

Today's Message: Colossians 1:15-23

“Your Salvation is Always All About Jesus.”

Introduction:

The Lord Jesus once asked, “Who do you say I am?” The real question, of course, is what does he make of us? So he also asks, “What _____ do you need than me?”

1. He is the All in All Savior

He is the _____ over all creation. But wait, there's more....

_____ All. But wait, there's more....

All is _____. But wait, there's more...

He _____ it all _____. But wait there's more...

2. Our Head has reconciled all.

To reconcile means to make an _____ your _____.

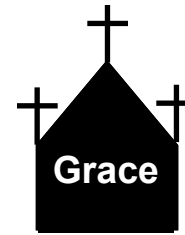
“We have met the _____ and he is _____.”

Your risen Savior says, “Not any more!”

3. What more do you want?!

The gospel truth of Jesus is more important than _____.

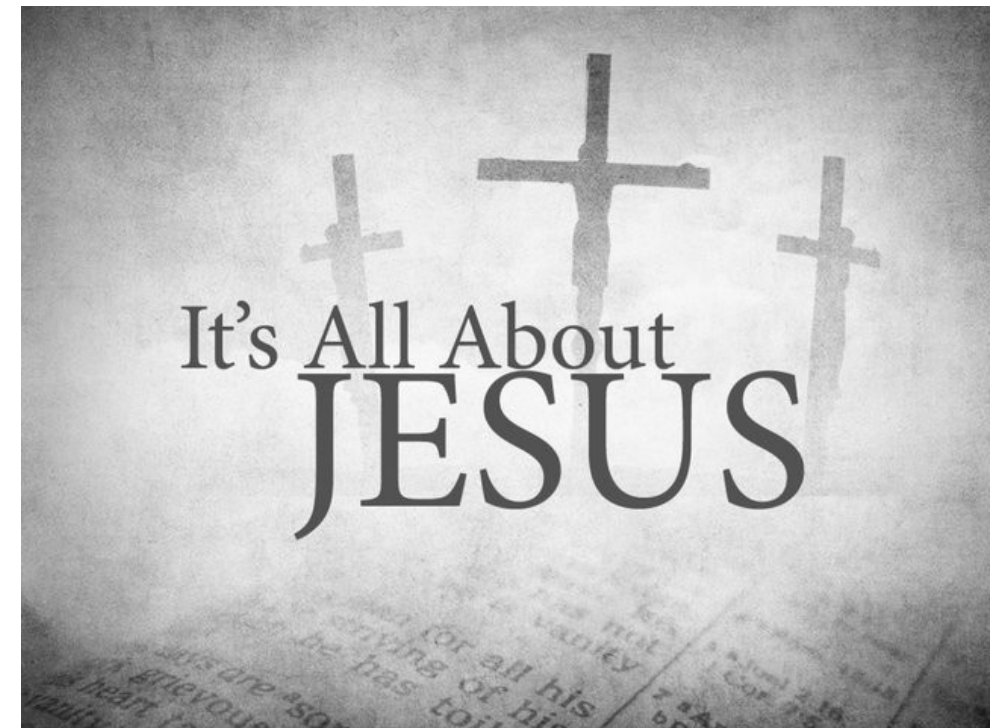
You have it all, so give Him your _____.



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DIVINE SERVICE II

*This service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.
Explanations are added to bless your worship.*

Welcome: In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome to one and all! We pray that here at Grace you will find the warmth of Christian hospitality, the abiding truth of God's Word and the quiet assurance of peace in Christ. If we can assist you, please ask. Worship with us again!

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today: This meal for our souls is such a blessing when the Lord teaches us its meaning and the proper preparation to receive it. Guests are asked to talk to Pastor Pankow before attending.

Large Print Service Binders available - please ask an usher.
Listening Assistance Aids available - please ask an usher.

HYMN #422: "Jesus, Lead Us On"

STAND

INVOCATION (*We are reminded of our baptisms*)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: *Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.*

ABSOLUTION (*"Christ gave his church authority to forgive the sins of penitent sinners."*
John 20:21-23.)

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Bible Study Opportunities

STARTING TODAY at 9:20am, 6:30pm & Wed, 1:30pm:

- **Adults:** "Paul's Letters to Colossians" The same topic is covered in all 3 classes.
- **Teens:** Pastor will meet with the Teens at 9:20am

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:

- **Young Adult "Seekers":** Pastor facilitates this monthly class at Jen's Java, 7:00pm

STARTING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29:

- **Men's Breakfast Bible Study Series "Whoever Has the Most Toys, Still Dies!," starting on Saturday, Sep 29 from 8:00 - 9:15am.** "All the Stuff we Have - Is it Really Important?". Toys are things that fill our lives. Most guys are pros in the fine art of stockpiling. Whether it's cycles or medals, our 'stuff' isn't going with us when we finally "pack it up" on our last day - so getting our priorities right according to God's Word is good for us and our families. The frequency of future dates & times will be discussed & determined at this first session.

STARTING TUESDAY EVENING OCTOBER 2:

- **Women's Bible Study "Our Bible Sisters" will be held every other Tuesday evening, 6:30 - 7:45pm, starting on Oct 2 through Nov 27.** This will be offsite at the home of Ann Hornes home (1404 Lee Circle). More information will be shared with the ladies that have signed up to come as we get closer to the start date.

THANK YOU to everyone that donated items for the care packages we will be sending to our college students and military members. ***We will be meeting here at church in the fellowship hall on Sunday, September 23 at 4:00pm to put these packages together.*** Ann Hornes is coordinating this and needs about 8 volunteers to help with this. If you would like to come and help, please call Ann in the office (682-7377) or email gracelutheran@tm.net.

