

Reformation Sunday
Service of Holy Communion
October 25, 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 autumn. 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

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

God gathers us in unity.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Hallelujah

Joel Raney

Bells of Grace

***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,
who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW#504

***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.

***KYRIE**



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have
mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

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

WORD

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the
sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns
the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in
the earth.”**

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING – Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those
who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced
and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no
human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the
law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has
been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets,
²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for
all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have
sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now
justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is
in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of
atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to
demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine
forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed;
²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own
righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one
who has the faith of Jesus.

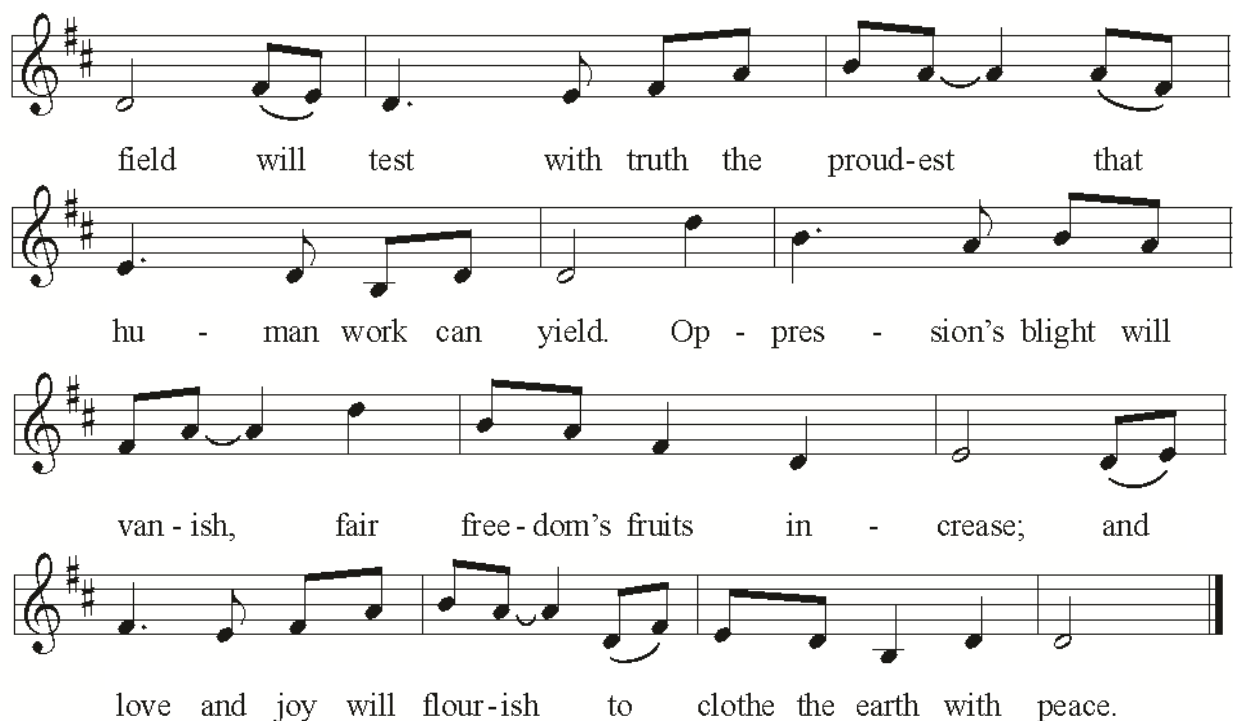
²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through
what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of
faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart
from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**





***GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

The holy gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." 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**

We Are All One in Mission

ELW#576

***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:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

***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

How Beautiful

Twila Paris; arr. Lloyd Larson

Grace Chancel Choir

***SETTING THE TABLE**



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

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. Through your Son, you taught us that true riches are to be found in loving you rather than earthly treasure. For your glory, and to give us the fullness of life and salvation, Christ emptied himself upon the cross and was raised in power to sit at your right hand. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in adoring song.

