

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion
August 23, 2026
9:30 am

Grace Lutheran Church
Camp Hill, PA

**-the congregation is invited to stand*

WELCOME TO GRACE

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us this summer. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a guest card which are found in the pews. Following the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor.

We hope that this bulletin will help guide you through our worship service.

INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

God gathers us in unity.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

arr. Lloyd Larson

Karen Jury - piano

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

The Church's One Foundation

ELW#654

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

WORD

FIRST READING – Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;

he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your
name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above
all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not
abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING – Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of
God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy
and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of
worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed
by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is
the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you
not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think
but to think with sober judgment, each according to the
measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we
have many members and not all the members have the same
function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and
individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts
that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in
proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in
teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in
sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in
cheerfulness.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *We Are Called* ELW#720

Refrain

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to'. The second staff contains 'love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -'. The third staff contains 'oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.' and ends with a double bar line and a fermata. A large number '5' is written above the final measure of the third staff.

We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to
love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands as able.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

ELW#697

***APOSTLES CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each prayer concludes:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

***THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share the peace with one another.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

MEAL

OFFERING

We respond to the grace given us by sharing our gifts with others through the offering. Today's regular offering supports the ongoing ministry of Grace church. You can give online, by cash, or by check.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)

Sebastian Temple, arr. Mark Hayes

Karen Jury – voice and piano

***SETTING THE TABLE**

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW#512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff ends with a whole note, the second with a half note, and the third with a half note.



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

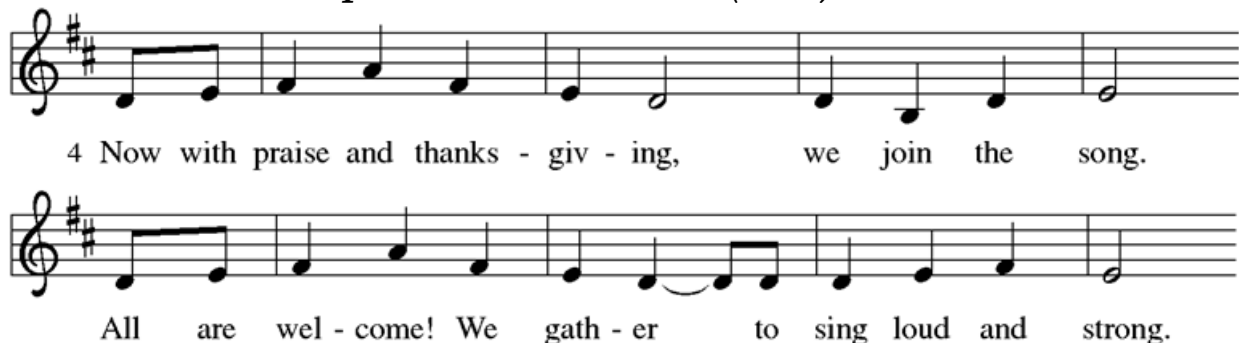
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

***SANCTUS** *Baptized and Set Free (vs 4)*

ELW#453





***THANKSGIVING AT TABLE**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

*In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW#885

The musical notation is written on three staves in G-clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.'

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Thanks be to God.

The assembly may be seated.

Those communing at home or in their seats are invited to prepare their elements then to be led through eating and drinking the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.

The Lutheran Church welcomes all to the Lord's Supper. If you are not a Christian and wish to inquire about the Christian faith, we invite you to speak to the minister.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

ELW#752

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is in the Treble clef, and the bass line is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Jesus, Remember Me (3 times)

ELW#616

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in-to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in-to your king - dom.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the Treble clef, and the bass line is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! (2 times)

ELW#875

The assembly stands as able.

*BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of the Risen Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

SENDING

***BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW#597

***DISMISSAL**

Serving, Loving, Growing in Faith.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Melita

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Chad Butz
Assisting Minister.....	Krista Snively
Lector	Michelle Knight
Acolyte	Hailey Weber
Communion Assistants	Brigitte Storey, Ben Galle
Sound	Tom Pautz
Director of Music.....	Kristopher Hartman
Organist	Emily Hartman
Technology Operator	Chris Jury

This Week at Grace: August 22-28, 2026

We make a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith.



Connect with Us



EVENTS

The Sanctuary Lamp for August is given by Brian & Lori Small in honor of granddaughter, Emilia's 19th birthday.

The Altar Flowers are given by Tracey Alfano-Douty & Craig Douty in honor of our daughter, Taylor Jones' birthday.

The Bulletins & Mailings are given to the Glory of God.

We hold in prayer especially this week....

Karen Brown-Pautz, David & Lori Archer Family, Adam Handwerk, Alice Richards, Carolyn Houck, The Massot Family, Tom Zimmerman, Bob Hillegas, Jeff Johnson, Dr. Robert Little, Jaclyn Atkins, Robert Schweitzer, Alice M., Dean Jury and the friends & family of Beverly Earhart.

We hold in prayer the recently departed....

