

# IDENTITY revealed

**JESUS IS THE CHRIST,  
THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD**



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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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**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Jacobson

**Senior ushers:** 8:00 AM – Cash Hill / Ben Rust

10:30 AM – Todd Rovey / AJ McDunn

**Organist:** Michael Wilde

**A/V Team:** 8:00 AM – Tracey Moreland / Alex Groth

10:30 AM – Paul Sullivan

# ABOUT THE THEME

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*Peter became a disciple of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit made it clear to him who Jesus was. When others speculated about who Jesus might be, Peter made a clear confession of faith. The implications of that confession still resonate in our personal lives today.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*Setting 2 (CW 172)*

**HYMN: IN CHRIST ALONE**

*CW 510*

*Please stand*

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

### ABSOLUTION

*CW 172*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*CW 174*

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

CW 176

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff shows the beginning of the piece with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'peo - ple on earth. Lord God,'. The third staff has lyrics: 'heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we'. The fourth staff has lyrics: 'wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your'. The fifth staff has lyrics: 'glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and'. The sixth staff continues the melody without lyrics.

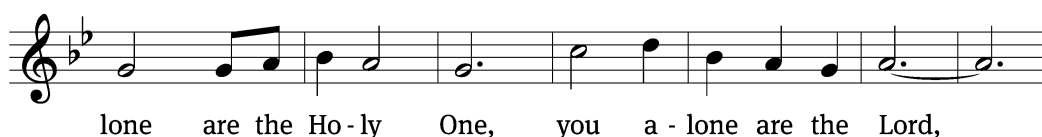
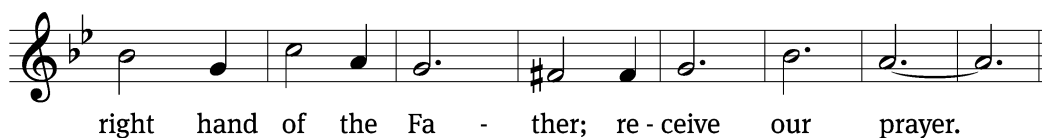
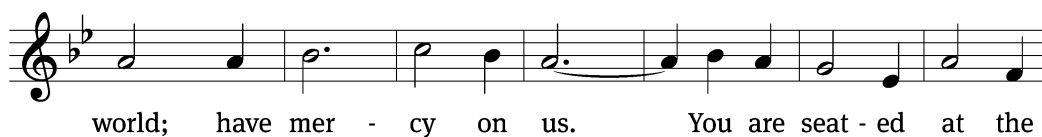
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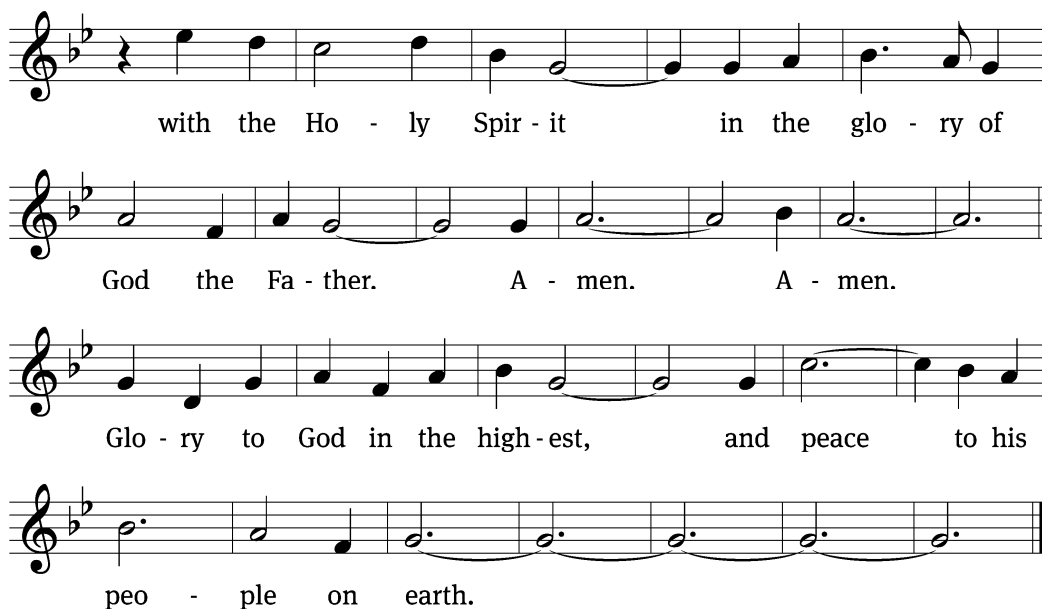
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## The Word

### SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you inspired Simon Peter to confess Jesus as the Messiah and Son of the living God. Keep your church firm on the rock of this faith that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING

2 Peter 1:1–4

***Saint Peter writes about the implications of his confession of faith.***

<sup>1</sup>Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ  
have received a faith as precious as ours:

<sup>2</sup>Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and  
of Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through  
our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup>Through  
these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through  
them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in  
the world caused by evil desires.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ADULT CHOIR (10:30)

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"*

## SECOND READING

Acts 4:8-13

***Saint Peter preaches that salvation comes only through Jesus.***

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the  
people! <sup>9</sup>If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to  
a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup>then know  
this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of  
Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this  
man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup>Jesus is

" 'the stone you builders rejected,  
which has become the cornerstone.'"