***SANCTUS**

5 We praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and
praise the Spir - it, with the throng of
saints and an - gels, joined as one in
grate - ful, ev - er - last - ing song.

***THANKSGIVING AT TABLE**

Let the peoples praise you, generous and abundant Creator:
you scatter abroad and give to the poor; you provide seed to
the sower and bread for food. Let the peoples praise you: you
called Israel to be your chosen people, to preserve your word
and to scatter it abroad. Let the peoples praise you: when time
had ripened, you sent the Word, your Son, into the world, so
that all might have life and have it abundantly.

*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.*

Remembering, therefore, how he fed the hungry and gave company to outcasts; how he healed the sick and freed those in bondage; how he taught and guided those who were seeking you; how he was handed over and gathered in for our sake; how he was resurrected as the first fruits of the dead, and how he promised to return for the great harvest home; we give you thanks, not as we ought, but as we are able.

Send, we pray, your Spirit to this meal. Supply our needs, and those of all your saints, and fill us until we overflow with thanksgivings. Empowered by this meal, enlivened by your Spirit, move us to glorify you in faithfulness to the gospel and in generosity to all in need.

United by your Spirit with all people, we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, to you, our Source and our Goal, our Sun and our Shield, our God now and forever.

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

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**

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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



2 O Lord of the har-vest, O God of the feast, where sor-rows are
van-quished and joys are in - creased, where the tree of life grows in your
or-chards a - bove, we'll join in the cho-rus in praise of your
love. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the
Son, sing praise to the Spir - it. Praise God, Three in
One! You have made us one peo - ple you've fed by the
hand, O Lord of the heav-ens, O God of the land.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ubi Caritas et Amor (3 times)

ELW#642

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. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

SENDING

***BLESSING**

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

Blessed Assurance

ELW#638

***DISMISSAL**

Serving, Loving, Growing in Faith.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance

Assurance

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding MinisterThe Rev. Dr. J. Richard Eckert
Assisting Minister.....Jared Weber
LectorPatty Rohde
Acolyte Riley Yeager
Communion Assistants Donna Enrico, Marti Bert
SoundNate Chesky
Director of Music..... Kristopher Hartman
Organist Emily Hartman
Technology OperatorChris Jury

This Week at Grace: October 24 - 30, 2026

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



Connect with Us



EVENTS

The Sanctuary Lamp for October is given by Brian & Lori Small in honor of grandson Josiah's 22nd birthday and granddaughter Saunee's 14th birthday.

The Altar Flowers are given by Bill & Sandy Robison in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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

We hold in prayer especially this week....

Alan Gabel, Jess, Maggie Ryan, Mark Daniels, Deb Overly, Eileen Moore Hartzell, Karen Brown-Pautz, David & Lori Archer Family, Adam Handwerk, Tom Zimmerman, Jeff Johnson, Dr. Robert Little, Jaclyn Atkins, Robert Schweitzer, Alice M, and the friends and family of Tammy Blauvelt.

We hold in prayer the recently departed....

Nancy Mueller and Tammy Blauvelt

Calendar

10/24/26	5:00pm	Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel
10/25/26	9:30am	Service of Holy Communion in Sanctuary
10/26/26	7:00pm	Scouting America Troop 54 & Cub Scout Pack 54 Meeting
10/27/26	9:00am 1:00pm	Quilting Ministry in Quilt Room Adult Bible Study in Neal Gathering Place
10/28/26	3:00pm 5:30pm	Grace Giving Pantry Community Meal in Social Hall
10/29/26	6:00pm	No Bells of Grace or Chancel Choir Rehearsals Trunk or Treat & Haunted House in Parking Lot

Community Meal

We'd love you to come hang out with us at the Community Meal on Wednesday, October 28th at 5:30pm in the Social Hall. We'll be serving a delicious chicken cheddar bake biscuit casserole with mixed vegetables, plus coleslaw, applesauce, and ham & bean soup. There will also be a variety of desserts, along with coffee, tea, and water. Hope to see you there—you won't want to miss it!

