





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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Lent 1 – Invocavit

He will call on me, and I will answer him. I will be with him in distress.
I will deliver him and I will honor him. With long life I will satisfy him,
and I will let him see my salvation. – Psalm 91:15-16

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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**

1. Jesus, Refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above,
Oh, how oft your eyes, offended,
Gaze upon a sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended,
You endured the pain of all.

2. Dare we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
As we see you wounded, bleeding,
See your thorn-encircled brow?
Since your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest,
Only what your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for you!
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold your cross anew,
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified!

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.**

Confession of Sins

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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 my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: LORD, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Absolution

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.

C: Amen

The Prayer of the Day

M: Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us 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

DEUTERONOMY 26:5-10

⁵ Then you will respond and say in the presence of the LORD your God, “My father was a wandering Aramean. He went down to Egypt and lived there as an alien with just a few people, but there he became a great, strong, and populous nation. ⁶ The Egyptians mistreated and afflicted us. They imposed hard labor on us. ⁷ We cried out to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice, and he saw our affliction, our labor, and oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm and with great awe-inspiring acts and signs and wonders. ⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now, look as I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you have given me, LORD.”

Then set the basket down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God.

The Second Lesson

ROMANS 10:8B-13

⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. ⁹ Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. ¹¹ For Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

¹² So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³ Yes, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Verse of the Day

MATTHEW 4:10B

It is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”

The Gospel Lesson

LUKE 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. He did not eat anything during those days. When they came to an end, he was hungry. ³ The Devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’”

⁵ The Devil led him up to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ The Devil told him, “I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, because it has been entrusted to me, and I can give it to anyone I want. ⁷ So, if you worship me, it will all be yours.”

⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written: ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

⁹ The Devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ because it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you.

¹¹ And, they will lift you up with their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It says: ‘You shall not test the Lord your God.’”

¹³ When the Devil had finished every temptation, he left him until an opportune time.

1. Your works, not mine, O Christ,
Speak gladness to this heart.
They tell me all is done;
They bid my fear depart.
To whom but you,
Who can alone For sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

2. Your blood, not mine, O Christ,
Can heal my sinful soul;
Your wounds, not mine, contain
The balm that makes me whole.
To whom but you,
Who can alone For sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

3. Your cross, not mine, O Christ,
Has borne the dreadful load
Of sins that none could bear
But the incarnate God.
To whom but you,
Who can alone For sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

4. Your death, not mine, O Christ,
Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine
Would have been all too few.
To whom but you,
Who can alone For sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

5. Your righteousness, O Christ,
Alone can cover me;
No other righteousness
Can set a sinner free.
To whom but you,
Who can alone For sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

The Sermon

ROMANS 10:8B-13

JUST/IF/I'D NEVER SINNED

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one LORD, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He

suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Our Thanksgiving

The Offering

An opportunity to give online can also be used at [Paypal.me/GracePortland](https://www.paypal.com/GracePortland) or by utilizing this QR code:



Prayer of the Church

The LORD's Prayer

C: 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

Preface

M: The LORD be with you.

C: ♪ **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

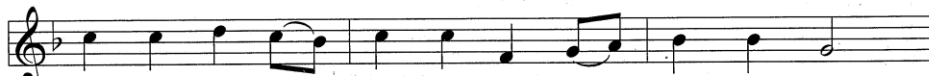
C: ♪ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

M: Praise to the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only ours but also for the sins of the whole world. 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 for ever and ever.


Sanctus




C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.




The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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."

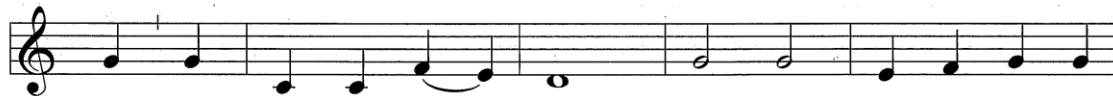
M: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C: ♪ Amen

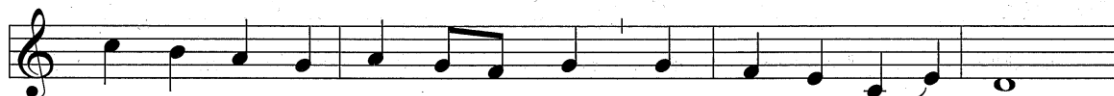
Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



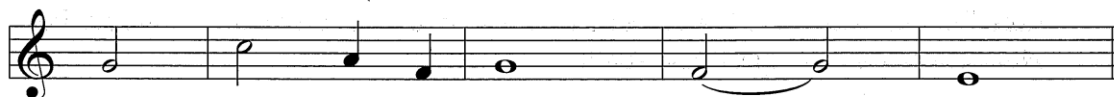
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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. We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy.

Distribution Hymn

CW RED 114 CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING

Prayer

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O LORD, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our LORD, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

The Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the LORD with gladness.

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **Amen**

Closing Hymn

CW RED 391 GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE

**1. God loved the world so that he gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in him believe
Should everlasting life receive.**

**2. Christ is the solid rock of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death.
All who confide in him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**3. God would not have the sinner die
His Son with saving grace is nigh.
His Spirit in the Word does teach
How we the blessed goal may reach.**

**4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives the sins that you have done.
You're justified by Jesus' blood;
Baptized, you are a child of God.**

5. When you are sick, when death draws near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death
This is the anchor of my faith!

6. Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

LENT SCHEDULE

MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS: WEDNESDAYS - MEAL AT 6PM, DEVOTION AT 6:30

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 13 9:30AM – REV GARY KRAKLOW

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 17 7PM – REV GARY KRAKLOW

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 18 7PM – REV GARY KRAKLOW

EASTER SUNRISE – APRIL 20 7AM – REV IB MEYER

EASTER – APRIL 20 9:30AM – REV IB MEYER