

Be Still



1 A might-y For-tress is our God, A trust-y Sould and Weap - on;
2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss af-fect - ed;
3 Tho' dev-ils all the world should fill, All ea-ger to de-voir us,
4 The Word they still shall let re-main, Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need That hath us now o'er-tak - en.
But for us fights the Val-iant One, Whom God Him-self e-lect - ed.
We trem-ble not, we fear no ill, They shall not o-ver-pow'r us.
He's by our side up-on the plain With His good gifts and Spir - it.

AND KNOW THAT

I AM GOD

PSALM 46:10



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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**

Hymn

CW21 BLUE #603 ALL PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE

*All praise to God who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love,
The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills,
The God who ev'ry sorrow stills: To God all praise and glory!*

*What God's almighty power has made,
In mercy he is keeping;
By morning dawn or evening shade
His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might,
All things are just and good and right: To God all praise and glory!*

*I cried to him in time of need:
Lord God, oh, hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed
And kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
Oh, thank him, thank our God with me: To God all praise and glory!*

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 98

- 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:** **Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**
- M:** The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
- C:** **He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**
- M:** Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;
- C:** **let them sing before the LORD for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

Hymn

CW21 BLUE #615 JESUS, THANK YOU

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*The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend,
The agonies of Calvary.
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son,
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.
Your blood has washed away my sin - Jesus, thank You.
The Father's wrath completely satisfied - Jesus, thank You.
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table - Jesus, thank You.*

*By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near.
Your enemy You've made Your friend.
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace,
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end.
Your blood has washed away my sin - Jesus, thank You.
The Father's wrath completely satisfied - Jesus, thank You.
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table - Jesus, thank You.*

The Prayer of the Day

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE WORD

The First Lesson

JOSHUA 10:5-14

⁵ So the five kings of the Amorites—namely, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon—gathered together and went up with all their divisions. They set up camp around Gibeon and waged war against it.

⁶ The men of Gibeon sent word to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal, saying, “Do not withdraw your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly! Save us! Help us, because all the kings of the Amorites living in the hill country have united themselves against us.”

⁷ So Joshua went up from Gilgal—he and all the military forces with him, including all the strong warriors.

⁸ Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them, because I have given them into your hand. Not a man among them will be able to stand in your presence.”

⁹ So Joshua came upon them unexpectedly by marching up from Gilgal all night. ¹⁰ The LORD threw them into a panic before Israel, and he struck a powerful blow against them at Gibeon. Then he chased them on the road that goes up to Beth Horon, and he struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah. ¹¹ While they were fleeing from Israel on the descent from Beth Horon, the LORD hurled large stones from the heavens on them all the way to Azekah. So they died. Those who died from the hailstones were many more than those whom the Israelites killed by the sword.

¹² Then Joshua spoke to the LORD on the day that the LORD gave the Amorites into the power of Israel when he struck them down at Gibeon, and they were struck down before the people of Israel. He said in the sight of Israel:

“Sun, stand still over Gibeon,
and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.”

¹³ So the sun stood still,
and the moon stopped,
till the nation avenged itself on its enemies,

Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stood still in the middle of the sky and did not hurry to set for about a whole day. ¹⁴ There has never been a day like that day either before it or after it, a day when the LORD listened to the voice of a man, for the LORD was fighting for Israel.

Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-
 joice and be glad! This is the day the
 Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

Psalm tone

The LORD is my strength and my song;*
 he has become my salvation.

The LORD's right hand is lifted high;*
 the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,*
 and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;*
 you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;*
 the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;*
 let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
 and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

Gospel

LUKE 23:44-49

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

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

The 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: #504 WE SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD

*We sing th' almighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.*

*We sing the goodness of the Lord that fills the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er we turn our eyes,
If we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.*

*There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
And every-where that we can be, you, God, are present there.*

The Sermon

JOSHUA 10:5-14

THANKSGIVING

The Offering

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WELS Connections for October

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:

CW21 (BLUE) #795: THE DAY YOU GAVE US, LORD, IS ENDED

*The day you gave us, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at your request;
to you our morning hymns ascended,
your praise shall sanctify our rest.*

*We thank you that your Church, unsleeping
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping
and never rests by day or night.*

*As over continent and island
each dawn leads to another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor do the praises die away.*

*So be it, Lord! Your throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
your kingdom stands and grows forever
until there dawns your glorious day.*