

Longing To Be Planted in the Word

July 26,
2026



Nineth 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 lives as wheat among weeds while waiting for the harvest. In the Prayer of the Day, we ask for the spirit to live like wheat—to think and do what is right—even while we live in this sinful world. Living with an eye on the coming harvest gives us encouragement, comfort, and hope.

MORNING PRAYER: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; 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:

#523

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

****Please Stand for the Last Verse****



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On your peo -
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ,
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e -



ple pour your pow'r; Crown your an - cient Church's
as - sail his ways. From our fears that long have
to your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish
vils we de - plore; Let the gift of your sal -



sto - ry; Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r.
bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.
glad - ness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
va - tion Be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom; grant us cour - age For the fac - ing
Grant us wis - dom; grant us cour - age For the liv - ing
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age Lest we miss your
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, Serv - ing you whom



of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
king - dom's goal, Lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
we a - dore, Serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969, abr., alt.
Tune: CWM RHONDDA (87 87 877) John Hughes, 1873–1932.



C: A - men.

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



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.

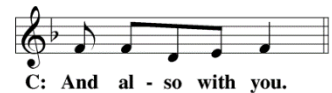
GLORY BE TO GOD

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PRAYER OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

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****Please Be Seated****

FIRST LESSON:

JOEL 3:12 – 16

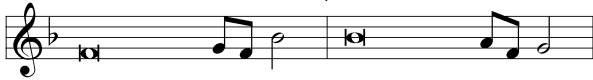
The book of Joel foretells the coming of the Day of the Lord. Here in chapter 3, Joel pictures the judgment of the nations as a day of harvest. The day is coming when the sickle will swing, and the harvest will begin.

Let the nations be roused. Let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will be seated to judge all the nations. Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow, because the nations' wickedness is so great!

Multitudes, multitudes in the Valley of Decision! For the Day of the Lord is near in the Valley of Decision. The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars will stop shining. The Lord will roar from Zion and shout from Jerusalem. The sky and the earth will tremble. But the Lord will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

Refrain

The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone*Refrain*

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and by deliverer;*
 my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.
 He reached down from on high and took hold of me;*
 he rescued me from my powerful enemy.
 He brought me out into a spacious place;*
 he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Refrain

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;*
 my God turns my darkness into light.
 You save the humble*
 but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.
 You give me your shield of victory,*
 and your right hand sustains me.
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***VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia. (Isaiah 55:11b)



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

****Please Stand****

GOSPEL**MATTHEW 13:24 – 30, 36 – 43**

God intended to have a weed-free field of wheat. From the beginning, however, the enemy thwarted his intentions with temptation and sin. How many Christians have seen the evil all around them and pondered the servants' question, "Didn't you sow good seed?" How many

churchmen have tried to separate the wheat and weeds in the kingdom with rules or monasteries, with inquisitions or Pharisaical laws?

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



He presented another parable to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. When the plants sprouted and produced heads of grain, the weeds also appeared. The servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?' He said to them, 'An enemy did this.' The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and gather up the weeds?' 'No,' he answered, 'because when you gather up the weeds, you might pull up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First, gather up the weeds, bind them in bundles, and burn them. Then, gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then Jesus sent the people away and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He answered them, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world. The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the Evil One. The enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the world. The reapers are angels. Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the world. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will pull out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and those who continue to break the law. The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear."

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:

LORD JESUS CHRIST, WITH US ABIDE

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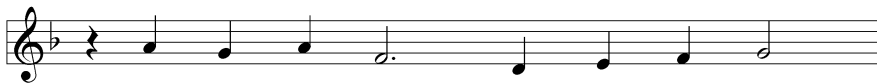
Vs 1 - 5



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide,
2 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound!
3 In these last days of sore dis - tress
4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold,
5 Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;



For round us falls the e - ven - tide,
Through - out the earth no rest is found,
Grant us, dear Lord, true stead - fast - ness
For we are slug - gish, thought - less, cold.
The guile and rage of Sa - tan stay!



