



IF
GOD

IS FOR US

WHO CAN BE

Against us?

ROMANS 8:31



Grace
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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.” 2 Pt. 3:18**

1 I will sing of my Re - deem - er, and his
 2 I will tell the won - drous sto - ry, how, my
 3 I will praise my dear Re - deem - er, his tri -

won - drous love to me; on the cru - el cross he
 lost es - tate to save, in his bound - less love and
 um - phant pow'r I'll tell, how the vic - to - ry he

suf - fered, from the curse to set me free.
 mer - cy, he the ran - som free - ly gave.
 giv - eth o - ver sin and death and hell.

Refrain

Sing, O sing of my Re - deem - er, with his

blood, he pur - chased me. On the

cross he sealed my par - don, paid the

debt, and made me free.

Invocation

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Confession

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered!

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **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.**

Absolution

PSALM 34

M: 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!

C: **I sought the LORD, and he answered me.**

M: From all my terrors he delivered me.

C: **His people look to him and are radiant, and their faces will never blush.**

M: This poor man called, and the LORD heard. From all his distress the LORD saved him.

C: **The Angel of the LORD camps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.**

M: Taste and see that the LORD is good.

C: **Blessed is everyone who takes refuge in him.**

Hymn

CW Blue #850: It Is Well with My Soul

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) It is well, it is well with my soul.

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall re sound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) It is well, it is well with my soul.*

THE WORD

The First Lesson

2 KINGS 6:8-23

⁸ Now when the king of Aram was waging war against Israel, he would make plans with his officials, saying, “My camp will be at such and such a place.”

⁹ But the man of God would send a message to the king of Israel, saying, “Be careful when you pass this place because the Arameans are going down there.” ¹⁰ So the king of Israel would send scouts to the place that the man of God had pointed out. So the man of God warned him, and he was kept safe—and not just once or twice.

¹¹ The king of Aram was enraged because of this. He summoned his officials and said to them, “Won’t you tell me who of us is for the king of Israel?”

¹² One of his officials said, “No, my lord the king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words which you speak in your bedroom.”

¹³ Then he said, “Go and see where he is. Then I’ll send men and capture him.” He was told, “Dothan is where he is.”

¹⁴ So he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They came at night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵ When the man of God’s servant got up early and went out, there were soldiers, horses, and chariots surrounding the city. So his attendant said to Elisha, “Oh no, my lord! What will we do?”

¹⁶ He answered, “Don’t be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, open his eyes so that he can see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he saw that the hills were full of horses and chariots of fire, all around Elisha.

¹⁸ When the Arameans came down, Elisha prayed to the LORD, “Strike these people with blindness.” So he struck them with blindness, just as Elisha had asked.

¹⁹ Then Elisha said to them, “This is not the road, and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will take you to the man you are looking for.” So he brought them to Samaria. ²⁰ When they came into Samaria, Elisha prayed, “O LORD, open their eyes so that they can see.” Then the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw that they were right in the middle of Samaria.

²¹ When the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, “Shall I strike them down, my father? Shall I strike them down?”

²² He said, “Do not strike them down. Would you strike down a man you captured with your own sword and bow? Set food and water before them so that they can eat and drink and then go back to their master.” ²³ So he gave a great feast for them. They ate and drank. Then he sent them on their way, and they went to their master. The Aramean raiding parties did not come into the land of Israel anymore.

The Psalm

CW21 Blue 825: Psalm 27 – The Lord Is My Light



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion. The Lord is the
 El Se - ñor es mi luz y mi sal - va - ción. El Se - ñor es la de -



strong - hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my
 fen - sa de mi vi - da. Si el Se - ñor es mi luz, ¿a



strength, and my all, whom then shall I fear?
 quién te - me - ré? ¿Quién me ha - rá tem - blar?



