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Today's Focus

“GOD OF GRACE”

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Welcome! Holy Word is a community of Christians experiencing life together in the grace and peace of Jesus. Here you will find a family culture, easy access to Bible teaching at all levels, community connection, personable staff, and the unity of our belief and mission. Whether you are a first time guest, a seeker, skeptic or lost soul, or a long time Christian, we invite you to get to know us. Come as you are!

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Connection Cards: Welcome to all our guests and members this morning. We'd like to get to know you better. To help us, please fill out the connection card inside your worship folder. Prayer requests and feedback are also welcome. Place the card in the offering plates or hand it to an usher after the service. God bless your week!

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Children in Worship: We love kids in church and we love families worshipping together. To enhance the children's worship experience, we have a kids sermon during the service. We encourage parents to work through the service folder with their children to help them follow along. We have orange busy bags in the nursery available for the children. If your child needs a break from the service, feel free to use the Nursery (in the church lobby), hallways or fellowship hall, all are equipped with sound from the service.

Opening Hymn: Speak, O Lord | Blue Hymnal 633

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights
of your ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it
true hu - mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our
of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the
deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness,
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty.
dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.
that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic
And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll
love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your
fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**All: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray:
Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Leader: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

All: Amen.

Hymn: His Mercy Is More | Blue Hymnal 579



1 What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
2 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam,
3 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us;



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum;
what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home!
his blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.



thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.



Refrain

Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; our



sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

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First Reading

Jonah 3:10–4:11

Elder Bill Starke

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

¹But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD, “Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

⁴But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

⁵Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, “It would be better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?”

“It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.”

¹⁰But the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

¹"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³"About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁵So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

⁷" 'Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

⁸"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

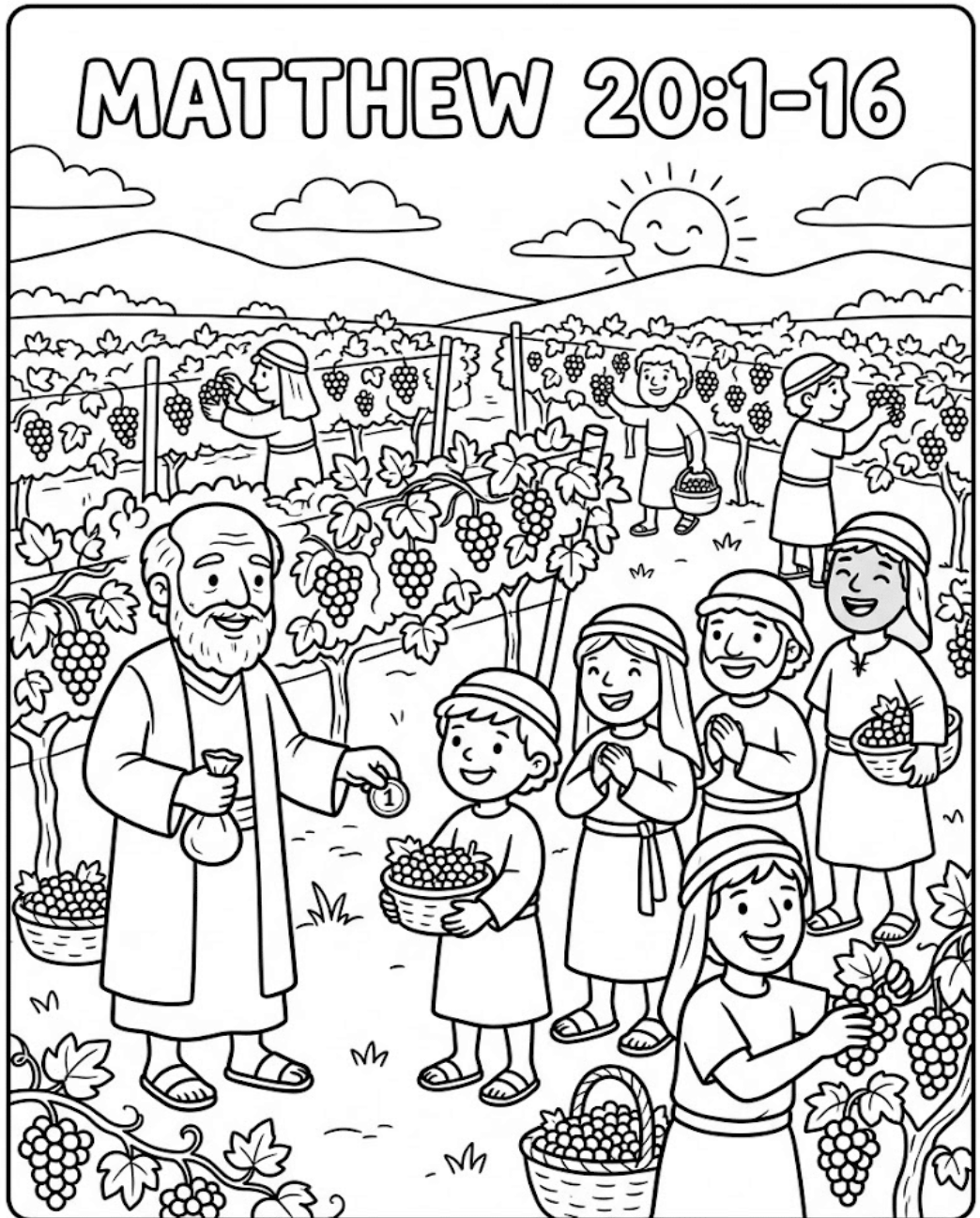
⁹"The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹²'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

