

# IDENTITY

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### JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE ANOINTED ONE



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# WELCOME TO GRACE!

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We're glad you're here! May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone. You can follow along with the service using this worship folder or using the screens above the chancel. If you're new here, below is some helpful information about our sanctuary and our worship...

- Please reserve the **BACK PEWS** for parents with **SMALL CHILDREN**.
- A **PARENT'S ROOM** with private changing area and restroom is available through the door at the back of the middle aisle. Windows from the room allow you to still watch the service and speakers allow you to hear as well. A volume control is available on the wall by the door.
- Ask an usher to receive an **AUDIO RECEIVER** and **HEADSET** if you need hearing assistance in the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall.
- **RESTROOMS** are available in the Narthex. Exit out of the north doors from the Sanctuary and go to the left. They are located in the alcove behind Luther's Seal.
- **LARGE PRINT** bulletins are available. See an usher to receive one.
- Visit our **WEBSITE** at <http://www.graceglendale.org> for additional information about our ministries and upcoming events.

## CONTACT US...

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## AT TODAY'S SERVICE...

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**Preaching Minister:** Pastor Sellnow

**Liturgist:** Pastor Jacobson

**Senior ushers:** 8:00 AM – Nick Lincoln

10:30 AM – Josias Muehlich / Ryan Jacobson

**Pianist:** Stacey Hill

**A/V Team:** 8:00 AM – Jon Scheel / Tracy Moreland

10:30 AM – Sam Jacobson

# ABOUT THE THEME

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“Christ” is not the family name of Jesus. It is a title. The Greek word “Christ” and the Hebrew word “Messiah” both mean the same thing: “The Anointed One.” Anointing was the practice of pouring liquid over the head of someone to signify selection for some special task. When the Lord had someone anointed, he also poured his Spirit over them. It was the fulfillment of promises made over centuries.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Setting 4**

**HYMN: TO JORDAN’S RIVER CAME OUR LORD**

**CW 377**

*Please stand*

### INVOCATION

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

**Amen.**

### CONFESION

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

### DECLARATION OF GRACE

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

### GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on



us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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## SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 42:1–7*

### ***The Lord promises to put his Spirit on the Messiah.***

<sup>1</sup>“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. <sup>3</sup>A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; <sup>4</sup>he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” <sup>5</sup>This is what God the LORD says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: <sup>6</sup>“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, <sup>7</sup>to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**JUNIOR CHOIR (10:30)**    "Christ Your Footprints Through the Desert" (CW 379)  
*The congregation will join in on stanzas 2 and 4.*

**SECOND READING**

Acts 10:34–38

**The Holy Spirit was poured out onto Peter's listeners as he told them how God anointed Jesus.**

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup>but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup>You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Mark 1:11

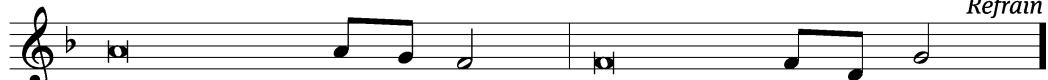


*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia,    al - le - lu - ia,    al - le - lu - ia,    al - le - lu - ia.

*Tone*



You are my Son, whom I love;    with you I am well pleased.

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## GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13–17

***In the waters of the Jordan River, Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.***

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup>But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

<sup>15</sup>Jesus replied, “**Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.**” Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup>As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*At this time, children are invited to the front of the church to hear a special children's message from the Pastor.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

CW 384

## SERMON

Matthew 3:13–17

### **THE PURPOSE OF BAPTISM**

*Please stand*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*Please be seated*

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

### *Special Intercessions*

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.  
**Amen.**

## OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

Please complete the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time.

**JUNIOR HANDBELLS (10:30)**

*"O Worship the King"*

**HYMN: ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED**

**CW 682**

*Please stand*

**PRAYER**

**Amen.**

**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**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

**HYMN: GOD'S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT**

**CW 679**

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# GUEST TALK: THE FIRST CHRISTIAN MISSION TO CHINA

DATE: SATURDAY  
JANUARY 24TH  
LOCATION: SALEM  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
TIME: 10:00 AM

While the rapid spread of Christianity across the Greek- and Latin-speaking Mediterranean world is well-known, few people are aware that an equally rapid spread took place eastwards in the Syriac language. Not only did this result in Christian churches in India by the second century, but a church body in China by the seventh century. This first Chinese church called itself Jingjiao (the Luminous Teaching) and is the subject of a recent award-winning history by Lutheran missionary and scholar, Dr. Glen Thompson.

Join us to hear him tell this fascinating story and give a glimpse into who these missionaries were, what their mission strategy was, what they taught, and what challenges they faced.

## SPEAKER



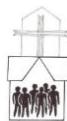
**GLEN THOMPSON**

Prof. Emeritus,  
Asia Lutheran Seminary  
Wisconsin Lutheran College

The presentation is free to attend and will be followed with time for questions, a book signing, and light refreshments. All activities should conclude around noon.



If able, please RSVP by scanning the QR code or by email to [salem.lutheran.wels@yahoo.com](mailto:salem.lutheran.wels@yahoo.com).



# Grace Groups

Gathering Together Around God's Word

## THE PURPOSE OF BAPTISM

**Matthew 3:13-17**

What do you know about your own baptism? How does your baptism affect your daily walk of faith?

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When John tried to stop Jesus from being baptized what did he clearly recognize about Jesus? If Jesus was always fully God with all the power of God why did the Holy Spirit come on him in power at his baptism?

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Why is Jesus active obedience (his perfect life as our substitute) just as important to us as his passive obedience (his suffering and death on the cross)? Are we saved because of our baptism or because of Christ?

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Agree or Disagree:

- 1) A child should be old enough to understand baptism before being baptized.
- 2) Real baptism only takes place if you submerge someone under the water.
- 3) Those who are not baptized will not be saved.

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Martin Luther said we ought to say, "I am baptized," rather than saying, "I was baptized." Why would he make that distinction? How can you use your baptism today to fight temptation or despair over your sins?

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