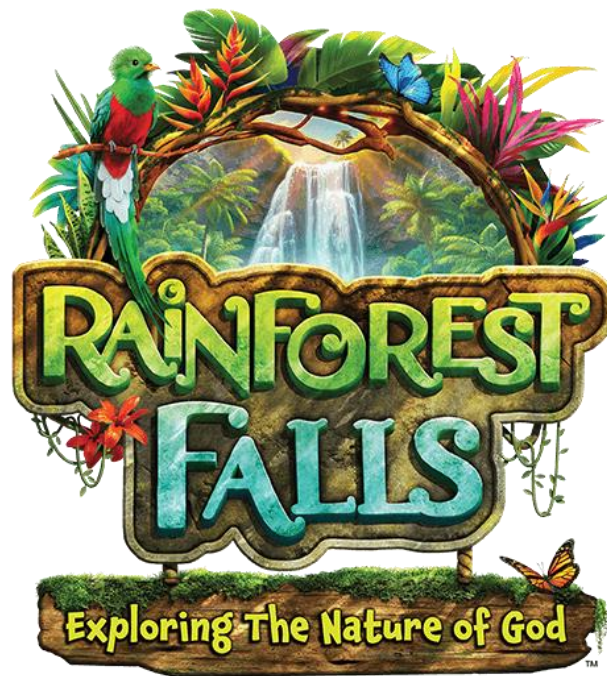




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WELCOME TO GRACE!

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.

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AT TODAY'S SERVICE...

Preaching Minister: Pastor Jacobson

Readings: Logon Sellnow

Senior ushers: 8:00 AM – Ben Rust

10:30 AM – John Sullivan

Pianist: Lara Johnson

A/V Team: 8:00 AM – Tracey Moreland / Mark Breiling

10:30 AM – Paul Sullivan

ABOUT THE THEME

This past week at Grace we held our annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) under the theme: Rainforest Falls – Exploring the Nature of God. Throughout the week about 100 children along with dozens of volunteers heard Bible readings that reminded us about the wonders of God. Today we will have an opportunity to review the things the children learned this week and remember that we too are God's children who live under the blessing of a great and gracious God who loves us.

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN: LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

CW 507

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION

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

CW 189

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

CW 190

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.

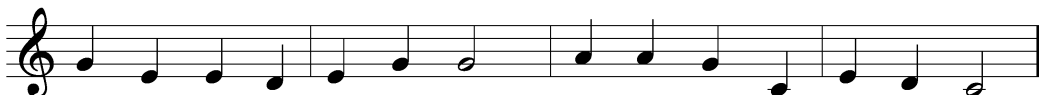
Amen.

SONG OF THE LITURGY: JESUS LOVES ME

CW 584



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
He will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.



Refrain
Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God our Father, we praise your name for the marvelous universe you have created, and we pray for humility to understand our role in it. Show us that your Son Jesus is the only man who can rule this world with true wisdom and power. Give us full confidence that all things are under the control of Christ, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit as one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Please be seated

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1–27, 31—2:3

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” ⁷So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. ¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.”

And it was so. ¹⁶God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” ²³And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

²⁷So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

²By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

FIRST STICKY SCRIPTURE

Psalm 103:22

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

VBS SONG (10:30)

“All Creatures of our God and King”



SECOND READING

Revelation 7:17, 21:23

Exploring the nature of God and learning God is eternal.

¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;
'he will lead them to springs of living water.'
'And God will wipe away every tear from their
eyes.'"

²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to
shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the
Lamb is its lamp.



SECOND STICKY SCRIPTURE

Psalms 115:18

It is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.
Praise the LORD.

GOSPEL

Luke 23:44-49, 55-24:8

Exploring the nature of God and learning God is love.

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three
in the afternoon, ⁴⁵for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple
was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I
commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

⁴⁷The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely
this was a righteous man." ⁴⁸When all the people who had gathered to witness
this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. ⁴⁹But all
those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee,
stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁵The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and
saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. ⁵⁶Then they went home and
prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to
the commandment.

¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the
spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled
away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the
Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in
clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women
bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do
you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen!
Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷'The Son of
Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the
third day be raised again.'" ⁸Then they remembered his words.

THIRD STICKY SCRIPTURE

Psalm 136:1

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.
His love endures forever.

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: HOW GREAT THOU ART

CW 612

SERMON

Romans 11:33

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!

