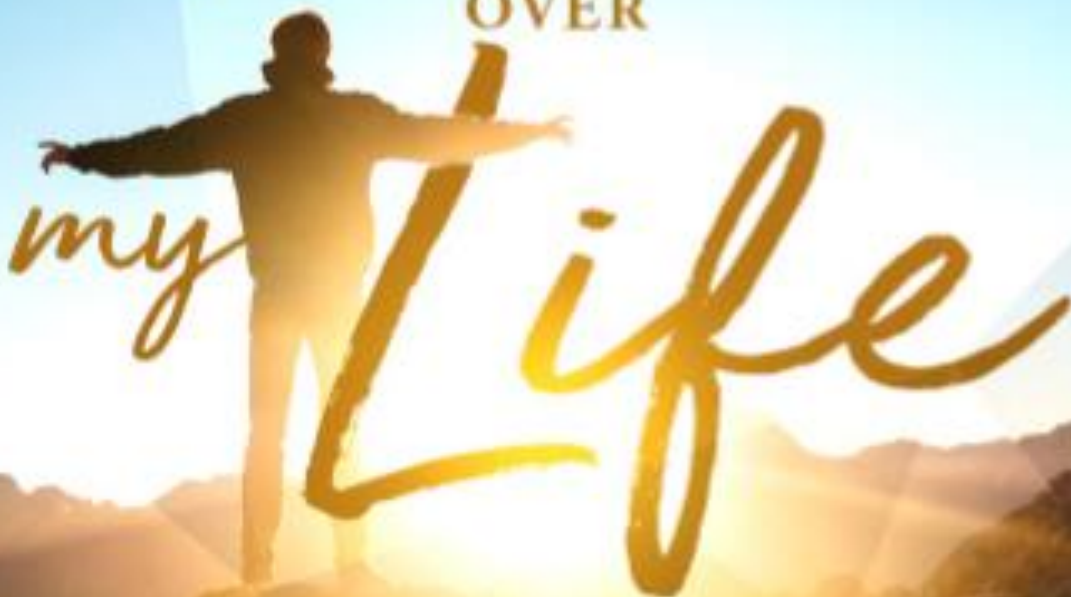


JESUS IS LORD
OVER

my Life



I have come
that they
may have *life,*
and have it to the full
John 10:10



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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**

*Now greet the swiftly changing year
With joy and penitence sincere.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.*

*Remember now the Son of God
And how He shed His infant blood.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.*

*This Jesus came to end sin's war;
This Name of names for us He bore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.*

Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

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.**

Lord, Have Mercy

C: **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

*His love abundant far exceeds
The volume of a whole year's needs.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.*

*With Him as Lord to lead our way
In want and in prosperity,
What need we fear in earth or space
In this new year of grace!*

*"All glory be to God on high,
And peace on earth!" the angels cry.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.*

*God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!
To all our pleas incline Your ear;
Upon our lives rich blessing trace
In this new year of grace.*

Devotion

Psalm 90:1-12;14,17

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. ² Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ³ You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals." ⁴ A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. ⁵ Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning: ⁶ In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered. ⁷ We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. ⁹ All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. ¹⁰ Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. ¹¹ If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due. ¹² Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. ¹⁷ May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands.

The Time of our Infancy

“They are like the new grass of the morning”

Lessons

Luke 18:15-17; 2 Timothy 3:15

¹⁵ People were bringing even their babies to Jesus, so that he would touch them. When the disciples saw this, they began to rebuke them. ¹⁶ But Jesus invited them, saying, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁷ Amen I tell you: Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”
¹⁵ And that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

HYMN:

Text: CW Red 507 (1) “Lord Of Our Growing Years”

Tune: DARWALL’S 148th

*Lord of our growing years,
With us from infancy,
Laughter and quick-dried tears,
Freshness and energy:
Your grace surrounds - us all our days,
For all your gifts we bring our praise.*

The Time of our Strongest Years

“May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us”

Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. ¹⁹ Pray also

for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

HYMN:

Text: CW Red 507 (2) “Lord Of Our Growing Years”

Tune: DARWALL’S 148th

*Lord of our strongest years,
Stretching our youthful pow'rs,
Dreamers and pioneers,
When all the world seems ours:
Your grace surrounds - us all our days
For all your gifts we bring our praise.*

The Time of our Middle Years

“That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days”

Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

2 As for me, brothers, when I came to you, I did not come with superior speech or wisdom in order to proclaim to you the testimony of God. 2 For I had no intention of knowing anything among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness, in fear, and with much trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not marked by persuasive words of human wisdom, but by a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith would not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power. 6 Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature, but it is not a wisdom of this world or of the rulers of this world, who are being reduced to nothing. 7 Instead we speak God’s wisdom that has been hidden in mystery—before the ages, God foreordained that this wisdom would result in our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this world knew it. (If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.) 9 But as it is written: What no eye has seen and no ear has heard and no human mind has conceived— that is what God has prepared for those who love him. 10 But God revealed it to us through his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. 11 Indeed, who among men knows a man’s thoughts except the man’s spirit within him? So also, no one else knows God’s thoughts except God’s Spirit. 12 What we received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we might know the blessings freely given to us by God.

