

Grace 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**

1. To your temple I draw near;
LORD, I love to worship here.
Here are sacrament and Word;
Here believers meet their LORD.

3. While your glorious praise is sung,
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue,
That my joyful soul may bless
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.

5. While I listen to your law,
Fill my soul with holy awe
Till your gospel brings to me
Life and immortality.

2. I through Christ am reconciled;
I through Christ become your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In your courts to seek your face.

4. While the prayers of saints ascend,
God of love, to mine attend.
Hear me, for your Spirit pleads;
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.

6. While your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear you speaking from the sky.

7. From your house, when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today."

Order of Worship: Service of Word and Sacrament (CW 93 Red Pg. 26)

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**

Prayer and Praise


Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O LORD.




C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world, and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O LORD.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the LORD are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, Our LORD

**O LORD, our LORD, how glorious is your name in all the earth.
Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.
You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;
You make us pure and holy in your sight.
You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.
O LORD, our LORD, how glorious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father,
You came to live with us; you made your Father known;
You washed us from our sins in your own blood.
You are the King of glory; you are the LORD!
O LORD, our LORD, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

The Prayer of the Day

M: Let your continual mercy, O LORD, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Word

The First Lesson

ISAIAH 35:4-7A

⁴ say to those with fearful hearts,
“Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you.”
⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.

⁷The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

The Second Lesson

ACTS 3:1-10

³ One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ² Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. ⁶ Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹ When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Verse of the Day

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

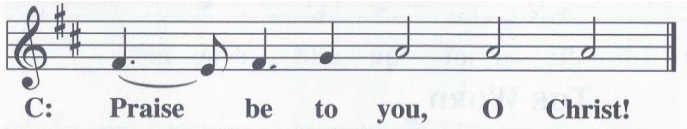
Alleluia. Rejoice in the LORD always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.

The Gospel Lesson

MARK 7:31-37

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “Ephphatha!” (which means “Be opened!”). ³⁵ At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so,

the more they kept talking about it. 37 People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”



Hymn of the Day

CW93 (RED) #405: OH, FOR A FAITH THAT WILL NOT SHRINK

**Oh, for a faith that will not shrink
Though pressed by many a foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of poverty or woe,**

**That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chast'ning rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain
Can lean upon its God,**

**A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without,
That, when in danger, knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt,**

**That bears unmoved the world's dread frown
Nor heeds its scornful smile,
That sin's wild ocean cannot drown
Nor Satan's arts beguile,**

**A faith that keeps the narrow way
Till life's last spark is fled
And with a pure and heav'nly ray
Lights up the dying bed.**

**LORD, give us such a faith as this,
And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.**

Open Your Eyes and Focus on Reality

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.me/GracePortland) or by utilizing this QR code:



Prayer of the Church

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

M: Great God and LORD, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our LORD Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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

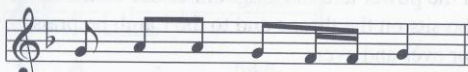
Preface

M: The LORD be with you.



C: And al - so 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.

M: He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. 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

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God, and I will exalt you.

I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation.

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glory.

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.



Sanctus

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Amen.

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

CW21 (BLUE): #668 JESUS COMES TODAY WITH HEALING

**1. Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace and peace.
He himself makes preparation,
And I hear his invitation:
"Come and taste the blessed feast."**

**2. Christ himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
Of his sacred covenant.**

**3. Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursed tree.**

**4. God descends with heav'nly power,
Gives himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue his pledge receiving,
I accept his grace, believing
That I taste his love divine.**

5. Let me praise God's boundless favor,
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by his gracious call.
 Wedding garments he provides me,
 With a robe of white he hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6. Now I have found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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.



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.



Closing Hymn

CW93 (RED) #323 ALMIGHTY FATHER BLESS THE WORD

Almighty Father, bless the word
 Which through your grace
 we now have heard.
 Oh, may the precious seed take root,
 Spring up, and bear abundant fruit.

We praise you for the means of grace
 As homeward now our steps we trace.
 Grant, LORD,
 that we who worshiped here
 May all at last in heav'n appear.