

*Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever*

Psalms 23:6



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

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Welcome!

Grace ~ *“I am not ashamed of the gospel...”*



When it comes to the truth of Scripture, there is no room for compromise. The Bible is the book we live by... for life now and for life forever. We accept the Bible as the pure Word of God. We believe that our only Savior is Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, who was crucified, died, and was buried but rose again to open the door to heaven for everyone who believes in him.

Grace ~ *“These are written that you may believe...”*



Grace Lutheran Church has served the Portland area for over 100 years by faithfully preaching and teaching the timeless truth of God’s Word. We believe that God uses the timeless message of Word and Sacraments to bring souls into his care. This is a message that we share here and around the world through our affiliation with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

Grace ~ *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”*



Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God’s grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. **“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen.” II Peter 3:1**

OPENING HYMN

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

Fernando Ortega

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INVOCATION


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

CONFESSION

M: Great Good Shepherd, your greatness is beyond our highest praise! As we gather as your flock to worship you makes us to lie down in green pastures of your promises, lead us beside the quiet waters of your comfort, restore our souls with the power the Gospel in Word and Sacrament, and lead us in paths of righteousness for your name’s sake.


God invites us to come into presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. We turn aside from an unquiet world and seek rest for our spirit and light for our thoughts. We bring our work to be sanctified, our wounds to be healed, our sins to be forgiven.


C:  *The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine forever. (CW 375 vs.1)*

C:  *Where streams of living water flow, My Savior gently leads me,
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feeds me. (vs. 2)*

M: Lord of life, we confess that we are by nature dead in sin.


C: **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.**


C:  *Confused and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid And home, rejoicing, brought me. (vs. 3)*

C:  *In death's dark vale I fear no ill With you, dear Lord, beside me,
Your rod and staff my comfort still, Your cross before to guide me. (vs. 4)*

ABSOLUTION

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:  *You spread a table in my sight, A banquet here bestowing;
Your oil of welcome, my delight; My cup is overflowing! (vs. 5)*

 *And so through all the length of days Your goodness fails me never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise Within your house forever! (vs. 6)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 20:28-32

²⁸“Always keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure savage wolves, who will not spare the flock, will come in among you. ³⁰Even from your own group men will rise up, twisting the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be always on the alert! Remember that for three years, night and day, I never stopped warning each one of you with tears.

³²“And now I entrust you to God and to the word of his grace, which has power to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalms 23:6

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever. Alleluia.

HYMN RESPONSE

CW#234: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!***

***Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew, What the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.***

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-7

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

HYMN OF THE DAY

CW#360: "The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want"

***The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.***

***My soul he doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.***

*Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.*

*My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy, all my life,
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.*

SERMON

PSALM 23:6

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.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M:** Risen and ascended Lord, in your loving care we can live every day without worrying; no needful thing will you fail to provide:
- C:** **Jesus said, “I am the Good Shepherd”.**
- M:** By your holy word you feed our souls and strengthen our faith. In your gracious forgiveness we are refreshed and restored:
- C:** **The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**
- M:** You turn us away from the paths of sin, and move us to walk in the ways of God:
- C:** **Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. They listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.”**
- M:** Though we walk in danger all the way, though the shadows of death enfold us at last, we will not fear. Your love goes with us wherever we go; in your comforting word we find courage and strength; your triumphant cross brings life from death:
- C:** **Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep... whoever enters through me will be saved.**
- M:** You have called us to sit at your heavenly feast. Our table of blessing overflows, and you will not allow earthly enemies, nor Satan himself, to snatch them away:
- C:** **The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**
- M:** Good Shepherd, your mercies will never end. They will follow us as we follow you. Grant us to walk in your grace and love till we come to dwell in the heavenly home which you have prepared for us above:
- C:** **Surely, goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.**

THE 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto 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, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might: heav'n 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C O Christ, Lamb of



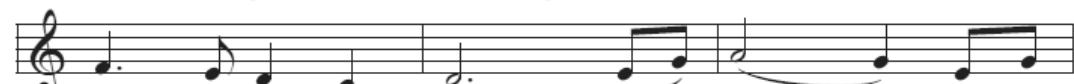
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have




mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



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grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Thank you for honoring our practice of "close" communion. The Bible teaches that participating in the Lord's Supper is an expression of complete unity of faith (1 Cor. 10:17). We lovingly ask, therefore, that before joining in this, the highest act of fellowship, a unity of faith based on the Bible be established through membership in this congregation or in a sister congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy. If you would like to discuss "close" communion or any other spiritual matter with the pastor, please indicate this on the Friendship Register.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

“Psalm 23” - Shane & Shane

Personal Prayer Following Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this, the true body and blood, of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. The Lord Jesus has paid for all your sins.

THE BLESSING

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

CW #432: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

*I am Jesus' little lamb;
Ever glad at heart I am,
For my shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my needs and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.*

*Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, he bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.*

*Who so happy as I am,
Even now the shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By his angel hosts attended,
He shall fold me to his breast,
There within his arms to rest.*



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Worship Notes

Name _____
Date _____



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Songs We Sang

The Scripture Text Was: _____

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

