

God's Gift of Grace Is Intended for All

August 23,
2026



Thirteenth 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 text. 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 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 Church is meant for all people. The Prayer of the Day reminds us that it is only by God's gift of grace that we come into his presence to offer true and faithful service. Today's lessons teach that the gift of grace given *to* Israel, God also intended to give *through* Israel to the world. The Church is meant for all people: a display of God's mercy and a result of the living and active Word of God.

MORNING PRAYER: 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: COMMON WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION— CW, p.15



OPENING HYMN:

#402

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

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



1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of
2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a -
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me
faint - ing heart; My zeal in - spire! As thou hast
round me spread, Be thou my guide. Bid dark - ness
sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior,



while I pray; Take all my guilt a - way;
died for me, Oh, may my love to thee
turn to day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way,
then, in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move;



Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!
Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-87.

Tune: OLIVET (664 6664) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.



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.

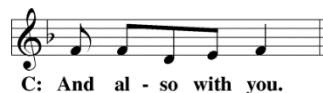
GLORY BE TO GOD

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PRAYER OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

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:

ISAIAH 56:1, 6 – 8

The words of this lesson came to the mind and mouth of our Savior when he confronted the gross perversion of temple worship in Mark 11. Through Isaiah, God told the world that God-fearing Gentiles would always have a place within his temple.

This is what the Lord says. Protect justice, and carry out righteousness, because my salvation is coming very soon. My righteousness is ready to be revealed.

Then the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him and to love the name of the Lord and to become his servants, every one of them who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, those who take hold of my covenant—I will bring them to my holy mountain, and I will make them glad in my house of prayer. Their whole burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar. For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples of the world. This is the declaration of God the Lord, who gathers Israel's dispersed people: "I will gather still more people to my house besides the ones already gathered."

*Refrain*

How good and pleasant it is*
 when brothers live together in unity!
 For there the LORD bestows his blessing,*
 even life forevermore.

Refrain

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD*
 who minister in the house of the LORD.
 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary*
 and praise the LORD.
 May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,*
 bless you from Zion.

**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 11:13 – 15, 28 – 32

On this day celebrating faith for the Gentiles, St. Paul warns his Gentile readers against any pride on their part or prejudice against the Jews. Note the point of this Apostle to the Gentiles: he reaches out to the Gentiles with the hopes of also winning the Jews. Verse 15 makes the point of our Gospel lesson. Rejection by the people of Israel meant Christ would be preached to the Gentiles.

I am speaking to you Gentiles. For as long as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I am going to speak highly of my ministry. Perhaps I may make my own people jealous, and so save some of them. For if their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, what does their acceptance mean other than the dead coming to life?

In regard to the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But, in regard to election, they are especially dear for the sake of the patriarchs, because God's gracious gifts and call are not regretted. For just as you were once disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy due

to their disobedience, so also now they have become disobedient, so that by the mercy shown to you they may be shown mercy too. For God imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may show mercy to all.

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)



HYMN OF THE DAY:

#404

FAITH IS A LIVING POWER FROM HEAVEN

1 Faith is a liv - ing pow'r from heav'n
 2 Faith finds in Christ what - e'er we need
 3 Faith in the Sav - ior brings us peace
 4 We thank you, then, O God of heav'n,
 5 As you have prom - ised, grant each soul

That grasps the prom - ise God has giv'n,
 To save or strength - en us in - deed,
 And bids the mourn - er's weep - ing cease;
 That you to us this faith have giv'n
 Its ho - ly faith's true end and goal:

A trust that can - not be o'er - thrown,
 Re - ceiv - ing grace from heav - en's throne
 By faith the chil - dren's place we claim
 Through might - y Word and sac - ra - ment
 The bless - ed - ness no foes de - stroy,

Fixed heart - i - ly on Christ a - lone.
 And hum - bly shar - ing cross and crown.
 And give all hon - or to one name.
 To trust the one whom you have sent.
 E - ter - nal love and light and joy.

Text: Petrus Herbert, d. 1571, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

****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.

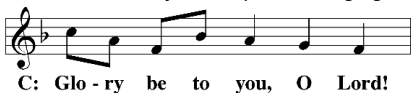
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 15:21 – 28

Note the context of chapter 15. The children of Israel—and especially their religious leaders—found nothing but fault in Jesus of Nazareth. The chosen people of God to whom belonged the patriarchs, the promises, the covenant and the temple, could see nothing in Christ but a breaker of man---made traditions. Jesus’ words to them could not be harsher.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!”

But he did not answer her a word. His disciples came and pleaded, “Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered her, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to their little dogs.” “Yes, Lord,” she said, “yet their little dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire.” And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



****Please Be Seated****

SERMON TEXT:

MATTHEW 15:21 – 28

SERMON THEME:

FAITH RECEIVES GOD'S MERCY

CREATE IN ME



****Please Be Seated****

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.

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

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.

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.

Please Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#305

FROM THE DEPTHS OF WOE I CRY TO YOU



1 From depths of woe I cry to you; Lord, hear me,
2 Your love and grace a - lone a - vail To blot out
3 There - fore my hope is in the Lord And not in
4 My soul is wait - ing for the Lord As one who



I im - plore you. Bend down your gra - cious ear to me;
my trans - gres - sion. The best and ho - liest deeds must fail
my own mer - it; It rests up - on his faith - ful Word
longs for morn - ing; No watch - er waits with great - er hope



My prayer let come be - fore you. If you kept
To break sin's dread op - pres - sion. Be - fore you
To them of con - trite spir - it. That he is
Than I for his re - turn - ing. I hope as



rec - ord of my sin And held a - gainst me
none can boast - ing stand, But all must fear your
mer - ci - ful and just— This is my com - fort
Is - rael in the Lord; He sends re - demp - tion



what I've been, How could I stand be - fore you?
strict de - mand And live a - lone by mer - cy.
and my trust. His help I wait with pa - tience.
through his Word. We praise him for his mer - cy.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 4.
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Tune: AUS TIEFER NOT (87 87 887) Martin Luther, 1483–1546, alt.

