

“Therefore, behold, your house is being left to you. “

Prelude

Confession & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.

A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

A: Almighty God, merciful Father:

C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

1. My Master was a worker,
With daily work to do,
And those who would be like Him
Must be a worker, too.
Then welcome honest labor,
And honest labor's fare,
For where there is a worker,
The Master's own is there.

2. My Master was a colleague,
A trusty friend and true,
And those who would be like Him
Must be a colleague, too.
In happy hour of singing,
In silent hours of care,
Where goes a loyal colleague,
The Master's own is there.

3. My Master was a helper,
The woes of life He knew,
And those who would be like Him
Must be a helper, too.
The burden will grow lighter,
If each will take a share,
And where there is a helper,
The Master's own is there.

4. Then, workers brave and honest,
Together let us be,
For He, who is our Master,
The Lord of all is was He.
And all who would be like Him
Are wanted everywhere,
And where they love each other
The Master's own is there.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

Kyrie

ELW Setting 2

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 2



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

P: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

P: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: God whose works formed all heaven and earth and established the environment which nurtures and sustains all living things, we pray that our worship this day will acceptably reflect our thanks for your labors, and that you will fill us with the Spirit so that we will be inspired to mirror your good works by diligently attending to the good works we have been called to accomplish as your people. We ask this in the name of the one whose faithful labors even to death has brought us new life, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 2

After Adam and Eve confessed to God that they had disobediently eaten the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, God explained the consequences of this sin, first to the Serpent who had enticed Eve to desire the fruit, next to Eve to ate it and enticed her husband to eat, and finally to Adam, who gave into his desire and are as well. God said to Adam:

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the soil because of you; with hardship will you eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it will sprout for you; and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

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*Lord, you have been our refuge
in every generation.*

**Before the mountains were brought up,
or even before you had formed the earth and the world -
from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

*You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."*

**For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**

*The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.*

**So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.**

*Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!*

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

*Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.*

**Let the blessing of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands--
O prosper the work of our hands!**

Second Lesson

EXODUS 20

God gave the Commandments to God's people while they were still in the wilderness. As the third of the ten commandments. God said, Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work--you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and declared it to be a holy day.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 5

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city has no power to be concealed when it has been laid out on the top of a mountain. Likewise, no one lights a lamp and then places it under a trash can. No! The lit lamp is place on a table where it can shine on everything that is in the house. So, you, likewise, should shine your light before everyone, so that they may, perhaps, see your good works and may, perhaps, give glory to your Father in the heavens.

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

All Labor Gained New Dignity

1. All la - bor gained new dig - ni - ty Since
2. No work is com - mon - place if all Be
3. Each small - est com - mon thing He makes Serves
4. His ser - vice is life's high - est joy, It

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He who all cre - a - tion made Toiled
 done as un - to Him a - lone; Life's
 Him with its mi - nut - est part; Man
 yields fair fruit a hun - dred fold: be

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with his hands for dai - ly bread Right man - ful - ly.
 sim - plest toil to Him is known Who know - eth all.
 on - ly with his wand - 'ring heart His way for - sakes.
 this our prayer; "Not fame, not gold, but, Thine em - ploy.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers & Passing of the Peace

Offering / Offertory

Words: Charles Wesley, *Hymns and Poems*, 1739

Tune: 754

1. Servant of all, to toil for man
Thou didst not, Lord, refuse;
Thy majesty did not disdain
To be employed for us.

2. Son of the carpenter, receive
This humble work of mine;
Worth to my meanest labor give,
By joining it to Thine.

3. End of my every action Thou,
In all things Thee I see;

Accept my hallowed labor now,
I do it unto Thee.

4. Thy bright example I pursue,
To Thee in all things rise;
And all I think or speak or do
Is one great sacrifice.

5. Careless through outward cares I go,
From all distraction free;
My hands are but engaged below,
My heart is still with Thee.

A: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

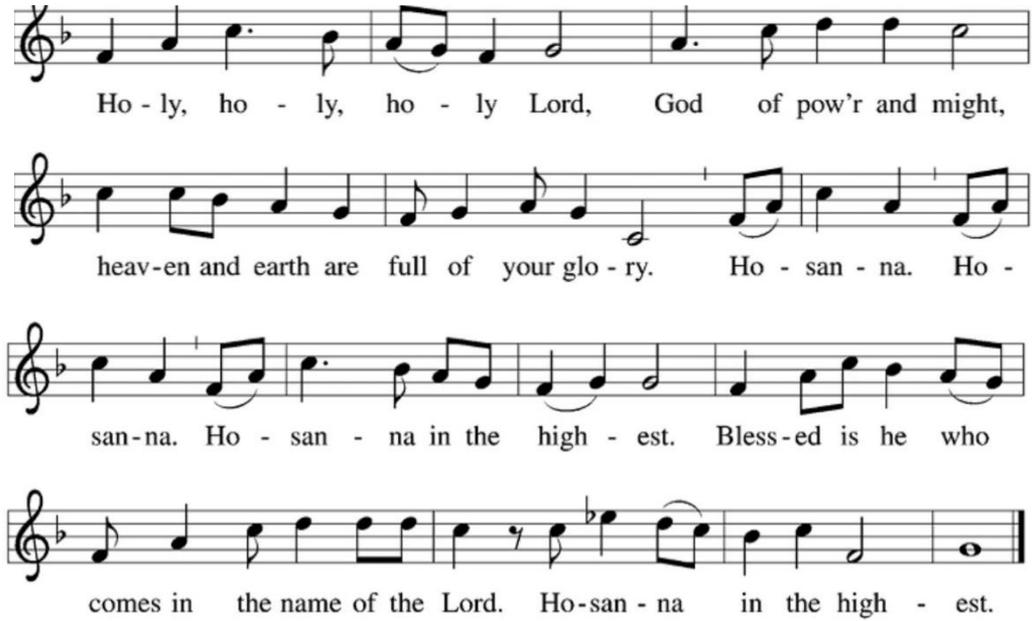
Great Thanksgiving

ELW Setting 2

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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P: It is indeed . . .



