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THE POOR
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WHO
MOURN

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THOSE WHO HUNGER & THIRST
FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS

The
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THE
PEACEMAKERS

THOSE PERSECUTED
FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS

REJOICE

and BE GLAD



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**

*I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us, From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus, to wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious, till not a spot remains.*

*I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in him.
He heals all my diseases; My soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.*

The Invocation

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

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

The Confession of Sins – Psalm 37:23-28

M: The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him.
C: **Though we may stumble, we will not fall, for the LORD upholds us with his hand.**
M: I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.
C: **They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be a blessing.**
M: Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever.
C: **For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones.**

The Absolution – Psalm 37: 5-6, 39-40

M: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:
C: **He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.**
M: The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
C: **The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.**
M: Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen! The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! (Lam. 3:22-23)**

Chorus:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy Name.*

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.*

Chorus

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.*

Chorus

*And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.*

Chorus

The Salutation & Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11-15

³ Seek the LORD, all you humble people of the earth who have carried out his commands. Seek righteousness. Seek humility. Maybe then you will be sheltered in the day of the LORD's anger.

¹¹ In that day you will no longer bear the shame of your rebellions against me. Then I will remove the proud boasters from among you, and you will never again be arrogant on my holy hill. ¹² But I will leave among you the people who are humble and weak. They will seek refuge in the name of the LORD. ¹³ The Israelites who remain will no longer act unjustly. They will not lie, and a deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouth. Instead, they will graze peacefully like sheep and lie down. No one will terrify them. ¹⁴ Sing out, daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, you daughter of Jerusalem. ¹⁵ The LORD has removed the judgment against you. He has turned back your enemy. Israel's king, the LORD, is in your midst! You no longer need to fear disaster.

Refrain



We com - mit our-selves to you, O Lord.

Your faith - ful - ness en - dures for - ev - er.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶ For example, consider your call, brothers. Not many of you were wise from a human point of view, not many were powerful, and not many were born with high status. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to put to shame those who are wise. God chose the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are strong, ²⁸ and God chose the lowly things of the world and the despised things, and the things that are not, to do away with the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before God. ³⁰ But because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us the wisdom from God, namely, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹ God did this so that, just as it is written, "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."



THE VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 37:10-11

Alleluia. A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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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 OF THE DAY

CWS#763: Jesus Sat with His Disciples
 Sung to tune NETTLETON

CW21 Blue #708 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Jesus sat with his disciples - On a mountainside one day;
 As the crowds of people gathered, He began to teach and say:
 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, Heaven's kingdom they will share.
 Blessed are the sad and mourning, Joy and comfort will be theirs."*

*"Blessed are the meek and humble, All the earth to them is willed.
 Those who hunger to be holy, They are bless'd and will be filled.
 Yes, the merciful are blessed, Mercy will to them be shown.
 And the pure in heart are blessed, They have eyes for God alone."*

*"Blessed are God's sons and daughters, Making peace where there is strife.
 Blessed are the persecuted, Who for righteousness lose life;
 Their reward is great in heaven, In the kingdom up above—
 So be glad to share my suff'ring, And rejoice to know my love."*

THANKSGIVING

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

THE OFFERING

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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 #798 (3): I Lay My Sins On Jesus

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine.

His right hand me embraces; I in his arms recline.

I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;

Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

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 #798 (4): I Lay My Sins On Jesus

*I long to be like Jesus: Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, The Father's holy child.
I long to be with Jesus, Amid the heav'nly throng
To sing with saints his praises, To learn the angels' song.*

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

CW21 Blue #660: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

*Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon you lean.*

*This is the hour of banquet and of song;
Here is the heav'nly table spread anew.
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with you.*

*I have no help but yours nor do I need
Another arm but yours to lean upon.
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in your might, your might alone.*

*Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness;
mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.*

*Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.*

*Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.*

THE BLESSING & BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN:

CW21 Blue #690 "Blest Are They"



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it, theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones, — they shall in -
3 Blest are they — who show mer - cy, mer - cy
4 Blest are they — who seek peace, — they are the
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate — all — be -



king - dom of God. Blest — are they, —
her - it the earth. Blest — are they who
shall — be theirs. Blest — are they, the
chil - dren of God. Blest — are they who
cause — of me. Re - joice and be glad, —



full — of sor - row, they — shall be con - soled.
hun - ger and thirst, — they — shall have their fill.
pure — of heart, — they — shall see God!
suf - fer in faith, — the glo - ry of God is theirs.
yours is the king - dom; — shine — for all to see.



Refrain
Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are



you, ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

Worship Notes

for kids

Name _____

Date _____



Songs We Sang

The Scripture Text Was: _____

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

