



## SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> July  
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Today we welcome our Grace Lutheran Primary School Prep teachers, students and families to our worship time together.

They will lead us in their learning and understanding about PRAYER.

So today, Lord Jesus we ask you to listen to our prayers

Help us to ask for what is pleasing to You,  
so that you may grant our prayer requests.

We ask this through your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

### INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

### JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong:

*Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;  
yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.*

**Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in:  
*Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;  
yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me, loves me still, though I'm very weak and ill;  
from His shining throne on high, comes to watch me where I lie:  
*Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;  
yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die, He will take me home on high:  
*Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;  
yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.***

Anna Warner (1827-1915), alt.

### **CONFESSION**

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,  
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved.  
Grant this, Lord, to us all. **Amen.***

## **PSALM 105**

*<sup>1</sup> Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.*

*<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts.*

*<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.*

*<sup>4</sup> Look to the LORD and his strength;  
seek his face always.*

**Remember the wonderful works the Lord has done.**

*<sup>5</sup> Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,*

*<sup>6</sup> you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,  
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.*

*<sup>7</sup> He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.*

**Remember the wonderful works the Lord has done.**

*<sup>8</sup> He remembers his covenant for ever,  
the promise he made, for a thousand generations,*

*<sup>9</sup> the covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath he swore to Isaac.*

*<sup>10</sup> He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant:*

*<sup>11</sup> 'To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as the portion you will inherit.'*

**Remember the wonderful works the Lord has done.**

*<sup>45</sup> that they might keep his precepts  
and observe his laws. Praise the LORD.<sup>[a]</sup>*

**Remember the wonderful works the Lord has done.**

**Glory to the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray  
for that we may learn more of your love for us as your people.*

**Lead us, great and loving God,  
to be thankful, above everything,  
for the gifts you give us each day.**

**When life seems to turn against us, help us to talk to you in prayer.**

**For you promised to be with us, always, as our friend and saviour.**

**Help us to remember that you gave us  
your most precious gift,  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.**

## BIBLE READING

**FIRST READING: Philippians 4:6** – God wants us to pray to Him

6 “Don’t worry about anything. Instead, tell God about everything. Ask and pray. Give thanks to him.”

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Matthew 13:31-32** *The Story of the Mustard Seed. God hears our prayer and gives us faith. God’s Kingdom grows.*

31 Jesus told the crowd another story. He said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. Someone took the seed and planted it a field.

32 It is the smallest of all your seeds. But when it grows, it is the largest of all garden plants. It becomes a tree. Birds come and rest in its branches.”

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER**

**Lord Jesus,  
thank you for revealing the kingdom of God to us.  
Keep us in your kingdom and help us to treasure it.  
Amen.**

**THIS I BELIEVE (THE CREED)**

**Our Father everlasting The all creating One  
God Almighty Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son Jesus our Saviour**

**I believe in God our Father I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

**Our judge and our defender Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life Forever seated high**

**I believe in God our Father I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

**I believe in You I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord**

**I believe in life eternal I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

**I believe in God our Father I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

## **I'VE GOT SOMETHING**

**I've got something that the world can't give,  
and the world can't take it away,  
I've got something that the world can't give,  
and it keeps me night and day,  
I've got something worth talking about,  
it makes me sing and it makes me shout,  
I've got something that the world can't give,  
and the world can't take it away.**

**Jesus is the one that the world can't give, and the world can't take him  
away,  
Jesus is the one that the world can't give,  
and he keeps me night and day,  
Jesus is the one worth talking about,  
he makes me sing and he makes me shout,  
Jesus is the one that the world can't give,  
and the world can't take him away.**

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## **SERMON**

At this point you may wish to Listen to Sermon,  
or Read and Discuss the Sermon  
For Church YouTube Channel ([click here](#))  
The Sermon online may be different to the manuscript.  
For LCA Worship Resources ([click here](#))

## **SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness;  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!**