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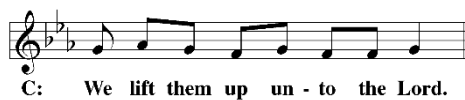
THE SACRAMENT



C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

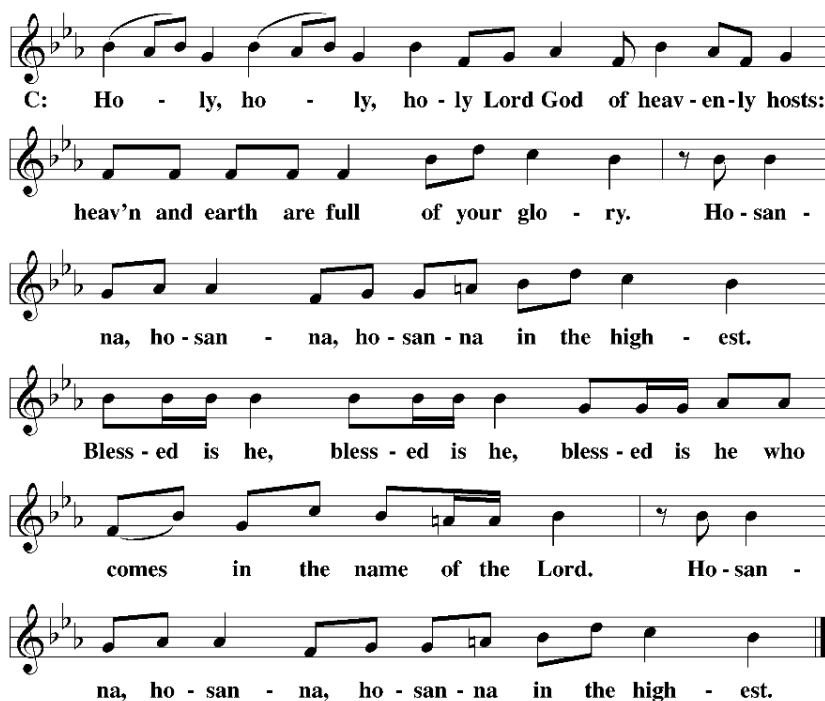


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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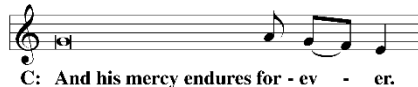
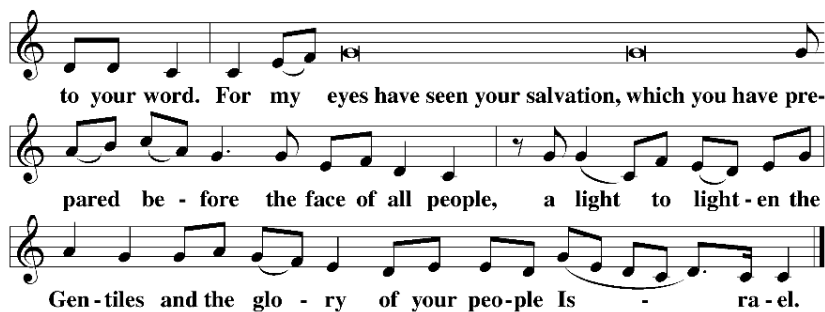
DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul's guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: "For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord's body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Therefore,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

O CHRISTIAN, HASTE

#570



1 O Chris - tians, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing
3 Pro - claim to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
4 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;



To tell to all the world that God is light,
Bound in the dread - y pris - on - house of sin
That God, in whom they live and move, is love;
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;



That he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
With none to tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing
Tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
Pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious;



One soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
Or of the life he died for them to win.
And died on earth that they might live a - bove.
O Chris - tians, haste to bring the bright - er day!

Refrain



Pub - lish glad ti - dings, Ti - dings of peace,



Ti - dings of Je - sus, Re - demp - tion and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923, abr., alt.

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WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the sole 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 forgiven for all people 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, when 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

Pastor Sam Johnson and family: The council has agreed to a \$2500 matching gift to support Pastor Johnson and family during this time of need. You can place your gift in the offering plate and designate it for his family.

Potential Location: The council has reviewed suite #5 in the Fred Meyer complex. Location details are posted in the entryway. They are seeking voters' approval to pursue this location and will hold a voters' meeting on Sunday, August 23, following service.

Bible Information Class: We are still looking for participants for our Bible Information Class on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. 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 connect them with Pastor Emmons. Please take the "Do you have a Pastor?" fliers at the entrance; they are for you to hand out throughout the 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 p.m. for setup, so mark your calendar for August 26. 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 is at 6 p.m. We will meet at Gary and Lani Carroll's home (3211 SW Umatilla Rd.) to study Isaiah, or you can join us on Zoom.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057

Password: GraceOT

Women's Mission Rally: Mark your calendar for the West Coast Women's Mission Rally, to be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Klamath Falls, Oregon, September 25–26.

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