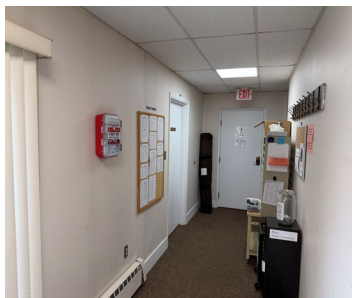
Mary Ryder and Beverly Earhart

Calendar

8/22/2026	5:00pm	Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel
8/23/2026	9:30am	Service of Holy Communion in Sanctuary
8/24/2026	7:00pm	Troop 54 Summer Road Show at Allendale Park
8/25/2026	9:00am 6:30pm	Quilting Ministry in Quilt Room Pub Theology Group 2 at Issac's in West Shore Plaza
8/26/2026	3:00pm	Grace Giving Pantry

Dear Grace,

Please take note of the new First Aid Kits around the building. There is one near the entrance of the Parking Lot Pavilion door, the main Sanctuary door and downstairs in the hallway with the Kitchen towards the elevator and choir room. -Pastor Chad



Contribution Envelopes

We would kindly request that, when completing a contribution envelope, you please fill out the dollar amount on the line(s) provided. This will greatly assist our counting team, particularly when donations are made in cash. Thank you very much for your cooperation

Calling All Confirmands!

Reminder that all children from 7th to 9th grade who have not been confirmed yet should be enrolling in confirmation classes for this year, starting on September 20th. It is a 2-year program where we learn about Lutheran Theology and major biblical stories and themes. Please reach out to Pastor Chad at pastorchad@gracecamphill.org to enroll your child in confirmation class!

Upcoming Events (See the [Events page](#) on the website for more details)

8/30	Baptism of Jack Hyatt
8/31	Grace's Book Club Troop 54 Summer Road Show
9/6	Coffee Hour Blessing of the Backpacks
9/9	Community Meal
9/10	Bells of Grace Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Communion Cards and QR Codes

Communion Cards are in the pews in the main Sanctuary and on the table in the front and back of Barkley Chapel next to the communion cups. We ask that you complete one and drop it in the offering at least once a year. You can also complete the Communion Card on the website (www.gracecamphill.org) under the Worship tab. Over the next couple of weeks, you'll start to see QR codes in the pews—just scan them to log Communion, donate to Grace, see what's going on, and more.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is upon us! Grace will be celebrating and participating in this national day of service on September 20th, 2026. We will be serving at the MidWest Food Bank again this year from Noon to 3pm. If you are interested in helping out one of the most important food banks in our area, please sign up at: <https://volunteer.midwestfoodbank.org/opportunities/VG0QXHxWiq> on the [Events page](#) on the website or scan the QR code. I am looking forward to serving those who serve with you! -Pastor Chad



Alive: Lutheran Community for Middle Schoolers

Alive will be at Camp Nawakwa on September 25-27 and is for 6th – 8th graders. Registration packets are now available online at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/events/alive--174/2026-09-25> or in the Neal Gathering Place. Please complete the youth registration packet and submit it to Ethan Lentz by **Friday, September 4** at ethan.lentz@gracecamphill.org or by placing in the Youth Director's mailbox.

Community Meal

There will be No Community Meal during the month of August. Community Meals will resume on Wednesday, September 9 at 5:30pm in the Social Hall.

Backpack Challenge

If you took a backpack for the Backpack Challenge please return them to the conference room by **Sunday, September 27**.

Grace's Merchandise Store

Want some cool Grace gear? We offer a variety of items including hats, polo shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, a windbreaker jacket, and water bottles. A portion of the proceeds from each purchase goes back to Grace.
<https://www.bonfire.com/store/grace-lutheran-camp-hill-merch/>.



GRACE MERCHANDISE

Special Benevolence Offering

The Special Benevolence for **AUGUST** is **Lutheran Disaster Response**. To contribute, please list your dollar amount next to *Special Offering Ministry* on the contribution envelopes or use the online giving page, use the QR code or on the website page at
<https://www.gracecamphill.org/give>



Give Now

Lost & Found Items

Have you lost an item recently? If so please check with the office at 717-737-0439 or office@gracecamphill.org. Items will be kept in the office for (1) month. After that time, they will be placed in the Community Aid bin in the second parking lot.

Welcome to Our Church Cards

If you are visiting Grace at one of our worship services, please take a moment to complete one of the "Welcome to Our Church" cards found in the pews, both narthexes and in the Neal Gathering Place. We'd love to hear from you.

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12noon on the 15th of the month** for the next month's newsletter. **This Week at Grace** information is due by **12noon on Tuesdays**. Please email any information to ddeppen@gracecamphill.org.

The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

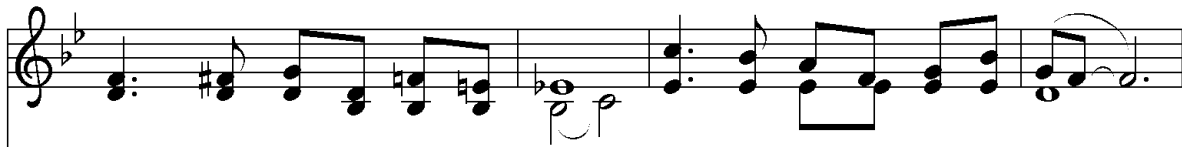
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

Just a Closer Walk with Thee



Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*



Text: North American traditional
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Our Story

Matthew 25:35-40: *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”*

The purpose of Grace Lutheran Church is to make a difference by serving others through God’s love and our faith

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