¹³"But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

¹⁶"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Children's Message

Young worshipers are invited to the front of the church for a Bible message just for them.



Hymn: By Grace I'm Saved | Blue Hymnal 575



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; my soul, be -
2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, came down to
5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; in Je - sus'



lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver at this word of
earth to bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own
prom - ise I re - joice, for though I know my heart's con -



prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er false-hood taught? So then this
mer - it that Je - sus died, your soul to win? No, it was
di - tion, I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is



word must true re - main: by grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
grace, and grace a - lone, that brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
glad, all grief has flown since I am saved by grace a - lone.

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Mercy Not Merit

⁶It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ⁸In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. ⁹For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

¹⁰Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. ¹¹Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: ¹²not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

¹⁴What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! ¹⁵For he says to Moses,

"I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

¹⁶It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

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Sermon study questions for Connect Group discussion, & for personal reflection:

1. What does Paul mean when he says, "Not all who are descended of Israel are Israel"? How is it similar to saying, "Not all Christians are Christians"?
2. In Romans 9:7-13, how does Paul prove that a person is saved only by God's will and grace alone?
3. What is shocking about the phrase, "Jacob I loved, Esau I have hated"?
4. How do you know that you belong to the family of God?

Sermon notes:

Profession of Faith — 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.**

Prayer of the Church and 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.**

Our Gift of Thanks

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

During this time we collect financial offerings as gifts for the work of God at Holy Word. We will pass around the offering plates at this time. Anyone may also give online at www.holyword.net.

For your convenience, you may also scan the image printed here with your phone. This QR code will take you directly to the church offering website. Please include your contact information if you would like to receive a statement of giving receipt.



Offertory: Amazing Grace

*Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

*Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.
Amazing Grace, I now am found,
was blind but now I see*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
than when we'd first begun.*

*Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.
Amazing Grace, I now am found,
was blind but now I see*

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Blessing

Hymn: Jesus Paid It All | Blue Hymnal 562



1 I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small!
2 Lord, now in - deed I find thy pow'r, and thine a - lone
3 For noth - ing good have I where - by thy grace to claim;
4 And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,



Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."
can _ change the lep - er's spots and _ melt the heart of stone.
I'll _ wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
"Je - sus died my soul to save," my _ lips shall still re - peat.



Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;



sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

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Holy Word Happenings

Volunteer Opportunities: Thank you to everyone that attended the Volunteer Fair! We had over 80 people enjoying the event and 53 sign ups in different service areas.

If you missed the event, sign up sheets will be available through next Sunday in the church hallway or you can sign up scanning this QR code. (Signing up does not obligate you, but lets us know you are interested in learning more).



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HWEELC Happenings: Enjoy some Holy Word Early Learning Center updates in our weekly newsletter by scanning this QR code.



Sept 8 – Sept 11

Lost and Found:

If you have recently lost or found anything at church, please come to the church office's lost and found to claim or drop them off.

Recent "found" items: Multiple insulated travel mugs

Connect Groups

How Do I see all the options and Sign Up for a Connect Group?



1. Scan this QR code
or goto www.holyword.net/groups.
2. Find your Group(s)
3. Email the Leader

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Moms in the Word — Pizza & Craft Night

Moms are invited to a fun night of crafts, pizza and friendship ***this Saturday, Sept 26, from 5-7pm*** in the Fellowship Hall. We'll learn how to make custom patch hats, or bags if you are not a hat person. Please bring a hat or bag plus patches you like (available at Amazon and Hobby Lobby). Please RSVP to Amanda Hering 651-366-0971 or Hannah Roberts 920-253-0517.

