



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

10 September, 10:15 am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and INVITATION

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

Consuming Fire

Tim Hughes

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Come and Behold Him

George T. Searcy, John Chisum

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How Great Thou Art

LSB #801

INVOCATION

REPENTANCE and RESTORATION

Indeed, the Lord reigns over every nation, language, and people. Yet, we have not loved all people as Christ has loved us. The fruits of our faith are not always evident. But our Lord is gracious and merciful, and He offers His forgiveness to all who repent.

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

Heavenly Father,

We have failed to love others as You love them. We have failed to reflect Your grace to the world in service and sacrifice. We have failed in our actions and in our unwillingness to act. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may follow You in joy. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus Christ into our world to serve and save all people, showing no partiality or favoritism. By His death, He forgives all our sins. By His resurrection, He destroys death forever and offers us eternal life. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We are set free to love and serve our neighbors. Amen.

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

Amen.

Let us pray . . . Lord Jesus Christ, Your grace and mercy overflow to all people. Lead us to love and serve others, regardless of their differences from us, so that all people might know the good news of Your death and resurrection for their eternal life and salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

"Ezekiel Is Israel's Watchman"

Jim Ramsey

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 32:1-7; antiphon: v. 1

*Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.*

**Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

*For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.*

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

*I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;*

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Therefore, let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.*

**You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

*Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.*

EPISTLE READING

Romans 13:1-10

"Fulfilling the Law Through Love"

René Hutzell

Please stand.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20

"Who is the Greatest"

Pastor Marty

SONG OF THE DAY

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

LSB 857

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jane Goss

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

MESSAGE

"Love That Continues"

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

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of Grace Ministries.

Our ability to continue to serve you, the Church, and our community is greatly dependent upon the willingness of God's people to give of their time, talents and treasures. Please remember to support the LORD'S Church by regularly sending in your tithes and offerings; by mail, online at www.GraceLutheranCC.com/Giving, or download the *GivePlus* Mobile App. As the Apostle Paul writes, "Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). If you brought your tithe or offering with you today, you may place them in the box marked "I Bring An Offering To The Lord" sitting on the table next to the usher's station at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY SONG

Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear)

Graham Kendrick

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Please be seated.

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

"Love Your Neighbor"

René Hutzell

SENDING SONG

The Awesome God You Are

Matt Redman, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram

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FAREWELL and GODSPEED for Karen Sanders (and Paul)

RITE OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Please stand and face the entrance to the nave.

PROCESSION OF THE BRIDE

Please be seated.

OPENING ADDRESS

DECLARATION OF INTENT

MATRIMONY VERSE

VOWS and EXCHANGE OF RINGS

PROCLAMATION

BLESSING OF THE COUPLE

Please stand.

BLESSING TO DEPART

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

LSB 803

*Thank you for worshiping with us today.
Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Grace Fellowship Hall.*



THE REST OF THE STORY: *Loving God & Serving Others*

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

***INSTEAD OF ASKING GOD WHY YOU ARE WHERE YOU ARE,
BEGIN ASKING WHAT YOU CAN DO TO LOVE GOD AND
LOVE OTHERS WHERE YOU ARE.***

- *Get To Know Your Neighbor.*
- *What Does Your Neighborhood Need?*
- *What Are Ways You Can Love Your Next-Door Neighbor.*

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