The organization of WELS Seniors (OWLS) Convention will be held Oct 10-12 at the Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI. This is open to all WELS / ELS members who are retired and / or over the age of 50. Visit www.mlhslancers.org/owls for more information.

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Rally will be held on Sat, Oct 13 at St Peter Lutheran Church in Chilton, WI. Be inspired, encouraged, informed about a culture and way of life in total contrast to yours & meet awesome Christian women, blessed, appreciative, excited about very worthwhile opportunities. Hear about how God started and blessed a Spanish Mission in Detroit, a few miles away from the largest Muslim area in the US! Also, learn how a young woman adjusts from Manitowoc Country small farm life to being the pastor's wife in a huge city! Includes a light lunch. COST: A donation of your choosing for mission opportunities and/or lunch. Please bring LWMS dues & any mission collection from your church or group (if associated with them). Also, feel free to bring a friend/daughter who has never been to a MISSION Rally. ALL ages welcome! Men are also invited.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink 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.

C: Amen.

BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26 (This blessing has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on the Israelites and I will bless them." [Numbers 6:27])

M: 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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #465: "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

Thank you to our Sunday organist, Jennifer Knutson
& Monday pianist, Amibeth Olderman.



This week - God willing

- Today:** Worship 8:00 & 10:45am
Sunday School, Teen Bible Class & Adult Bible Class 9:20am
Evening Bible Class 6:30pm
- Mon:** JLOG Picture Day AM / Symposium at Seminary / Worship 6:30pm
- Tue:** JLOG Picture Day AM / Symposium at Seminary / Council Meeting 6:30pm
- Wed:** Adult Bible Class 1:30pm
- Sun:** Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / SS, Teen & Adult Bible Classes - all at 9:20am
Evening Bible Class 6:30pm
- Mon:** Worship 6:30pm

Sunday School & Teen Bible Class begins TODAY from 9:20 - 10:30am. Parent's please join us for our Adult Bible Class held in the fellowship hall during this same time frame.

Catechism Classes will not begin until next week Wednesday, September 26, 5:30pm.

SAVE THE DATE: Our Grace "Fall Festival" will be held on Saturday, October 20, from 9:30 - 11:00am. Watch for more information to come on this fun filled event!

Last week's attendance: Sunday: 8:00 #113 & 10:45: #67, Monday: 56, TOTAL: #236

LORD, HAVE MERCY - Kyrie (Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord.)

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

M: For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD Luke 2:14

Gloria in Excelsis (Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.)

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| 1 All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race. | 2 Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son. |
| 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy
share. | 4 You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father's glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
"All glory be to God!" Amen. |

THE WORD

SALUTATION (This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section [page 33] of the service.)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. ⁵The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. ⁶I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

⁷Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!

⁹It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let the one who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on their God.

Psalm 14 (*Supplement - page 40*)

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:15-23

¹⁵The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of ^[a] your evil behavior. ²²But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION (*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and one another in a common confession of faith.*)

Hymn #309: "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON - *Nunc Dimittis* (*The Nunc Dimittis ["Now dismiss"] is also known as the "Song of Simeon." By faith through God's Word and Sacrament we have seen Jesus and find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.*)

**1 O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

STAND

NICENE CREED *(Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father.)*

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 fully 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.

BE SEATED

OFFERING - During this time we ask all worshipers to sign the Friendship Register.
Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts out of thanks to him.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE *(The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.)*

M: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: *It is good and right so to do.*

M: 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 has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sanctus *(Sanctus means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this song was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.)*

**1 O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.**

**2 Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: *Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken by all)*

C: *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.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Matthew 26:26-28 & I Corinthians 11:24,25*

(The minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use.)

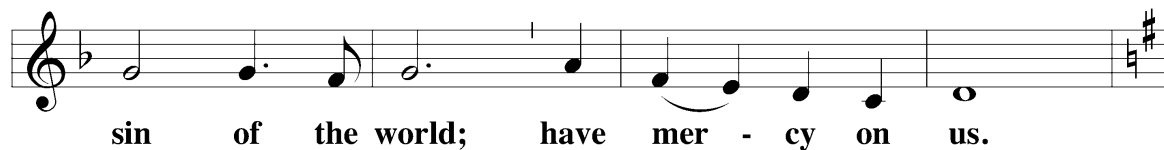
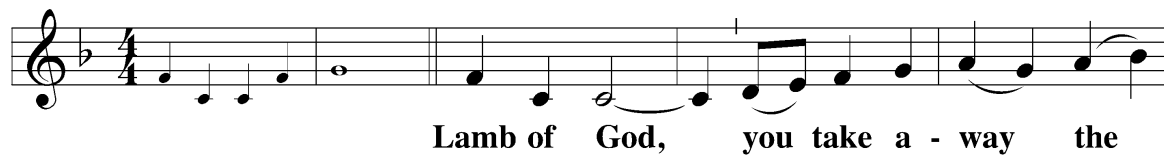
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *Amen.*

LAMB OF GOD - Agnus Dei *John 1:29 (continued on next page)*



VERSE OF THE DAY *(spoken by all)*

Alleluia. *We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Alleluia.*

STAND *(The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.)*

GOSPEL

M: The Gospel according to Mark 8:27-35

C: *Glory be to you, O Lord.*

Mark 8:27-35

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

After the Gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise be to you, O Christ.*

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY #453: "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke"

SERMON THEME: *(based on Colossians 1:15-23)*

"It's Always All about Jesus!"