1 There is one thing I ask of the Lord: to dwell in his
 1 U - na co - sa pi - do al Se - ñor: ha - bi - tar por



house for - ev - er, to gaze on the beau - ty of the
 siem - pre en su ca - sa, go - zar de la ter - nu - ra del Se -



Lord all the days of my life.
 ñor to - dos los dí - as de mi vi - da.



2 Do not hide your face, O Lord. Ev-'ry day I will
2 No me_es - con - das tu. ros - tro, Se - ñor, bus - ca - ré to - do, el



seek your face. Though my fa - ther and moth - er may for -
dí - a tu ros - tro. Si mi pa - dre y mi ma - dre me_a - ban -



sake me, the Lord will re - ceive me.
do - nan, el Se - ñor me_a - co - ge - rá.



3 Teach me, Lord, and keep me on your paths; guide me, Lord, a -
3 Oh Se - ñor, en - sé - ña - me, el ca - mi - no, guí - a - me por la



long a lev - el way. I will gaze on the good - ness of the
sen - da ver - da - de - ra. Go - za - ré de la di - cha del Se -



Lord in the land of all the liv - ing.
ñor en la tie - rra de 'la vi - da.

⁴⁷ While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly Judas (one of the Twelve) arrived. With him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign: “The one I kiss is the man. Arrest him.” ⁴⁹ Immediately he went to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Friend, why are you here?”

Then they advanced, took hold of Jesus, and arrested him. ⁵¹ Suddenly, one of the men with Jesus reached out his hand, drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place, because all who take the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Do you not realize that I could call on my Father, and at once he would provide me with more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?”

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.

Hymn

CW21 Blue #836: I Walk in Danger All the Way

***I walk in danger all the way; The thought shall never leave me
That Satan, who has marked his prey, is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares, may seize me unawares
If e'er I fail to watch and pray; I walk in danger all the way.***

***I pass through trials all the way, with sin and ills contending;
In patience I must bear each day, the cross of God's own sending.
Oft in adversity, I know not where to flee
When storms of woe my soul dismay; I pass through trials all the way.***

***Grim death pursues me all the way; Nowhere I rest securely.
He comes by night, he comes by day, and takes his prey most surely.
A failing breath, and I - in death's strong grasp may lie
To face eternity today. Grim death pursues me all the way.***

***I walk with angels all the way; they shield me and befriend me.
All Satan's pow'r is held at bay, when heav'nly hosts attend me.
They are my sure defense; all fear and sorrow, hence!
Unharm'd by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way.***

***I walk with Jesus all the way; His guidance never fails me.
He takes my ev'ry fear away, when Satan's pow'r assails me,
And, by his footsteps led, my path I safely tread.
In spite of ills that threaten may, I walk with Jesus all the way.***

***My walk is heav'nward all the way; await, my soul, the morrow,
When you farewell can gladly say, to all your sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, begone! to heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay; my walk is heav'nward all the way.***

The Sermon

2 Kings 6:8-23

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The Offering

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The Prayer of the Church

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 Benediction

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:

Jesus, King of Angels
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**Jesus, King of angels, Heaven's light
Shine Your face upon this house tonight
Let no evil come into my dreams
Light of Heaven keep me in Your peace**