<sup>12</sup>Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven  
given to mankind by which we must be saved."

<sup>13</sup>When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were  
unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these  
men had been with Jesus.

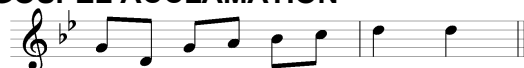
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 16:16



### Refrain



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

### Tone



Simon Peter answered, "You are the Mes - si - ah, the Son of the liv - ing God."

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## GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13–19

### **Saint Peter is commended for his confession of faith.**

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup>They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup>"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**HYMN: BY ALL YOUR SAINTS STILL STRIVING**

CW 892 sts. 1, 10, 3

## SERMON

Matthew 16:13–19

### **JESUS IS CHECKING IN ON YOUR FOUNDATION**

*Please stand*



## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

**Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.**

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

**Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

**Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

**Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.  
**Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.  
**Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.**

### *Special Intercessions*

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.  
**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD**

Please fill out the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time!  
Remember to mark if you are communing.

## **The Sacrament**

*Please stand*

### **PREFACE**

CW 183

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following their example, we may run the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

CW 184

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**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.**

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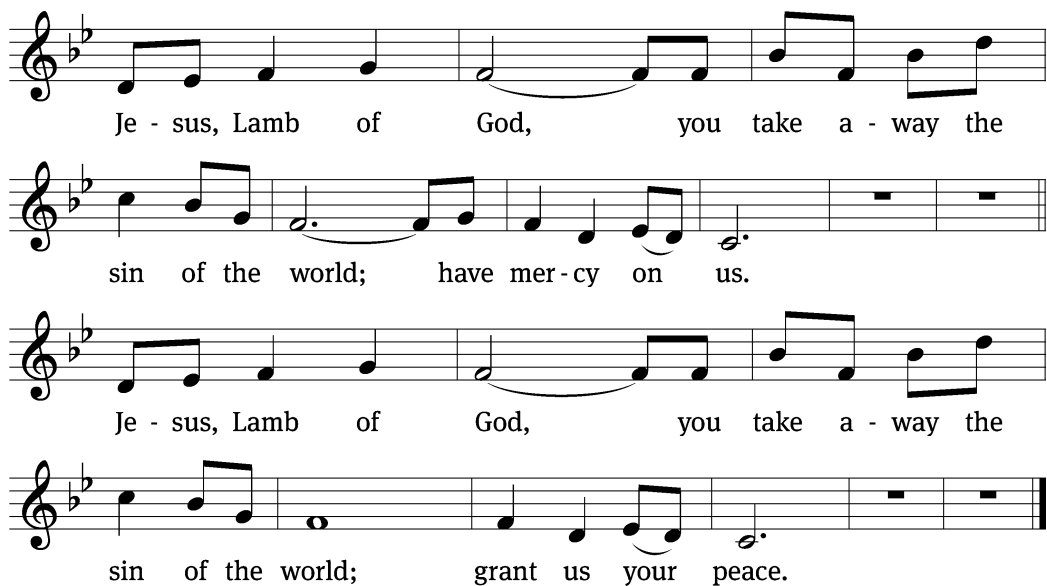
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## JESUS, LAMB OF GOD

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



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*Please be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

*In **Holy Communion** we receive the assurance of forgiveness through the body and blood of our Savior. By sharing in this Sacrament, we also express our complete agreement with one another according to the teachings of the Bible. If you have not joined our fellowship (**Wisconsin Synod**), please permit us to tell you about our Lutheran Christian faith before you partake of this Holy Supper so that you can judge for yourself whether there is complete agreement between us.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

**LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE CHURCH'S HEAD**  
**JESUS CHRIST, OUR BLESSED SAVIOR**

CW 861

CW 659

*Please stand*

## THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

## PROCLAMATION

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.**

*Please be seated*

## HYMN: BUILT ON THE ROCK

CW 856

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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 [salemlutheranwels@yahoo.com](mailto:salemlutheranwels@yahoo.com).



# Grace Groups

*Gathering Together Around God's Word*

## JESUS IS CHECKING YOUR CONFESSION

***Matthew 16:13-19***

What did you learn about Peter today? What do you know about Peter that wasn't said today?

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"Deeds, not creeds!" people shout. Why are creeds and confessions important? What creeds and confessions do we subscribe to as a Lutheran Church?

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Peter's beautiful confession would face all kinds of trials. What kind of "wind and rain" (Cf. Mt 7:24-27) have beat against your faith? How can your Pastors and congregational Elders better help check on the foundation of your faith?

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What are some of the confessions Jesus made in his earthy ministry and to whom did Jesus say these confessions? Why are these confessions of Jesus' important?

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Peter's Confession this week is paired with Paul's Conversion next week. Why do you think our Minor Festival Scheduler did the calendar this way?

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