

THE LORD

IS MY

Shepherd

I WILL FEAR NO EVIL

FOR YOU ARE

WITH ME.





Grace
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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...”



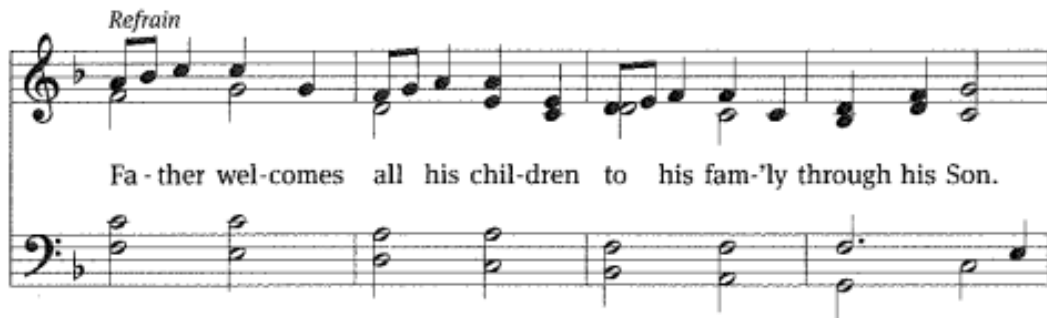
Grace Lutheran Church has served the Portland area for over 100 years by faithfully preaching and teaching the timeless truth of God’s Word. We believe that God uses the timeless message of Word and Sacraments to bring souls into his care. This is a message that we share here and around the world through our affiliation with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

Grace ~ “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”

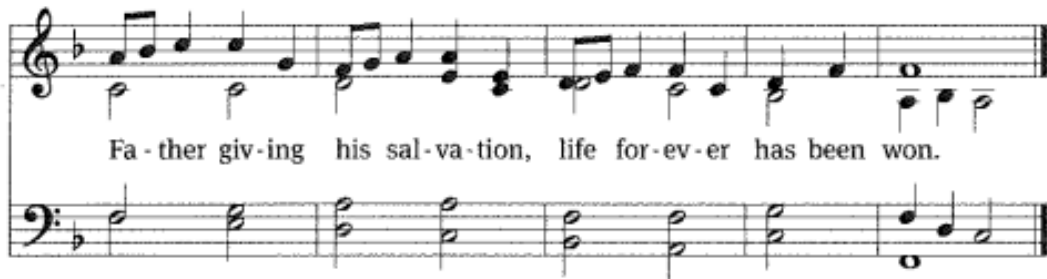


Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God’s grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. **“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen.” 2 Pt. 3:18**

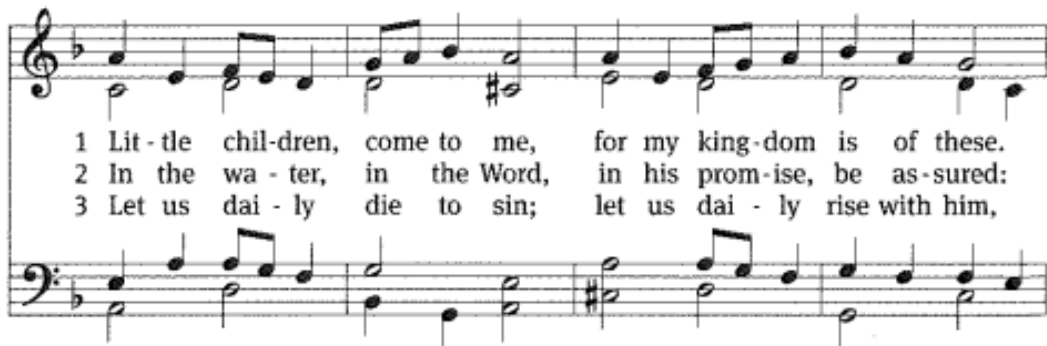
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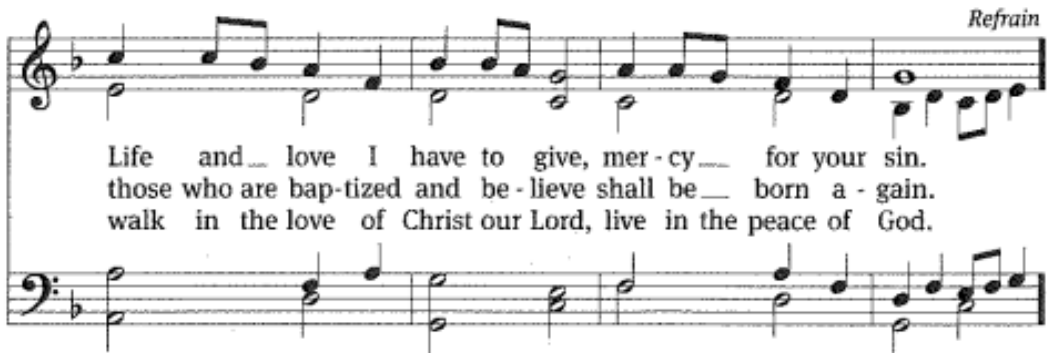


Fa - ther giv - ing his sal - va - tion, life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to me, for my king - dom is of these.
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, in his prom - ise, be as - sured:
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; let us dai - ly rise with him,

Refrain



Life and love I have to give, mer - cy for your sin.
 those who are bap - tized and be - lieve shall be born a - gain.
 walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God.

