seminarians:** Thanksgiving will be here before you know it. If you would like to contribute to our Seminarians’ Christmas gift, please designate the offering and place it in the collection plate. We have been blessed each year by sending the Seminarians generous gifts.

**Seminarian Gernander:** We have pre-addressed envelopes in the entryway. Please consider writing a letter of encouragement to our Seminarian, Noah, or to his wife, Rebekah.

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