



CHRIST  
THE KING  
SUNDAY



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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**

# THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Preparing to meet the King of kings.

## Invocation

*The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshippers of their baptisms.*

**M:** In the name of God the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## Opening Hymn

CW93 (RED) #23 (1,4) OH, COME, OH COME EMMANUEL

1. Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you. O Israel!

4. Oh, come, O Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home.  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!

## Confession of Sins

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## Kyrie

“Lord have mercy” is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church. – Mark 10:47



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



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# THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Christ the King incarnate.

Includes celebrating the naming of Jesus and His Presentation in the temple.

## Absolution

Ephesians 4:32 & Philippians 2:6-11

M: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Christians praise God by proclaiming the angel's song of what he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the 4th century– Luke 2:14

### **The Hymn**

CW93 (RED) #63 (1,3) ANGELS, WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

**Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

# THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

*Christ The King is for all people.*

*Includes The Baptism of the Lord and concludes with The Transfiguration of Jesus*

## THE WORD

### **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. Amen.

**1 The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes -**

**2 Not as of old a little child  
To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.**

**3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
When Christ, victorious, rose  
And left the lonesome place of death  
Despite the rage of foes.**

**4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes  
And we shall see his face**

**5 The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings!**

***The Lesson/Sermon - Jesus Is the King!***

JOHN 18:33-37

<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.”

**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.**

# THE SEASON OF LENT

Christ the King saves his people from their sins. For 40 days it includes Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

M: The celebration of the Passover each year looked back on the emotion-packed night when God delivered his people from Egypt with the blood of a lamb and looked forward to the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world. Every year the Passover was observed. Many traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate it there. Everywhere in the city, one could hear the lambs bleating. When the Father's appointed time came, Jesus set out for Jerusalem. Upon His arrival, He called for a donkey and rode into the city according to the Old Testament prophecy. The people lined the streets crying, "Hosanna, Hosanna to the Son of David. Hosanna in the highest!" The true Lamb now stood in their midst. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## **The Sanctus**

CW32 (RED) #131 (1,5) ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

**1 All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming,  
Our King and blessed one.**

**5 All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
As you received their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing,  
Our good and gracious King.**

## THE 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.

**1 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price!  
Worthy is the Lamb  
whose death makes me his own!  
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.**

**2 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb,  
Let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.  
Worthy is the Lamb  
whose death makes me his own!  
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.**

## **THE SEASON OF EASTER**

Christ the King rises from death.

*The season of Easter lasts for seven weeks and includes Christ's glorious Ascension.*

*There is no greater assurance of Christ's resurrection and our forgiveness than in Holy Communion where Jesus resurrected body and blood are really present in, with, and under the bread and wine.*

### **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 or any other spiritual matter with the pastor, please indicate this on the Friendship Register.*

### **The Distribution Hymn**

CW93 (RED)#152 I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

### **The Communion Blessing**

Now may this, the true body and blood, of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. The Lord Jesus has paid for all your sins.

## **THE SEASON OF PENTECOST**

Christ the King sends the Holy Spirit.

*For 20-plus Sundays the season of Pentecost takes us from the coming of the Holy Spirit, to the celebration of the Trinity and then focus on Jesus' teachings, especially as they affect the life of the Christian.*

## **THANKSGIVING**

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.*

### **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***

**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 Hymn***

CW93 (RED) 183 (1,4,5) HOLY SPIRIT LIGHT DIVINE

***Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the gloom of night away; Turn the darkness into day.***

***Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down ev'ry idol throne; Reign supreme and reign alone.***

***See, to you I give my heart; Cleanse my life in ev'ry part;  
Your own temple I would be Now and for eternity.***

## **THE SEASON OF ENDTIMES**

Christ the King will come again.

*Reformation, All Saints, Last Judgment, Saints Triumphant, Thanksgiving, and Christ the King are all celebrated during End Times.*

### ***The Blessing***

*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***

CW93 (RED) 341 (1,4) 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 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.***