Trunk or Treat and Haunted House

We'd love to invite you to our family trunk-or-treat event on Thursday, October 29th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Grace parking lot. Come enjoy creatively decorated trunks and a Haunted House! Bring a bag to collect your treats, and don't forget to bring an adult to accompany the kids. We can't wait to see you there!

Neal Gathering Place

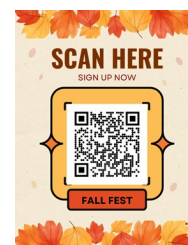
The Neal Gathering Place was designed to be modular. We know that many different groups and ministries need different layouts. We welcome anyone to change the layout for their needs in that moment. We would, however, like to maintain a standard layout for general purposes and ask that the original layout be put back before leaving. This standard layout is still being worked out as we try new designs, but to maintain consistency, please refrain from changing the layout without contacting the office or Pastor first. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

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

11/1	Children's Church Fall Fest
11/3	Adult Bible Study
11/6-8	Youth Retreat
11/7	Baptism
11/8	Healing & Anointing Service

Fall Fest at Kentland Retreat Center – November 1, 4 – 6 pm

We'd love you to join us for an enjoyable evening filled with good food and great friends! We're hosting a chili cookoff*, along with fun crafts, music, dinner, and a cozy campfire with tasty s'mores to wrap up the night. There will be Chicken tenders for those who don't want chili along with bread, hot chocolate, and drinks. Please bring a side dish to share with everyone! Make sure to register and let us know if you're bringing chili or not by **Sunday, October 25th!** You can sign up [HERE](#), swing by the bulletin board in the Neal Gathering Place or scan the QR code. We're looking forward to seeing you there! *If you'd like to enter the chili cookoff, just bring a crockpot of chili.



Operation Christmas Child

Grace will be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. Starting on **Sunday, October 11**, shoeboxes and brochures will be available in the Neal Gathering Place to take home and fill. When filling the shoeboxes consider selecting a medium to large “wow” item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items. Don't forget to also include a personal note and photo – sometimes these are the child's favorite things to receive. The filled shoeboxes need to be returned to Grace and placed in the Conference Room by **Sunday, November 15**.

Consecration of Neal Gathering Place

We will be consecrating the the newly renovated Neal Gathering Place on **November 15th** immediately following worship. As a reminder, we will also be having breakfast afterwards in the Social Hall.

Grace's Merchandise Store

Looking for some awesome Grace gear? We've got a bunch of cool stuff like hats, polo shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, a windbreaker jacket, and water bottles. Plus, a part of every sale helps support Grace. Check it out here: <https://www.bonfire.com/store/grace-lutheran-camp-hill-merch/>.



GRACE MERCHANDISE

Special Benevolence Offering

The Special Benevolence for **October** is **Grace Giving Pantry**. 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.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

We All Are One in Mission

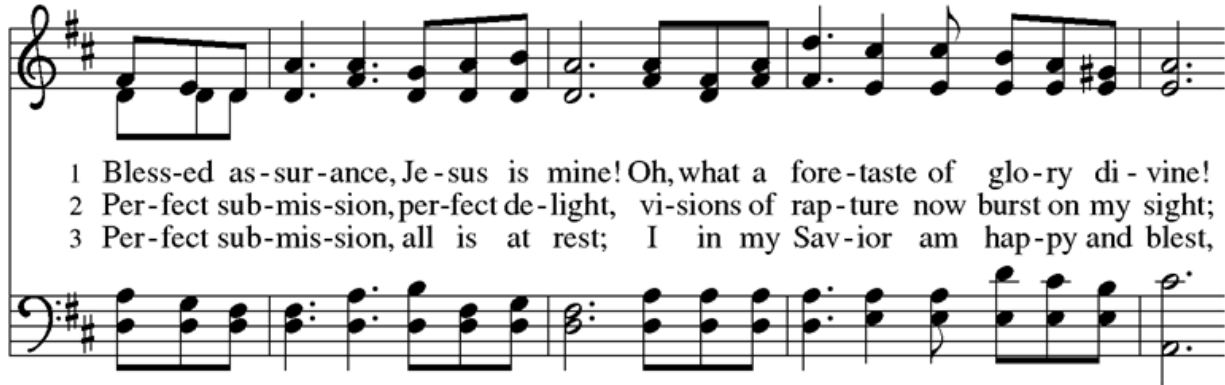
1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

