



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

27 August 2023, 10:15 am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and INVITATION

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

Because Of Your Love

Brenton Brown and Paul Baloche

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As we come into Your presence,
We remember ev'ry blessing,
That You've poured out so freely from above;
Lifting gratitude and praises
For compassion so amazing,
Lord we've come to give You thanks,
For all You've done.

Chorus

Because of Your love,
We're forgiven.
Because of Your love,
Our hearts are clean.
We lift You up
With songs of freedom
Forever we're changed,
Because of Your love. ***(Repeat song)***

Your Great Name

Michael Neale and Krissy Nordhoff

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Lost are saved, find their way
At the sound of Your great Name.
All condemned feel no shame
At the sound of Your great Name.

Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great Name.
The enemy he has to leave
At the sound of Your great Name.

Chorus

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb
That was slain for us.
The Son of God and man.
You are high and lifted up,
and all the world will praise
Your great Name.

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great Name.
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great Name.
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great Name.
The sick are healed the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name. ***Chorus***

Bridge 1

Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty.
Defender, my Savior, You are my King.
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Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty.
Defender, my Savior, You are my King.

Instrumental

Bridge 2

Sing the name of Jesus
We worship the name of Jesus
We bow before Jesus
There is no other name but Jesus

Final Chorus

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb
That was slain for us.
The Son of God and man.
You are high and lifted up,
and all the world will praise . . . **Repeat**

Your great Name.
Your great Name.
Your great Name.

INVOCATION

REPENTANCE and RESTORATION

Great is the steadfast love of the Lord toward us. Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,

call upon Me in the day of trouble, says the LORD, and I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

Father in heaven, in Your mercy You call us to turn from our sinful ways and live.

We confess that we have run away from Your presence. By what we do and what we fail to do, we have turned our backs on Your love.

Forgive us, Father. Draw us again to the cross of Your Son that we may be restored in our relationship with You.

Father, hear now the silent prayers of confession that we bring before You.

A moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are promised redemption and restoration in the presence of our Father, who hears your prayers, and for the sake of His Son, forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained 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.

Amen.

May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Let us pray . . .

Please be seated.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

"The LORD'S Comfort for Zion"

Jane Goss

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 138; antiphon: v. 8a

Abbie Crist

Give Thanks to the LORD

*I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;*

**I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,**

*for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.*

**On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.**

*All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.*

*For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.*

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;**

*you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.*

**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 11:33-12:8

"A Living Sacrifice"

Grace Perry

Please stand.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20

"Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ"

Pastor Marty

SONG OF THE DAY

Serve the Lord with Gladness

Ernest Lewerenz

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"

It is He alone

Who redeemed us sinners,

Guides us as His own

To enjoy the blessings

Of His love and grace,

Will at last in glory

Meet us face to face.

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"

Glorify His name.

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"

He gave us command

To proclaim His Gospel

Now in every land

So that fellow sinners

May, like us, be blest.

Leading them to Jesus,

We can serve Him best.

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"

Glorify His name!

Serve the Lord with gladness!"

There's no greater joy

That to serve the Master,

Work in His employ.

As we build His kingdom

Angels, too, rejoice

Over every sinner

Brought to hear His voice.

Onward, then, for Jesus!

Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"

Glorify His name!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jane Goss

(Kindergarten – 6th grade students are excused to attend Children's Church in the ANNEX)

MESSAGE

"Called to Serve the Gospel"

Pastor Marty Tyler

Sermon Notes

Main Point:

Focus Scripture

God's Perspective

Our Perspective

How do the two perspectives help us share God's Good News?

Application:

What Does This Mean for Me?

THANKFUL GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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Please stand.

OFFERTORY SONG

Purify My Heart

Jeff Nelson

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Purify my heart,
Touch me with Your cleansing fire.
Take me to the cross;
Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me,
Kindle a love
That flows from Your throne.
Oh, purify my heart_____, purify my heart. **(Repeat song)**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(see hymnal inside back cover)*

Please be seated.

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

Please stand.

BLESSING TO DEPART

Grace go with you and peace flow through you, for they are gifts from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

By God's grace and peace, we have been blessed with "the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ."

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

DEPARTING SONG

No Greater Love

Tommy Walker

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Chorus

There's no greater love than Jesus,
There's no greater love than He gives.
There's no greater love that frees us so deep within.

(Repeat chorus first time only)

Verse

All the world's empty pleasures
Will soon pass away,
But His love will last forever,
In my heart it shall remain. **Chorus**

Bridge

We praise Your name, stand in awe of Your never-ending love.
Love so great that it covers all my sin and shame.
No greater pow'r, there is no greater force in all the earth
Than the strength of His love.
There's no greater love than Jesus,
There's no greater love than He gives.
There's no greater love that frees us so deep within. **(Repeat)**

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Grace Fellowship Hall.

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