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Grace ~ "? 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 ~



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

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."

CW21 Blue #511: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

OPENING HYMN

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne; Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love – Behold his hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified. No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save. His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love. Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall; Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.

INVOCATION & OPENING DIALOUGE

- M: In the name of the Father, and of the ⊕ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
- C: Amen.

Revelation 1:4-5

- M: Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto the One who sits on the throne,
- C: And to the Lamb, forever and ever.

Revelation 5:13

- M: His blood sets us free to be the people of God.
- C: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. Revelation 1:5-6

HYMN:

Soon and very soon We are going to see the King Soon and very soon We are going to see the King Soon and very soon We are going to see the King Hallelujah hallelujah We're going to see the King

CONFESSION

- M: The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness." Jer. 23:5-6
- M: Since we have such a merciful King, let us humbly approach his throne, confess our sins, and plead for his mercy.
- C: Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong. But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness. For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield. Psalm 5:2-5,7-8,12

HYMN:

LAPPY (page 273): Soon and Very Soon

No more dying there We are going to see the King No more dying there We are going to see the King No more dying there We are going to see the King Hallelujah hallelujah We're going to see the King

ABSOLUTION

Isaiah 43:1,10-11,15,25

M: As a herald of the King I announce to you what the LORD says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD, your Holy One, Israel's Creator, your King. Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. You are my witnesses, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. I am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior. I am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more. HYMN:

No more crying there We are going to see the King No more crying there We are going to see the King No more crying there We are going to see the King Hallelujah hallelujah We're going to see the King

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 41:8-13 Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

⁸ But you, O Israel, my servant, O Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, whom I love, ⁹ whom I have snatched from the ends of the earth, whom I have called from its corners— I have said to you, "You are my servant." I have chosen you and not rejected you. ¹⁰ Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be overwhelmed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. ¹¹ Just watch, they will be ashamed and humiliated—all those who are angry with you. They will become nothing and perish— those men who oppose you. ¹² You will look for them, but you will not find them— those men who contend against you. They will become absolutely nothing, less than nothing— those men who battle against you. ¹³ For I am the LORD your God. I am the one who is holding on to your right hand. I am the one who says to you, "Do not fear. I myself am helping you."

THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:13-20 Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

¹³ The Father rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and all things hold together in him.
¹⁸ He is also the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that in all things he might have the highest rank. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile all things to himself (whether things on earth or in heaven) by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-9 Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² telling them, "Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

⁶ The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹ The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

THE HYMN:

CW21 Blue #502 Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in his bosom gather; Nestling bird or star in heaven Such a refuge ne'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish; In his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them; In his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord his children sever; Unto them his grace he showeth, And their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

SERMON

Isaiah 41:8-13 Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

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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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

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over god's people for over 3500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on them, and I will bless them". – Numbers 6:24-26

- M: The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C: Amen.



THE CLOSING HYMN

There is a higher throne than all this world has known, Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come. Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb; Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

> Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings. Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise. All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne. We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong. He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die. The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King; we'll reign with him.

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