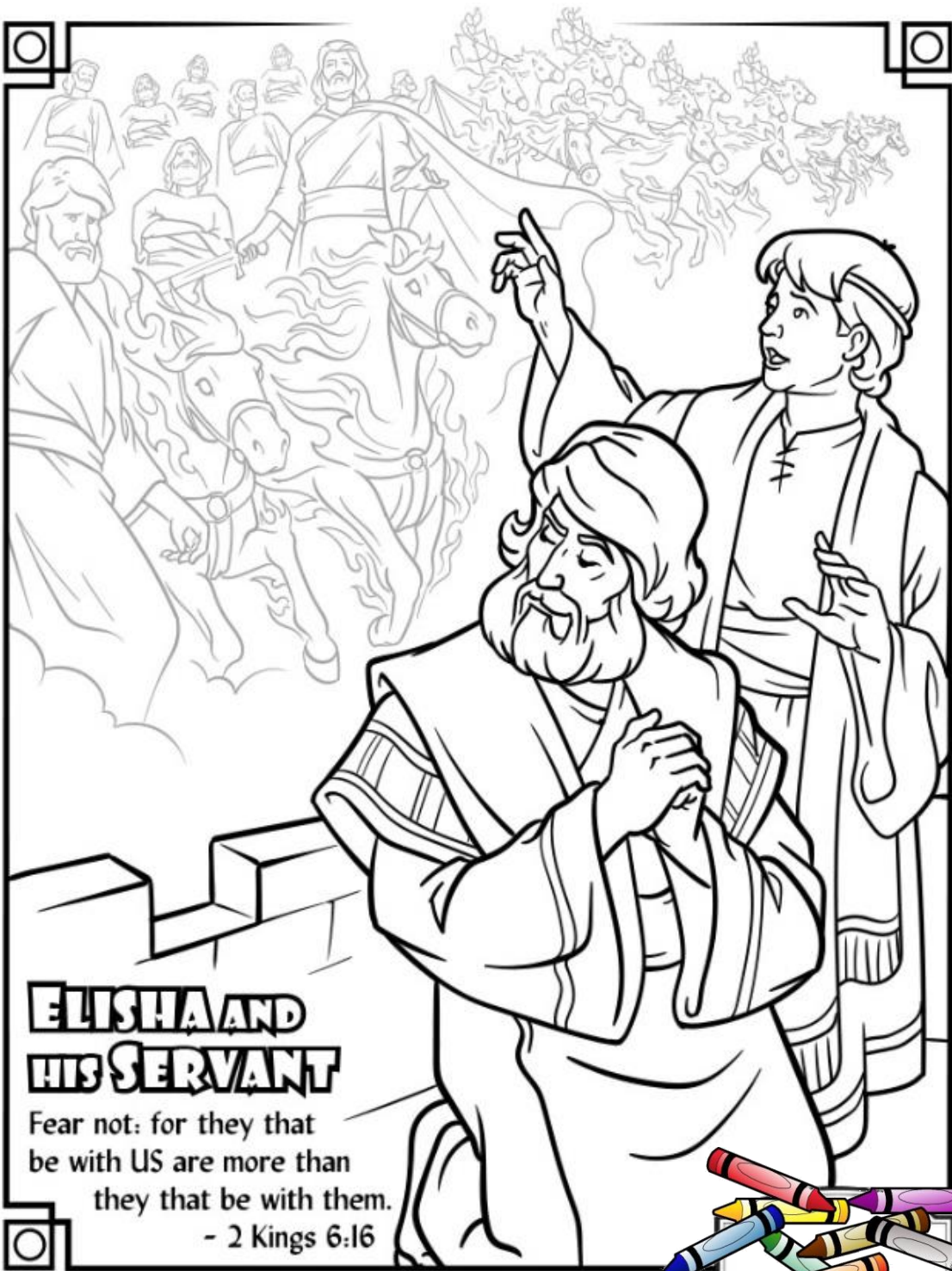
**Remind me how You made dark spirits flee
And spoke Your power to the raging sea
And spoke Your mercy to a sinful man
Remind me Jesus, this is what I am**

**The universe is vast beyond the stars
But You are mindful when the sparrow falls
And mindful of the anxious thoughts
That find me, surround me and bind me**

**With all my heart I love You, Sovereign Lord
Tomorrow let me love You even more
And rise to speak the goodness of Your name
Until I close my eyes and sleep again**

**The universe is vast beyond the stars
But You are mindful when the sparrow falls
And mindful of the anxious thoughts
That find me, surround me and bind me**

**Jesus, King of angels, Heaven's light
Hold my hand and keep me through this night.**



ELISHA AND HIS SERVANT

Fear not: for they that
be with US are more than
they that be with them.
- 2 Kings 6:16