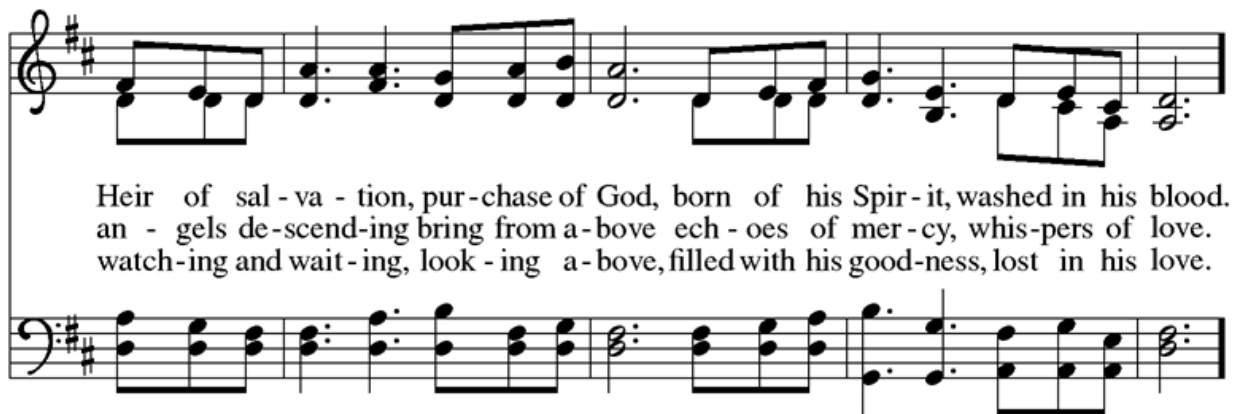
A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

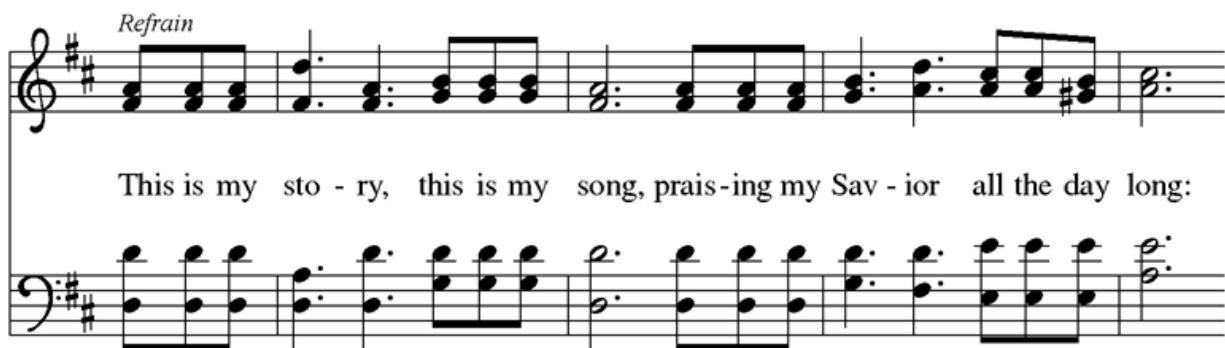
Blessed Assurance



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



Refrain
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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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