Invocation

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

Confession

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

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.**

RESPONSE

CW21 #810: The First Song of Isaiah



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Absolution

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 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.



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HOLY BAPTISM – OLIVER JAMES GORDON WITTMAYER

*Martin Luther said that confessing sins and receiving forgiveness is nothing else than a reliving of Baptism. Thus this order provides opportunity not only to baptize but also to recall the lasting blessings of Baptism...
 forgiveness of sins, new life and salvation*

The Rite of Holy Baptism continues at the font.

M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: “*Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*” It is in Baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

Oliver James Gordon Wittmeyer receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

M: Let us pray: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism. Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on *Oliver*. Through this water of Baptism, drown in *him* all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil *he* may do. Set *him* apart from the unbelieving world

and hold *him* safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep *him* always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that *he* may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

M: *Oliver James Gordon Wittmeyer* - I baptize you...

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

M: The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Exhortation – Parents, Sponsors, Congregation

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us and continue to grow in faith. I therefore ask you: Do you sincerely intend to continue to bring up *Oliver* in the way of the Lord and to instruct *him* in the truths of God’s saving Word so that *he* may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in *his* baptismal grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

R/C: **Yes, and we ask God to help us.**

Baptismal Candle

M: Jesus said: “*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*” Light this candle again and again in years to come on anniversaries of this day, and recall what God has done for *Oliver* through the gift of his Son and through Baptism which unites *him* with Jesus in his death to sin and resurrection to new life.

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord † Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in you by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings. Go in peace.

SONG

“Gloria”

Fernando Ortega

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Prayer of the Day

M: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

The First Lesson:

Isaiah 43:1-5a

But now this is what the LORD says, the LORD who created you, O Jacob, the LORD who formed you, O Israel. Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.

² When you cross through the waters, I will be with you.

When you cross the rivers, they will not sweep you away.

When you walk through fire, you will not be burned, and the flame will not set you on fire.

³ Because I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior, I gave Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious and honored in my eyes, and I myself love you, I will give people in exchange for you, and peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not be afraid, because I am with you.

Hymn Response

CW #416: How Firm a Foundation

*"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
For I will be with you your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.*

*"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."*

The First Lesson:

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰They called out with a loud voice and said: Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb. ¹¹All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

¹³One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?"

And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

¹⁴And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of ^{the} Lamb.

¹⁵Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. ¹⁶They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again. The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Hymn Response

CW21 #416: How Firm a Foundation

***In ev'ry condition, in sickness, in health,
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea –
The Lord, the Almighty, your strength e'er shall be.***

***"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love,
And then, when gray hair shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still on my shoulders be borne."***

The Gospel Lesson:

Luke 12:29-34

²⁹ Do not constantly chase after what you will eat or what you will drink. Do not be worried about it. ³⁰ To be sure, the nations of the world chase after all of these things, but your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, continue to seek the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you. ³² Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not become old, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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.

Hymn Response

CW21 #416: How Firm a Foundation

***How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?***

***"Fear not, I am with you. Oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.***

Sermon

Psalm 23:1,4

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres-ence of my foes;
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas-tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of right-eous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing place shall be;



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The Offering

An opportunity to give online can also be used at Paypal.me/GracePortland or by utilizing this QR code:



Prayer of the Church

- M:** Risen and ascended Lord, in your loving care we can live every day without worrying; no needful thing will you fail to provide:
- C:** **Jesus said, “I am the Good Shepherd”.**
- M:** By your holy word you feed our souls and strengthen our faith. In your gracious forgiveness we are refreshed and restored:
- C:** **The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**
- M:** You turn us away from the paths of sin, and move us to walk in the ways of God:
- C:** **Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. They listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.”**
- M:** Though we walk in danger all the way, though the shadows of death enfold us at last, we will not fear. Your love goes with us wherever we go; in your comforting word we find courage and strength; your triumphant cross brings life from death:
- C:** **Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep... whoever enters through me will be saved.**
- M:** You have called us to sit at your heavenly feast. Our table of blessing overflows, and you will not allow earthly enemies, nor Satan himself, to snatch them away:
- C:** **The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**
- Special Prayer and Intercessions*
- M:** Good Shepherd, your mercies will never end. They will follow us as we follow you. Grant us to walk in your grace and love till we come to dwell in the heavenly home which you have prepared for us above:
- C:** **Surely, goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.**

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.

Closing Hymn

CW21 #783 (1, 5-7): **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!

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!

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!