**We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, Alleluia!**

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

*Thank you, Lord,  
for giving us so many wonderful gifts,  
especially for calling us into your kingdom.  
Make us faithful servants,  
So that we can give our time, money and talents  
to help others.  
Amen.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*The Spirit of God intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.  
Knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, let  
us pray for all people.*

Heavenly Father, we pray for the church, the body of Christ. May we be yeast  
in this world, bringing the gospel of your love and grace to the lost and  
broken.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Today, we pray for all who seek the kingdom of God. Work your Holy Spirit within them and lead them to the light of your salvation. Make us ready to give an answer for the hope we have in Christ Jesus, so that we can encourage and support the seekers and new believers, to your glory.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Lord, we ask your blessing and guidance for our political leaders. We pray for our state, its premier [insert name] and the leader of the opposition [insert name]. Have mercy on them, and help them lead our people with justice, compassion and wisdom.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Jesus, saviour of the world, comfort and protect those who experience hardship, distress, persecution, famine, lack of clothing, danger, or warfare. In the midst of our personal concerns, remind us of the huge needs of others less fortunate than ourselves.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

God of justice, we are all slaves to sin until we have been set free by your grace. We thank you for your great mercy to us. We pray for criminals, prisoners, and all those who look after them.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

God, your people cry out in their need. You alone have the power to save them. Please be with the sick and the dying. Comfort the grieving.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, because of your great love, you work for our good in all things. In mercy, listen to our prayers, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

*Let us bless the LORD.*

**God be praised forevermore.**

*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 favour, and give you peace.*

**Amen!**

## **WORDS OF SENDING**

*Go in peace,*

*to live as faithful and caring members of God's kingdom.*

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **GOD IS ON OUR SIDE.**

**All those who live beneath God's shade, Protected by his care,  
Will know their fortress is the Lord, For they'll find shelter there,  
If God is on our side, God is on our side,  
Who can be against us?**

**For God will cover with his wings, And keep all harm away,  
You will not have the fear of night, Nor dangers during day,  
If God is on our side, God is on our side,  
Who can be against us?**

**Though thousands fall around your side, To you harm won't come near,  
The Lord himself will be your tent, And you need have no fear,  
If God is on our side, God is on our side,  
Who can be against us?**

**For he will give his angels charge, To guard you in your way,  
And savage beasts will have no power, The serpent you will slay,  
If God is on our side, God is on our side,  
Who can be against us?**

**Yes , God has shown his love to us, And rescued us from sin,  
So when we call to him for help, He'll keep us safe with him,  
If God is on our side, God is on our side,  
Who can be against us?**

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### **HYMNS AND SONGS**

**First reading (a): Genesis 29:15-28**

**LHS**

357 O God, thou faithful God\* G3

**Second reading: Romans 8:26-39**

**LHS**

130 O enter, Lord, Thy temple (vv 1-3)\* G4

168 O blessed Sun, whose splendour G4

386 In Thee is gladness\* G7

394 God is love, let heaven adore him G9

400 From God shall naught divide me\* G3

411 If God be my defender\* G3

423 Jehovah, let me now adore Thee\* (esp vv 3,4,6) G5

500 Blessed Jesus, at Thy word G5  
504 To Thy temple I repair G5  
770 Yours is the glory  
791 O love how deep, how broad, how high G5  
861 All those who live beneath God's shade GS  
862 As we step from the edge of morning GS

**AT**

21 All those who live beneath God's shade  
64 Nothing can separate us  
101 Jesus, please watch over us  
251 God sends us His Spirit  
264 Spirit of God  
281 Nothing in all creation  
349 There is a redeemer  
364 In you is gladness  
438 It's gonna be alright  
463 Goodness is stronger than evil

**Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

**LHS**

147 O Morning Star so bright and fair\* G3  
149 Jesus, priceless treasure\* G3  
153 One thing needful: this one treasure G9  
163 Would you know what most I prize\* G9  
168 O blessed Sun whose splendour G4  
789 My Lord, you wore no royal crown G6

**AT**

34 Seek ye first  
149 I've got something  
185 Jesus, Son of God and man  
206 As the deer pants  
440 Heaven's like a treasure