ENJOY YOUR EXPLORATION OF GOD'S WORD

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH for Christian Education

Eternal Father, your Word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path. You inspired the Scriptures for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that your servants might be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Lead us to love your Word more and more and to receive your message with great eagerness.

You have given us your Word that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name. Enable us to see the wonders of your love in Christ from the beginning to the end of your holy book.

Help us to see Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Work in all your people, especially in parents, the resolve and patience to teach little children the simple truths about the Savior who loves them. Walk with us as we take our children to the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. Let them find Jesus in stories, songs, and prayers.

Move us to bring up our children in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Provide wisdom and commitment to teachers who train our young people in Sunday Schools and youth Bible classes. Deepen their knowledge of your Word as they prepare and share the lessons they teach. Move them to model a sincere devotion to the Scriptures.

Lead us to plan for and support the Christian training of children.

We thank you for enabling our congregation to provide early childhood and elementary education for our children. We know our schools are your special blessing, and we pray for the resolve to establish and maintain standards of excellence in all aspects of education. Move us to be generous in our offerings so that teachers may teach and students may learn in fitting surroundings.

Lead us to provide Christian schools that reflect the immensity of your love.

Bless the schools and teachers who prepare public ministers of the gospel for service in our churches and around the world. Lead teachers and professors to be faithful to your Word and provide insights that enable them to pass on your truth to their students. Ignite the zeal of young men and women to be willing and eager to share the truths of Scripture with others. Move us to support with our prayers and gifts the schools our synod has established.

We pray that you send workers in your harvest fields.

Special Intercessions

Work in us that we may find the lasting value of growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Lead us to be faithful in our personal study of the Scriptures and in participating in regular Bible classes. Rid us of all thoughts that Christian education ends in our youth. Make us life-long students of your precious Word.

Lead us to believe that at every age your Word remains a lamp for our feet and a light to our path.



How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your Word. Even when we are old and gray, lead us to meditate on your decrees that we may delight in your wonderful deeds.

Do good to your servants, Lord, according to your Word. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

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

HYMN: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CW 627

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: GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

CW 930

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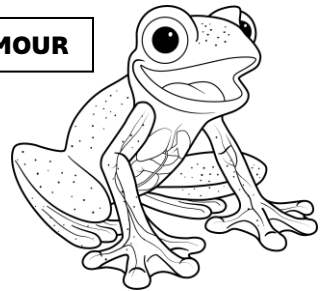
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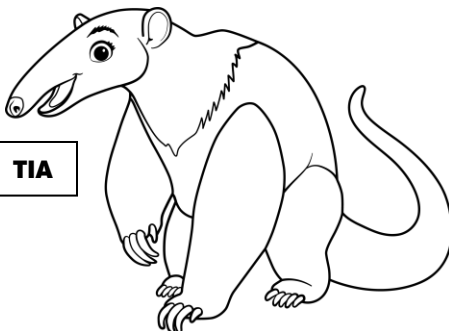
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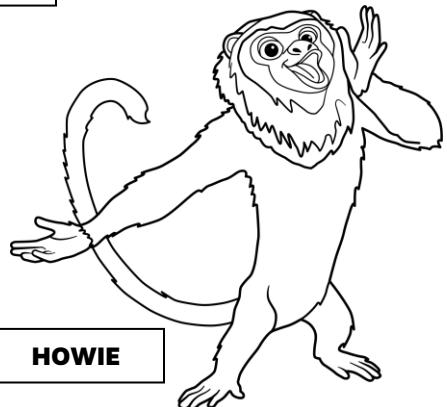
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Grace Groups

Gathering Together Around God's Word

**ENJOY YOUR EXPLORATION
OF GOD'S WORD**

Romans 11:33

What is your experience with exploring the nature of God's creation?

What is one big question you have always wondered about God?

Explain this statement: If God fit the thinking in your brain so you could fully understand him, he wouldn't be much of a God.

Even though we don't understand much about God, identify some things God has made very clear to us?

Which of these explorations of God's Word do you think you might enjoy in the future?

- A. Gather with family or a friend and this Grace Group guide.
- B. Read an entire book of the Bible in one week.
- C. Peruse www.whataboutjesus.com.
- D. Join the Bible Basics class at Grace that covers the teachings of the Bible and Grace Lutheran Church starting on Sunday, September 13.
- E. _____
