



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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

24 September 2023, 10:15 am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

Rise and Shine

Traditional Spiritual

Jesus Messiah

Chris Tomlin

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INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

For God alone my soul waits in silence;

from Him comes my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

I shall not be greatly shaken.

On God rests my salvation and my glory;

my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

for my hope is from Him.

Let us pray. . . Loving God, since we have not been given a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind, help us to fan into flame Your gift of faith, which we have received through the people who have gone before us.

Grant that we be strengthened to share this faith through compassionate service to other people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.



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READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Please refer to the back of your service folder or to the screens overhead.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

"Seek the LORD"

David Cink

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

"Imprisoned For Christ"

Joanne Runnels

Please stand.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20:1-16

"Laborers in the Vineyard"

Pastor Marty

WHAT WE BELIEVE ~ Apostles' Creed *(See back inside cover of the hymnal)*

SONG OF THE DAY

Indescribable

Laura Story, Jesse Reeves

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jane Goss

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

MESSAGE

"The Advance of the Gospel"

Pastor Marty Tyler

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Sermon Notes

Main Point:

Focus Scripture

God's Perspective



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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

Let Us Pray

Steven Curtis Chapman

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

*We humbly bow our heads and pray to our merciful God for all people
in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.*

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying,
"Peace be with you," (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3).*

People return to their places and remain standing.



REPENTANCE AND RENEWAL

In our lives, we struggle to follow Jesus' example of love, steadfastness, and faith. We have sown hatred, shown laziness, and have wrestled with many doubts. We have not kept our eyes fixed on Jesus. Yet our heavenly Father invites us to draw near to His throne in repentant humility and faith, and in confidence ask for forgiveness.

In silent prayer, we bring our sins to the foot of the cross.

Loving and merciful God,

We confess our sinfulness in lacking love. We have not loved one another as You have loved us. We need Your help to follow a new way. Give us faith to know we are surrounded by love beyond what we can imagine. Heal us with forgiveness for Jesus' sake, and strengthen us to follow in the way He walked for us.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His one and only Son to die for you, and for His sake, forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ Jesus 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith whereby we profess at this altar that our Lord Jesus Christ gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, or who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are respectfully asked to refrain from partaking in the meal and instead may come to the altar and receive a blessing, or remain in your pew during distribution, and afterwards speak with the pastor.

OPENING RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

We lift them up to the Lord.



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Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Psalm 136

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and proper . . . evermore praising You name and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of Sa -bā - oth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
Shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest,
Sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes
In the name of the Lord!**

*Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts."
Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

John 20:19

Please be seated.

MY CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

I REJOICE in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior.
I REPENT of all my sins in thought, word, and deed.
I RECEIVE Christ's real body and blood, as well as the bread and wine in this Sacrament.
I RELY on our Savior's promise of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to me
through this Holy Supper.
I REAFFIRM my oneness with fellow communicants in accepting all of Christ's teaching.
I RESOLVE to live a sanctified life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

Your Table I Approach

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You Are The Vine

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Danny Daniels

More Precious Than Silver

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Lynn DeShazo

Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever!*

BLESSING TO DEPART

Please be seated.

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

ADVANCING THE GOSPEL THROUGH SERVING OTHERS:

- PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IMPRISONED FOR THEIR FAITH.
- DEVOTE SOME TIME HELPING THOSE “IMPRISONED” BY INFIRMITIES (*See the prayers for the homebound and chronically ill*)

SENDING SONG

Eye Of The Storm

Bryan Fowler, Ryan Dale Stevenson

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Thank you for worshiping with us today.

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

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