

Sunday Service with Communion

God's Promise - Matthew 7

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Welcome...

We are so happy that you are here with us today. Our desire is to be like another home for you. We encourage you to register your name on the fellowship pad which you will find at the end of the row where you are sitting. If you are new to Grace or to the area and are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider joining our family here at Grace. A Fellowship Hour is held after the Worship Service, and we invite you to stay for a few minutes so we can get acquainted.

HOLY COMMUNION

is celebrated in our worship service today. This meal is weird and wonderful: weird because we actually believe that the bread and wine are the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ; wonderful because Jesus is with us. We take this meal very seriously here at Grace. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and allow us to answer your questions. **Children** who have not been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament may come to the Lord's Table with their parents for a blessing but are asked to fold their arms across their chests to indicate they are to receive a blessing.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION: The wine is made available in both the individual glasses and the common cup. Following the distribution of the bread, the individual cups will be offered. Then the common cup will be offered to those who do not have an individual cup in their hand. The acolyte will then gather the individual glasses. ***For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored in the individual communion glasses.*** Those who find it difficult to walk to the altar can be communed in the pew. Please inform the usher of your need.

God's Plan: Living as Stewards

God has given us, his people, so much. He has created us from the dust of the creation and breathed His Spirit into our being. He sent his Son, who became the sacrificial lamb, so we may never be separated from the Father. The Spirit constantly inspires us to go from here, blessing all around us. We have been given so much, so now what do we do with all that we have been given?

TODAY: God's Promise

God has always been like a father for his people. And just like a good father, He gives His children what they want and need. So He tells us to ask Him for everything we need. He encourages us to ask Him for what we need and want, even when we have not been our best selves or when we have been wasteful of what He has given us. He is the Good Father and wants to give us good gifts.

---- THE OPENING HYMN

"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" Vs. 1 - 4

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| 1. This is the day the Lord has made;
He calls the hours his own.
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad,
Let praise surround the throne. | 3. Hosanna to the King of Kings,
To David's holy son!
He helps us, He descends and brings
Salvation from the throne. |
| 2. Today Christ rose and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell.
Today the saints his triumph spread,
They all his wonders tell. | 4. Blest be the Lord, who comes to us
With messages of grace;
Who comes in God his Father's name
To save our sinful race. |

--RESPONSE OF THE DAY Taken From Psalm 138

Pastor: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

PEOPLE: The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all the creation.

Pastor: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

PEOPLE: Everyone looks to you, and you provide food to all.

Pastor: You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

PEOPLE: The LORD is kind in all his works.

Pastor: The LORD is near to all who call on him,

PEOPLE: He hears all who cry and saves them.

--THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all. **PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

(We greet one another with the handshake of peace and with the words
"The Peace of the Lord be with you.")

----THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Lord You are More Precious than Silver”

Lord You are more precious than silver.

Lord You are more costly than gold.

Lord You are more beautiful than diamonds.

And nothing I desire compares with you.

--- THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Take a moment of silent reflection upon our need for God's forgiveness)

Pastor:  O Almighty God,

PEOPLE: GOD, OUR LOVING FATHER,
WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE OFTEN
IMPATIENT AND RUSH TO CRITICIZE.
WE TAKE OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR
GRANTED.
WE ARE OFTEN UNGRATEFUL AND NOT
GRACIOUS.
WE OFTEN EXPECT CHURCH TO MIRROR
OUR OWN BIASES.
WE FORGET TO ASK FOR OUR CHURCH TO
MIRROR YOU.

WE OFTEN USE YOUR SCRIPTURES TO
SUPPORT OUR OPINIONS.
WE FORGET THAT THEY ARE A LAMP TO
OUR FEET AND A LIGHT TO OUR PATH.
OUR HOPE IS CENTERED ON OURSELVES
AND NOT ON YOU.
RENEW US, LORD, THAT WE MAY DELIGHT
IN YOUR WILL AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS,
TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME.
AMEN.

Pastor:  *The story of Jesus is about life and forgiveness.*

 *You are God's beloved; you are a child of the resurrection. Live in the hope of new life. God loves you, and God is the restorer of hope. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN*

--THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: *Let us pray.*

Lord God, govern our hearts by your Holy Spirit. Make us mindful of the end of all things and the day of your just judgment. Stir us up to lead holy lives, and let us live with you forever. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 11:18-25

Any discipline that reminds us effectively to live as God intends is helpful. But Moses' goal here is not to create new rituals. It is to encourage God's people to be intentional about learning and remembering God's ways.

"You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to

your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth. For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving the Lord your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him, then the Lord will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you. Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours. Your territory shall be from the wilderness to the Lebanon and from the River, the river Euphrates, to the western sea. No one shall be able to stand against you. The Lord your God will lay the fear of you and the dread of you on all the land that you shall tread, as he promised you.

Reader:  *This is the Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE:  **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:21-29

In the incarnation and sacrificial death of Jesus, God is at work to extend salvation to those who fall under sin's addiction.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to

show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 7:7-14

Jesus returns to prayer, an important and sometimes difficult topic. Here He gives the very essence of prayer.

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father

who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- THE APOSTLES CREED

--- HYMN OF THE DAY

"Seek Ye First"

- 1. *Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia!***
- 2. *Man shall not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia!***
- 3. *Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!***

--- THE SERMON

God's Promise

The Apostles Creed
I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified,
died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day
He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the
right hand of God,
the Father, Almighty.
From thence
He will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

--THE OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with-in me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.

--- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(after each petition)

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, **PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

--- THE LORD'S PRAYER

--- THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor:  *May the Lord be with you!*

PEOPLE:  **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Pastor:  *Lift up your hearts.*

PEOPLE:  **WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

Pastor:  *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

PEOPLE:  **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

Pastor: The tree of life in the midst of the garden was the tree of our defeat.