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Kids in Christ Fall Kick Off!

K — 4th graders are invited to join Holy Word's Kids in Christ. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday during the school year. Bring your friends and join us for pizza, games and Bible study at the Fall Kick Off TODAY, Sept 20, from 4:30-6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Jarrell Mission Update: During last Sunday's service, the Jarrell church announced it has officially changed its name to Redemption Lutheran Church!

The church is growing steadily and in addition to Sunday worship, there is a weekly Bible study and game night.

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LWMS Fall Rally: Join your fellow Lutheran ladies at Trinity Lutheran Church (2016 Marlandwood Rd, Temple TX) on Saturday, Oct 3, for the LWMS Heart of Texas Circuit Fall Rally.

LWMS Rallies are semi-annual gatherings in which mission-minded women come together to encourage one another in spiritual growth and mission awareness. **Please be sure to RSVP** to Carol Koster at **BJHJORTH@aol.com**. Please indicate if childcare is needed.

- **Registration: 9:00 — 9:30am**
- **Rally: 9:30am**
- **Lunch & Fellowship: 1:00pm**
- **Service Opportunity:** Bring a canned food item for the food pantry!

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HOLY WORD BIRTHDAYS:

Pat Gove	09/22	Hayden Sluder	09/24
Ruth Khamrang	09/22	Marvin Hoepken	09/25
Jordan Sluder	09/23	Margo Kuykendall	09/26



HOLY WORD ANNIVERSARIES:

Roke and Sheri Sumbillo

09/24/94

THIS WEEK AT HOLY WORD

MONDAY

6:00 pm Church Leadership Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY

10:00 am Women's Online Bible Study (Online)

6:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Gebert)

6:30 pm 20s & 30s Connect Group (McKenna's house)

7:00 pm NAHA neighborhood meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast (Jim's Restaurant)

7:00 pm Youth in Christ (White's house)

7:00 pm Hymn Sing (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm Men's Evening Bible Study (Conference Room)

FRIDAY

10:30 am Friday South Austin Bible Study (Siirila's house)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Moms in the Word Pizza & Craft Night (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY

9:30 am Worship & Communion

11:00 am Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

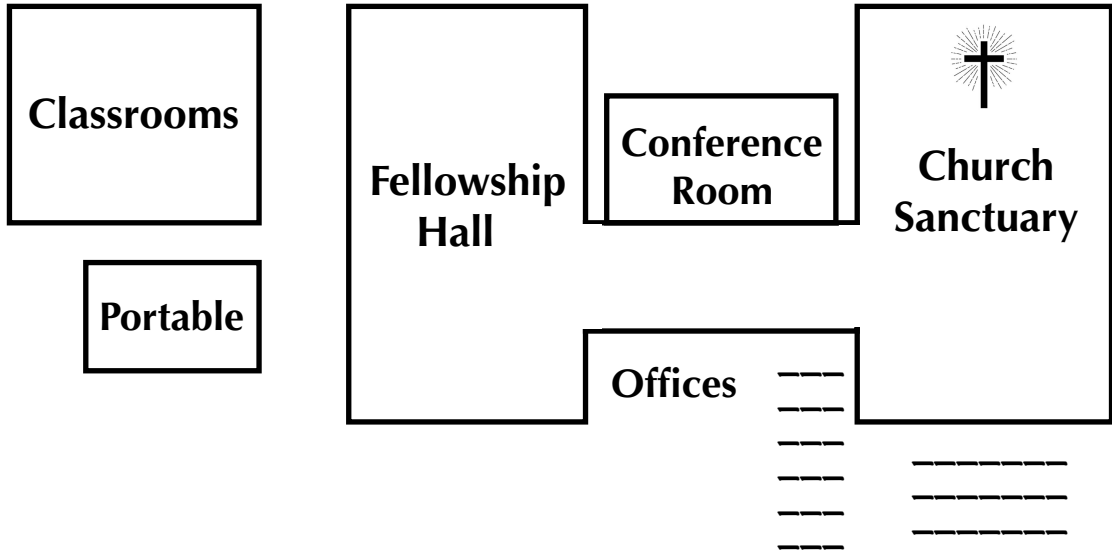
Young Professionals Bible Study (Conference Room)

Teen Bible Study (Childcare Center Classroom)

Catechism Class (Childcare Center Classroom)

Kids Bible Study (Childcare Center Classroom)

Holy Word Campus Map



- Young Professionals Bible Study — Conference Room
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- Kids Bible Study — Classrooms