



JESUS

BUT THE LORD IS WITH ME LIKE A

**MIGHTY  
WARRIOR**



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## Christ the King – Last Sunday of the Church Year November 26th, 2023

*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**

*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 DIALOGUE

**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:

LAPPY (page 273): *Soon and Very Soon*

***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  
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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:**

LAPPY (page 273): *Soon and Very Soon*

***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 42:1-4, 13

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. <sup>3</sup> A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; <sup>4</sup> he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” <sup>13</sup> The LORD will march out like a champion, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies.

**HYMN:**

CW21 Blue #543 (1-2) O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

***O Jesus, King most wonderful, O Majesty renowned,***

***O Conqueror invincible, in whom all joys are found,***

***When once you visit darkened hearts, then truth begins to shine,***

***Then earthly vanity departs, then kindles love divine.***

**THE SECOND LESSON**

Ephesians 6:11-13

<sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

**HYMN:**

CW21 Blue #543 (3-4) O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

***O Jesus, Light of all below, O Fount of life and fire,***

***Surpassing all the joys we know, all that we can desire,***

***May ev'ry heart confess your name, forever you adore,***

***Enkindled with the Spirit's flame to love you more and more.***

Alleluia! He came down from heaven and he put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak. Alleluia!

*Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 18:28-37

<sup>28</sup> Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are you bringing against this man?”

<sup>30</sup> “If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.”

<sup>31</sup> Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.”

“But we have no right to execute anyone,” they objected. <sup>32</sup> This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die.

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

<sup>34</sup> “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

<sup>35</sup> “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

<sup>37</sup> “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

CW21 Blue #870 O Church, Arise

***O, church arise and put your armor on  
Hear the call of Christ our captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is love  
Reaching out to those in darkness.***

*Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations.*

*Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This vict'ry march continues till the day  
Ev'ry eye and heart will see Him.*

*So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.*

**SERMON**

Isaiah 42:1-4,13

**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.**

## THANKSGIVING



### 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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*The congregational responses are spoken unless otherwise indicated*

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** **Lift up your hearts.**

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**M:** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory!

### HYMN:

CW21 Blue 512 (1-2): All Hail the Power 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.***



**Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God, who from His altar call;  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown Him Lord of all.  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown Him Lord of all.**

**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.

**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, learn more about becoming a member at Grace, or any other spiritual matter with the pastor, please indicate this on the Friendship Register by checking "would like pastor to call/visit" or contact our pastor at 503-290-6316.*

**DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

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## **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**

CW21 Blue #885 "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.***

***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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# 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:





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