Christ was lifted up on the tree of victory;

and where life was lost, there life has been restored. And so we praise you

PEOPLE: 

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,

HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.

HOSANNA, HOSANNA, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

---- THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

---- THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Drawn to the Cross, Which You Have Blessed" LW 356

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heav'n
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heav'n
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

1. Drawn to the cross which you have blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in you my life, my rest,
Christ Crucified, I come.
2. How well you know my griefs and fears,
Your grace abused, my misspent years!
Yet now to you with contrite tears,
Christ Crucified, I come.
3. Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain,
Christ Crucified, I come.
4. Then all that you would have me do
Shall such glad service be for you
That angels wish to do it too.
Christ Crucified, I come.

“By Grace I’m Saved” LW 351

1. By grace I’m saved, grace free and
boundless; my soul, believe and doubt it
not.
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has
Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No, then this word must true remain: By
grace you too will life obtain.
2. By grace God’s Son, our only Savior, came
down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit that Jesus
died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone, that
brought Him from His heav’nly throne.
3. By grace! This ground of faith is certain; as
long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
what in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done depends
on grace—grace through His Son.
4. By grace to timid hearts that tremble, in
tribulation’s furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, the
Father’s heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure if
grace were not my anchor sure?

“Come unto Me, Ye Weary” LW 345

1. “Come unto me, ye weary, and I will give
you rest.”
O blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to
hearts opprest!
It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and
peace.
Of joy that has no ending, of love that
cannot cease.
2. “Come unto me, ye wand’rers, and I will
give you light.”
O loving voice of Jesus, which comes to
cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness, and we

had lost our way;
But thou hast brought us gladness and
songs at break of day.

3. "Come unto me, ye fainting, and I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus, which comes to aid our strife
The foe is stern and eager, the fight is fierce and long;
But thou has made us mighty and stronger than the strong.

4. "And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out."
O patient love of Jesus, which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners to come, dear Lord, to thee!

----- THE BLESSING

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord look upon you with grace and redemption.
May the Lord always walk before you and give you peace.

PEOPLE: AMEN

----THE CLOSING HYMN

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made vs. 5

Hosanna in the highest strains
The church on earth can raise.
The highest heavens, where he reigns,
Will give him nobler praise.

----- SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Today

Worship

Fellowship

Korean Church Worship

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November 17, 2019

8:30 & 10:15 am

Between Services (9:30 ish)

1:00 pm

7:30 pm

This Week

Bible Study with Pastor Russ

Olivet Academy

Korean Church Bible Study

Heatherwood HOA

Mahjongg

Bible Study @ Perkins Restaurant

Scripture Narration (2nd Corinthians)

November 18 - 23

Monday, 11:00 am

Tuesday, 9 am - 1 pm

Tuesday, 7:00 pm

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Wednesday, Noon

Thursday, 7:30 am

Thursday, 11:00 am

Building Committee Meeting	Thursday 12:15 pm
Men's Night Out	Thursday, 5:30 pm
Brownies	Thursday, 6:30 pm
Korean Prayer Service	Saturday, 6:00 am
Operation Christmas Child Packing	Saturday, 10:00 am

For complete calendar information, go to www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS Cassie Birtwell - 11/23

THE FLOWERS adorning the altar are given to the glory of God by Claude and Pat Hessee.

New Members to Grace! Please help us welcome our new members at Grace!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Come join us in finalizing packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child on Saturday, November 23, at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Your donations are greatly appreciated in order to spread the Gospel to thousands of children around the world.

Sarah's Kitchen is looking for volunteers to help set up tables and chairs on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9:00am at First United Methodist Church. We are also looking for a volunteer to pick up food donations on Wednesday mornings at 2 restaurants in Tradition and transport the food to St. Andrew Lutheran Church. Contact Piper Neagles at (586)212-7626 or janpan18@yahoo.com if you could assist in this community outreach project.



DON'T FORGET THE BACKPACK PROGRAM; A list of needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and a collection box is in the narthex. Cash donations earmarked "Backpack" may be placed in the offering plate as well. For more information contact Leigh Liagre. We now are serving over 113 students from this community.

FAMILY MEALS! Collection is concluding today! Food will be picked up tomorrow by Pastor Engel. Monetary donations will continue to be collected and sent to Family Meals when received.

REMEMBER THOSE ON THE PRAYER LIST In an effort to keep our prayer list up to date and be sure everyone is listed, please make your requests in writing or email.

- **place the** pink completed prayer form* into the offering plate or on office desk.
- **or by email** to: www.GraceLutheranPSL.com/pray

Your loved one/ones will remain on the list for three weeks. If you wish someone to remain longer, you will need to make another request. By doing this, we will also ensure that Pastor Cris is aware of updates to the status of everyone's needs.

***PINK PRAYER REQUEST FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE COUNTER IN THE NARTHEX.**

GUYS NIGHT OUT This Thursday, November 21, all men are invited to a casual gathering at, the “Hope Cat” in Tradition at 5:30PM. Come out for a relaxing time of fellowship and a good time.

ENJOYMENT DISCOUNT BOOKS are now available for 2020. See Susan Becker during fellowship time to purchase one for \$35.00.

BUILDING COMMITTEE will meet this week, Thursday at 12:15 pm, to review permitting and loan progress as well as ground breaking thoughts.

QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON DURING THE WEEK

1. What is a favorite gift that you have given? What made that a favorite gift to give?
2. Read Matthew 7: 7-12. What does Jesus invite you to do? Why does he do this?
3. Often times we can feel unworthy to ask God for requests because of our sin and evil. How do these verses give you confidence to approach God and ask?