Nor let your Word, that heav'n - ly light,
And false - hood's spir - it wide has spread,
That pure we keep, till life is spent,
Oh, pros - per well your Word of grace,
Oh, may your mer - cy nev - er cease!



For us be ev - er veiled in night.
And er - ror bold - ly rears its head.
Your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.
And spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.
Give con - cord, pa - tience, cour - age, peace.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 8:26, 27

Prayer is a gift from God for all believers who are living as wheat among weeds. Surrounded by wickedness, the power and comfort of prayer is a great privilege indeed. Yet it's a privilege that we so often leave unused or underutilized. Thank God for the gift of the Spirit!

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we should pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that are not expressed in words. And he who searches our hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints, according to God's will.

SERMON TEXT:

ROMANS 8:26, 27

SERMON THEME:

RESPONSE VERSES TO OUR SERMON:

#541

LORD JESUS CHRIST, WITH US ABIDE

Vs 6, 7

6 The cause is yours, the glory, too.
So hear us, Lord, and keep us true,
Your Word alone is our defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.

7 Oh, grant that in your holy Word
We here may live and die, dear Lord,
And when our journey's ending here,
Receive us into glory there.

Text: *Geistliche Psalmen*, Nürnberg, 1611, st. 1, 3; Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532–92, st. 2, 4–7, abr., adapt.; tr. composite.
Tune: ACH BLEIB BEI UNS (LM) *Geistliche Lieder*, Leipzig, 1589, alt.

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OFFERING – Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9: 7: “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 witness clearly and to act boldly toward those who live in Redmond and its 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.

Special Prayers and Intercessions

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.

Silent prayer.

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.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN
TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US

#339



1 To - day your mer - cy calls us To wash a -
 2 To - day your gate is o - pen, And all who
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er



way our sin. How - ev - er great our tres - pass,
 en - ter in Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come
 Spir - it waits. His bless - ed an - gels gath - er
 o - pen Door, What should we do with - out you



What - ev - er we have been, How - ev - er long from
 And par - don for their sin. The past shall be for -
 A - round the heav'n - ly gates. No ques - tion will be
 When heart and eye run o'er? When all things seem a -



mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way, Your pre - cious
 got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n, A fu - ture
 asked us How of - ten we have come; Al - though we
 gainst us, To drive us to de - spair, We know one



blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
 grace be prom - ised: A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
 gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816–78, alt.
 Tune: ANTHES (76 76 D) Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812–after 1857.

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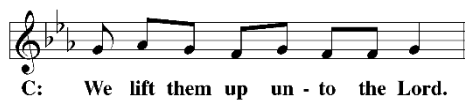
THE SACRAMENT



C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

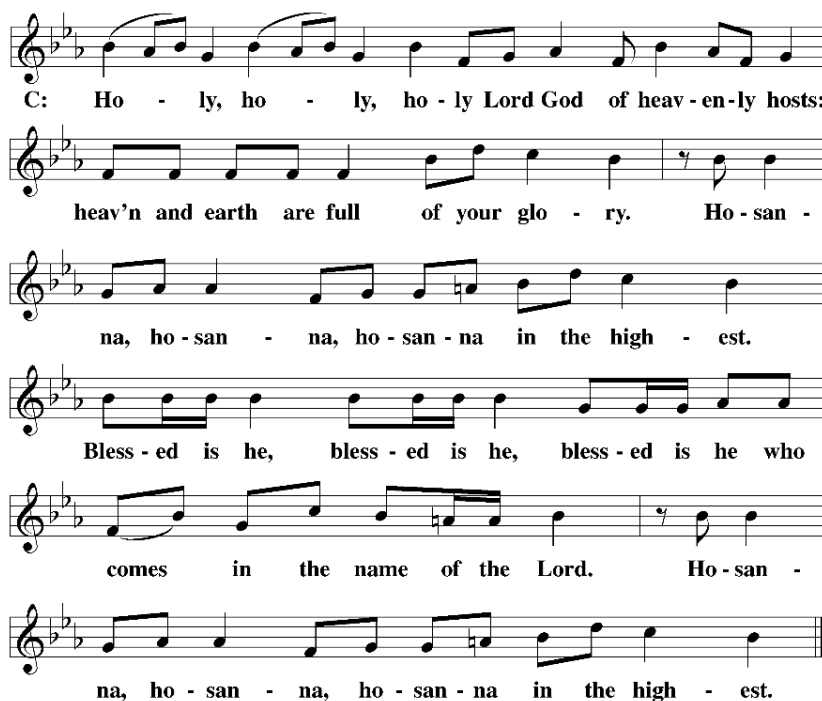


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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



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.

CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

AGNUS DEI



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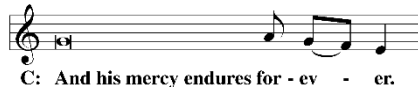
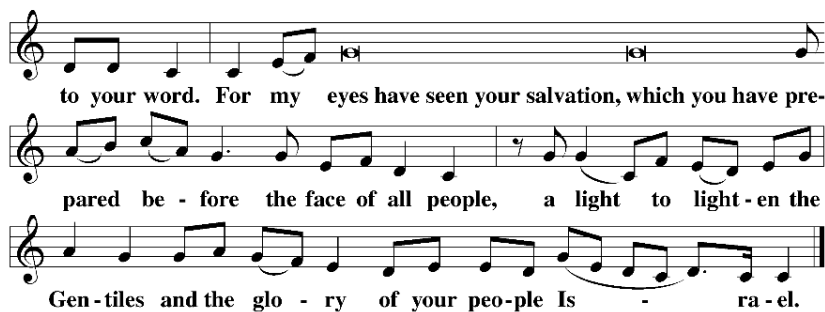
DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul's guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: "For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord's body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Therefore,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





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.



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:

#208

GREAT GOD, WHAT DO I SEE AND HEAR



1 Great God, what do I see and hear? The end of
2 The dead in Christ shall first a - rise At that last
3 But sin - ners filled with guilt - y fears Be - hold his
4 O Christ, you died, and yet you live; To me ac -



things cre - a - ted; The judge of man - kind shall ap - pear
trum - pet's sound - ing, Caught up to meet him in the skies,
wrath pre - vail - ing, For they shall rise and find their tears
count your mer - it, My par - don seal, my sins for - give,



On clouds of glo - ry seat - ed. The trum - pet
With joy their Lord sur - round - ing. No gloom - y
And sighs are un - a - vail - ing; The day of
And cleanse me by your Spir - it. Be - neath your



sounds; the graves re - store The dead which they con -
fears their souls dis - may; His pres - ence sheds e -
grace is past and gone; They trem - bling stand be -
cross I view the day When heav'n and earth shall



tained be - fore: Pre - pare, my soul, to meet him!
ter - nal day On those pre - pared to meet him.
fore his throne, All un - pre - pared to meet him.
pass a - way, And thus pre - pare to meet you.

Text: *Psalms and Hymns*, Sheffield, 1802, st. 1, alt.; William B. Collyer, 1782–1854, st. 2–4, alt.
Tune: ES IST GEWISSLICH (87 87 887) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

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: I am excited to announce we have an online attendee who has expressed an interest in our Bible class. However, we are still 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 is the significance of the Bible?” or “What does the Bible truly teach?” Please get them in contact with Pastor Emmons. Please take the fliers at the entrance; they are for you to hand out throughout the week. I challenge you to hand out 3 fliers this next week.

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 August 5. 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 Philippi.

Midweek Bible Study: Our Tuesday evening Bible Study will resume on August 4 at 6 pm. with Isaiah. We will meet at Pastor and Tammi’s home (4927 SW Yew PL) that Tuesday. The remaining Tuesday Bible studies for August will be held at Gary and Lani Carroll’s home (3211 SW Umatilla Rd.), or you can join us on Zoom. We will begin our study of the book of Isaiah.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057

Password: GraceOT

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: Thank you to all who took the envelopes for the Gernander family, and to all who gave them gifts. We sent them a substantial monetary gift. Your actions demonstrate this congregation's love for the gospel message as it goes out into the world. We pray that this gift will be an encouragement to their family.

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