

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 29, 2017

*To protect the Worship environment,  
please, no drinks in the Sanctuary, and remember to turn off cell phones.*

## THE GATHERING

### \*#26 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe—  
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He—  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And tho this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him—  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure:  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thru Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also—  
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still:  
His kingdom is forever.

TEXT: Martin Luther; translated by Frederick H. Hedge; based on Psalm 46 MUSIC: Martin Luther

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Oh sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.  
The Lord has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

**ALL: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!  
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!**

LEADER: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!  
Let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

### \*Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps His courts below  
Praise the holy God of love and all His greatness show.  
Praise Him for His noble deeds praise Him for His matchless pow'r  
Him from whom all good proceeds, let heav'n and earth adore  
Let heav'n and earth adore.

(chorus)  
Praise the name of Christ  
Celebrate and lift Him up high  
Praise the Lord of life  
We'll sing the story of honor and glory and praise the name of Christ

God in whom they move and live let every creature sing  
Glory to their Maker give and homage to their King.  
Hallowed be Thy name beneath, as in heav'n and earth adored  
Praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord

(repeat chorus)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
We'll sing the story of honor and glory  
And praise the name

(repeat chorus 2x)

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## THE READING FROM ROMANS 7:14-24

### THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Eternal and Immortal God, all that you have made unmistakably shows us that you are powerful and divine, and worthy of our worship. Nevertheless, even though you have revealed yourself to us, we have immorally suppressed what we know to be true. We have not honored you as God, nor given thanks to you. We have become futile in our thinking, and our hearts have become dark. Claiming to be wise, we have been fools, and we have exchanged your glory for cheap copies. We have traded your truth for a lie, and we have sought in your creation what can only be found in you yourself. Forgive us for failing to give you glory and rescue us from our idolatrous hearts. Grant us faith to seek in your Son the satisfaction of our souls, and reveal your power in our salvation.**

**PRIVATE** (Silence is kept for private confession)

LEADER: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

### \*By Thy Mercy

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven Thy gracious ear;  
While our waiting souls adore Thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:

From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,  
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

*(By Thy Mercy, continued on page 4)*

*(By Thy Mercy, continued from page 3)*

(refrain)  
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord  
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,  
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.

(repeat refrain)

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,  
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.

In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,  
May our souls, on Thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.

(repeat refrain)

Good Lord, good Lord.

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### \*The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word:  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

TEXT: Samuel J. Stone MUSIC: Brian Moss

### \*THE READING FROM ROMANS 8

### \*Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Whate'er my God ordains is right: Holy His will abideth;  
I will be still whate'er He does, and follow where He guideth.  
He is my God; though dark my road He holds me that I shall not fall:  
Wherefore to Him I leave it all.  
Whate'er my God ordains is right.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me;  
He leads me by the proper path; I know He will not leave me.  
I take, content, what He hath sent; His hand can turn my griefs away,  
And patiently I wait His day.  
Whate'er my God ordains is right.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken.  
My Father's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall:  
And so to Him I leave it all.  
Whate'er my God ordains is right.

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**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Question 53**

LEADER: What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

**ALL: First, he as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, he has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, he makes me share in Christ and His blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.**

**THE DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Although giving is a significant part of worship, we do not collect the offering during our service. Two boxes are placed by the doors to receive your offering. Tithes and offerings for the General Fund are placed in the box without the "steeple." Offerings for the Building Fund are to be placed in the box with the "steeple," with check payable to Grace EPC Building Fund.

10:45am: Prayer for Chris & Cris Bryan

**THE WELCOME**

At this time, please fill out the friendship register found at the side aisle. As the register is passed, please note those with whom you are worshipping so that you can greet one another after the service. If this is your first Sunday at Grace, please accept our invitation to worship with us again soon. If you would like information about Grace EPC, please take one of our brochures from the table in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home, please let us know and we will be happy to visit with you.

(CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASSES AT THIS TIME:  
K-4TH GRADE — LINE UP IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE SANCTUARY.  
CONNECT CLASS [5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE] HEAD DIRECTLY TO ROOM 7)

*[THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER THE SERVICE HAS BEGUN MAY BE SEATED AT THIS TIME]*

**THE WORD AND PRAYER**

**THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**Romans 8:18-27**

**RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE WORD**

**All: The grass withers and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever.**

**THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE**

Rick Pratte

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

It is our sincere desire to pray effectively for the particular needs of those worshipping with us this morning. If you have a prayer concern that you want shared with the congregation during the prayers of the people, please call the church office or one of the elders prior to the service with your request. If you desire prayer on a personal matter, we invite you to meet with the elders in the front pews after the Benediction.

Available for prayer after 8:15 worship: Kim Grubbs & Warran Wiebe

Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Boulton & Scott Rask

**THE SENDING**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*Enough**

(chorus)

All of You is more than enough for all of me,  
For every thirst and every need, You satisfy me with Your love  
And all I have in You is more than enough

You are my supply, my breath of life still more awesome than I know  
You are my reward, worth living for still more awesome than I know

(repeat chorus)

You're my sacrifice of greatest price still more awesome than I know  
You're my coming King, You are everything  
Still more awesome than I know

(repeat chorus)

More than all I want, more than all I need  
You are more than enough for me  
More than all I want more than all I can see  
You are more than enough

(repeat chorus 2x)

And all I have in You is more than enough (2x)

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\*Congregation will stand.

# The Worship of God

## *Sunday Schedule*

**Worship  
8:15am  
&  
10:45am**

**Sunday School  
9:45am**



***In Essentials, Unity;  
In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Charity***

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