HYMN:

Text: CW Red 507 (3) "Lord Of Our Growing Years"

Tune: DARWALL'S 148th

*Lord of our middle years,
Giver of steadfastness,
Courage that perseveres
When there is small success:
Your grace surrounds - us all our days,
For all your gifts we bring our praise.*

The Time of our Older Years

"Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures;"

Lesson

Psalm 71:8-9; Isaiah 46:3-4

My mouth is filled with Your praise
And with Your glory all day long.
Do not cast me off in the time of old age;
Do not forsake me when my strength fails.

"Listen to Me, O house of Jacob,
And all the remnant of the house of Israel,
You who have been borne by Me from birth
And have been carried from the womb;
Even to your old age I will be the same,
And even to your graying years I will bear you!
I have done it, and I will carry you;
And I will bear you and I will deliver you"

HYMN:

Text: CW Red 507 (4) "Lord Of Our Growing Years"

Tune: DARWALL'S 148th

*Lord of our older years,
Steep though the road may be,
Rid us of foolish fears;
Bring us serenity:
Your grace surrounds - us all our days,
For all your gifts we bring our praise.*

THE TIME OF OUR CLOSING YEARS

“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

Lesson

Romans 8:28-30; Revelation 21:1-4

²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

HYMN:

Text: CW Red 507 (5) “Lord Of Our Growing Years”

Tune: DARWALL’S 148th

*Lord of our closing years,
Always your promise stands;
Hold us when death appears,
Safely within your hands:
Your grace surrounds - us all our days,
For all your gifts we bring our praise.*

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RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

M: In these first hours of the year 2023 we lift up our voices, reflecting on the praises and petitions our Lord Jesus gave us as an outline for praying:

C: Our Father in heaven.

M: Eternal God, our Creator, in Your mercy You have restored us as Your forgiven children. Trusting in Jesus' sacrifice and victory in our place, we come before You as begin a year anew.

C: Hallowed by Your name.

M: We revere Your supreme majesty as Designer of Your universe and Author of time. Help us to know You as Lord of our lives here and in eternity, as You have revealed in Your holy Word.

C: Your Kingdom come.

M: Uphold Your claim on our hearts; reign in our lives, and employ us for sowing the Seed of Your saving Word in more and more hearts in the year ahead.

C: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

M: Overcome the influence of Satan on us in this fallen world, and make us earnest to conform our desires and our actions to Your plan for our future with You.

C: Give us today our daily bread.

M: Sustainer of life, You have provided for our bodily necessities in the year past. Fill us with appreciation and trust. Year by year keep us alert for meeting the needs of others.

C: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

M: Continue to show us Your pardon for Jesus' sake, and keep us ready to do good even to those who do wrong to us. While there still is time in this passing life, help us point them to Your saving mercy.

C: Lead us not into temptation,

M: Defeat the enemy who wants to strangle our faith in disregard for Your Word. Bring to naught the world's ruinous appeal to our self-centered nature, and deliver us from the hold of unrepented sin.

C: Deliver us from evil.

M: Be with us through every trouble, so that when we depart this life we will still be trusting and walking with our living Savior.

C: The kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
M: We look to You as Lord of time, Governor of Your universe, Head of Your Church, and we join with angels to adore You from Whom all blessings flow.
ALL: We are relying on Jesus whose perfect obedience and atoning death have made us acceptable in Your sight. His resurrection assures His promises, and we look into the future eagerly awaiting His return. Now then, as Your children we pray with confidence: Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who has called us to be his own that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

HYMN:

CW21 BLUE #783 (1-3): **Abide with Me**

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me!*

*Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in thy wings,
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea;
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.*

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.

HYMN:

CW21 BLUE #783 (4-5): **Abide with Me**

*Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me oft as I left thee.
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.*

*I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!*

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.

HYMN:

CW21 BLUE #696: **Take My Life and Let It Be**

*Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.*

*Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.*

*Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.*

*Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.*

*Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.*

*Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.*

THE BENEDICTION

HYMN:

CW21 BLUE #783 (6-7): **Abide with Me**

*I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!*