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

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1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

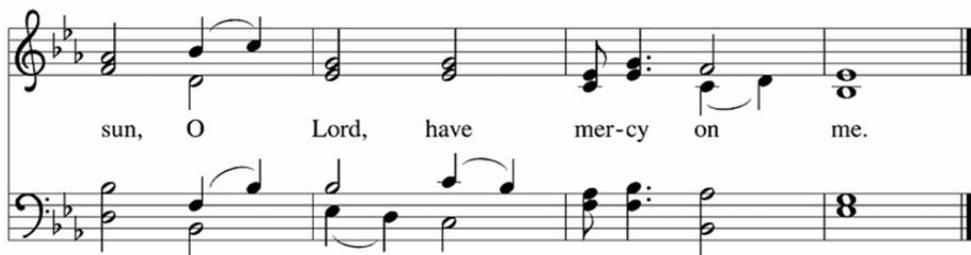


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Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

Sons of labor, dear to Jesus,

*tune: **823***

Sons of labor, dear to Jesus,
To your homes and work again;
Go with brave hearts back to duty,
Face the peril, bear the pain.
Be your dwellings ne'er so lowly,
Yet remember, by your bed,
That the Son of God most holy
Had not where to lay His head.

Sons of labor, be like Jesus,
Undefiled, chaste, and pure;
And, though Satan tempt you sorely,
By His grace you shall endure.
Husband, father, son and brother,
Be ye gentle, just and true —
Be ye kind to one another,
As the Lord is kind to you.

Sons of labor, think of Jesus
As you rest your homes within,
Think of that sweet Babe of Mary
In the stable of the inn.
Think how in the sacred story
Jesus took a humble grade,
And the Lord of Life and Glory
Worked with Joseph at His trade.

Sons of labor, seek for Jesus,
Where He tells you ye shall find,
In the children, 'mid the mourners,
In the sick, poor, lame and blind —
"Search the Scriptures," He entreats you,
"For of Me they testify";
Love His altar, where He meets you,
Saying, "Fear not — It is I."

Sons of labor, pray to Jesus;
Oh, how Jesus prayed for you!
In the moonlight, on the mountain,
Where the shimmering olives grew.
When you rise up at the dawning,
Ere in toil you wend your way,
Pray, as He prayed, in the morning,
Long before the break of day.

Sons of labor, live for Jesus,
Be your work your worship, too;
In His Name, and to His glory,
Do whate'er you find to do;
Till this night of sin and sorrow
Be for ever overpast;
And we see the golden morrow,
Home with Jesus, home at last!

Postlude & Dismissal

Grace could use some HELP! . . .

There is need at Grace for help with the upcoming Fellowship Events.
For more information and details on what is needed, reach out to
Georgette Muller at gmuller5@gmail.com

There is a need at Grace for help as Assisting Ministers, Lectors and Communion Assistants. Those who already have answered the call to serve in one of these ways can tell you that it may be a bit nerve-racking at first, but there is great joy and satisfaction in being an important part of worship leadership. Think you have what it takes? Contact Deacon Carol Straub at DCBstraub@verizon.net.

Fellowship Events are Back! Grace always strives to be the place where you experience the gift of the friendship of fellow Christians through fun events. You are invited to be part of the Fellowship Brunches after each worship service on September 18, or bring a dish to the Reformation Potluck at noon on October 30, or look for the return of Grace's famous Annual Christmas Dinner in early December! And the Dining Out Club is back, too, so look to be part of those monthly outings.



Sunday September 4

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Brainstorming Follow-up meeting

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday September 11

9/11 Memorial Day & Blessing of the Backpacks & God's Work Our Hand's Sunday

*Remembering those who died and those who continue to mourn and suffer from their part in the 9/11 experience, worship begins with a memorial prayer and hymn. As schools begin again, it is good to have a tangible sign of God's blessing for students to carry around with all day, so **bring your backpack to be blessed!** Grace's many hands will get to work assembling the much-needed Lutheran World Relief Personal Care kits between worship services – come lend your hands.*

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. LWR Care Kit Assembly Event

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Class

11:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday September 13

Bible Study Tuesdays @ Grace are Back!

Pastor Chris will lead three different opportunities to engage God's Word together – none of the formats or content is the same, so come to all three!

6:30 a.m. In-person Breakfast & Bible in Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Hybrid Study in Pastor's Office : online or in-person

7:00 p.m. Online Study

Sunday September 18

Fellowship Brunch Sunday!

Enjoy wonderful company, delicious food, and good Lutheran Coffee together after each worship service.

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. LWR Care Kit Assembly Event!

11:00 a.m. Worship

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