



# The Tree of Life



Serving the Portland Area with the Means of Grace and as a family of believers for over 110 years... as a church, school, preschool, mission, and ministry.

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## End Time 4 – Christ The King, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 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 3:18**

## OPENING HYMN

CW #341: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

**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

- M:** 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:** **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 1:4-6*

## Hymn:

CW21 #574 (1) The Tree of Life  
Tune: In Christ Alone

**The tree of life with ev'ry good  
In Eden's holy orchard stood,  
And of its fruit - so pure and sweet  
God let the man and woman eat.  
Yet in this garden also grew  
Another tree, of which they knew;  
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned  
Against whose eating God had warned.**

## 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." *Jeremiah 23:5-6*

### Hymn:

CW21 #574 (2) The Tree of Life  
Tune: In Christ Alone

*The stillness of, that sacred grove  
Was broken as the serpent strove  
With tempting voice, Eve to beguile  
And Adam to by sin defile.  
Oh, day of sadness when the breath  
Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,  
Its awful poison first displayed  
Within the world so newly made.*

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.**

*Psalms 5:2-5,7-8,12*

### Hymn:

CW21 #574 (3) The Tree of Life  
Tune: In Christ Alone

*What mercy God, showed to our race,  
A plan of rescue by his grace:  
In sending One, from woman's seed,  
The One to fill our greatest need—  
For on a tree uplifted high  
His only Son for sin would die,  
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread  
To crush the ancient serpent's head!*

## ABSOLUTION

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

### Hymn:

CW21 #574 (4) The Tree of Life  
Tune: In Christ Alone

***Now from that tree, of Jesus’ shame  
Flows life eternal in his name;  
For all who trust and will believe,  
Salvation’s living fruit receive.  
And of this fruit so pure and sweet  
The Lord invites the world to eat,  
To find within this cross of wood  
The tree of life with ev’ry good.***

## Prayer of the Day

M: Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## The Word

### The First Lesson

2 Samuel 7:11-16

*The immediate fulfillment of these words was that Solomon, David’s son, would oversee the building of the temple. But included in that promise was an even greater promise. A “kingdom and throne that would endure forever” would be someone much great than Solomon... it was none other than Jesus. Great David’s Greater Son.*

The LORD also declares to you that the LORD himself will make a house for you. <sup>12</sup>When your days are complete and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up after you your seed, who will come from your own body. I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he sins, I will discipline him with a rod used by men and with blows of the sons of men. <sup>15</sup>My faithful mercy will not depart from him as I removed it

from Saul, whom I removed to make room for you. <sup>16</sup>Your house will stand firm, and your kingdom will endure forever before you. Your throne will be established forever.

### Hymn

CWS # 727 (1) "There Is a Higher Throne"

*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.*

### The Second Lesson

Revelation 19:11-16

*When Jesus returns on the Last Day, in plain sight, for all to see, Jesus robe will carry the name: "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Believers are the kings for whom Jesus is KING. Believers are the lords who we will serve as LORD forever.*

<sup>11</sup>I saw heaven standing open, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and he judges and makes war in righteousness. <sup>12</sup>His eyes are like blazing flames, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him, which no one knows except he himself. <sup>13</sup>He is also clothed in a garment that had been dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. <sup>14</sup>The armies in heaven, which were clothed with white, clean, fine linen, were following him on white horses. <sup>15</sup>Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will shepherd them with an iron staff. He himself is going to trample the winepress of the fierce anger of the Almighty God. <sup>16</sup>On his garment and on his thigh this name is written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

### Hymn

CWS # 727 (2) "There Is a Higher Throne"

*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.  
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.*

*Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.*

## The Gospel Lesson

John 18:33-37

*Jesus defines the reason why he was born... to be our King.*

<sup>33</sup> Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

<sup>36</sup> Jesus replied, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup> “You are a king then?” Pilate asked.

Jesus answered, “I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

## APOSTLES' CREED WITH EXPLANATION OF 2<sup>ND</sup> ARTICLE

**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 that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.**

**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

CW # 370 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

***All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.***

***Hail him, ye heirs of David’s line, Whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.***

***Sinners whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet  
And crown him Lord of all.***

***Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To him all majesty ascribe  
And crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe  
And crown him Lord of all.***

***Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown him Lord of all.***

### **Sermon**

Matthew 1:1-16

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

<sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob,

Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

<sup>3</sup> Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,

Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram,

<sup>4</sup> Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon,

Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup> Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was

Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,

Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

<sup>7</sup> Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah,

Abijah the father of Asa, <sup>8</sup> Asa the father of Jehoshaphat,

Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah,

<sup>9</sup> Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz,

Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, <sup>10</sup> Hezekiah the father of Manasseh,

Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah,

<sup>11</sup> and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to  
Babylon.

<sup>12</sup> After the exile to Babylon:

Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,

<sup>13</sup> Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim,

Eliakim the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup> Azor the father of Zadok,

Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Elihud,

<sup>15</sup> Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan,

Matthan the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup> and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of  
Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.



# Thanksgiving



## The Offering

*An opportunity to give online can also be used at [Paypal.me/GracePortland](https://paypal.me/GracePortland) or by utilizing this QR code:*

## The Prayer of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

- M: I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me the Lord's Prayer as Christ our Lord taught us.
- C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**
- M: Here we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all his children on earth. We ask him to give us grace that we might proclaim his Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that his name is precious to us. We also pray that he would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor his name.
- C: Your kingdom come.**
- M: We pray that his kingdom and the rule of his grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan's kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, his Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.
- C: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**
- M: We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our own sinful will and its desires.
- C: Give us today our daily bread.**
- M: We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.
- C: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**
- M: We ask that God would forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.
- C: Lead us not into temptation.**

M: We pray here that God would protect us from all temptations and help us by his Spirit to put down our sinful flesh, to despise the world and its vices, and to overcome the devil and all his trickery.

**C: But deliver us from evil.**

M: And finally we pray that God would deliver us from all evils of body and soul now and forever.

**C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

M: All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts "Amen," trusting without doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you will received it, and it will be yours."

### THE BLESSING AND 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 upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### Closing Hymn:

CW #363 "The King of Glory Comes"

#### **Refrain:**

***The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.***

***Who is the King of glory? How shall we call him?  
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.***

#### **Refrain**

***In all of Galilee, in city or village,  
He goes among his people, curing their illness.***

#### **Refrain**

***He gave his life for us, the lamb of salvation;  
He took upon himself the sin of the nations.***

#### **Refrain**

***He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen,  
And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom.***

#### **Refrain**

# Worship Notes

## for kids

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



### Songs We Sang

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The Scripture Text Was: \_\_\_\_\_

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

