

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**

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory --great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.
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And give him the glory --great things he has done!

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 the 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 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.

The Prayer of the Day

M: LORD, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our LORD, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Word

The First Lesson

DEUTERONOMY 11:16-21

¹⁶ Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them. ¹⁷ Then the LORD's anger will burn against you, and he will shut up the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the LORD is giving you. ¹⁸ Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ¹⁹ Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ²⁰ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, ²¹ so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

PSALM

Psalm 78:1-7

Spoken responsively

M: My people, hear my teaching;
C: **listen to the words of my mouth.**
M: I will open my mouth with a parable;
C: **I will utter hidden things, things from of old—**
M: things we have heard and known,
C: **things our ancestors have told us.**
M: We will not hide them from their descendants;
C: **we will tell the next generation**
M: the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,

C: his power, and the wonders he has done.
M: He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel,
C: which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,
M: so the next generation would know them,
C: even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.
M: Then they would put their trust in God
C: and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

The Second Lesson

2 TIMOTHY 1:3-10

³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our LORD or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

GLS CHILDREN & GRACE CHOIR

Jesus Loves Me

Verse of the Day

ROMANS 15:4

Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia.

The Gospel Lesson

MARK 10:13-16

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom

of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” 16 And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

The 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.

Hymn of the Day

OUR HIGH MAJESTIC GOD

Sung to the Tune “Reuter” CW Red 293 “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage” Based on 1 Kings 8 and Psalm 16 -- Stanzas 1-4, Werner H. Franzmann, 1991 Stanza 5 Nickolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1817

**Our high, majestic God and LORD, the heav'ns cannot contain you,
And yet you tell us in your Word: "I dwell in you, sustain you."
Though reason cannot see this wondrous mystery
Your Word our trust has won. Let this same grace be shown throughout all
generations.**

**In ages past King Solomon, before God's people Isr'ael
Confessed what you for them had done when you gave them the Temple.
There they would always find a Father, gracious, kind,
Who would a Savior send all woes of sin to end through many, many ages.**

**So you, through all these many years great grace to us have granted.
Your glorious gospel filled our ears through church and school here planted.
So let it ever be that we may ever see
Your perfect, boundless love and reach your home above with all your true
believers.**

The Sermon

MARK 10:13-16

Our Thanksgiving

The Offering

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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**

Hymn

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***Our LORD, we magnify and praise your faithfulness unbroken;
For you have kept through all our days each promise you have spoken.
Forsake us not, we pray; preserve us in your way!
As you our fathers led, so shall it here be said: "He keeps us safe forever!"***

***God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.
LORD, grant while worlds endure we keep its teachings pure throughout all
generations.***

Prayer

M: Blessed LORD, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting 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: 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

CW21 (BLUE) #930 GO MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

**1. Go, my children, with my blessing,
Never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are my own.**

**In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.**

**Go, my children, with my blessing
-You are my own.**

**2. Go, my children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son's story;
Here you touched him, saw his glory.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.**

**3. Go, my children, fed and nourished,
Closer to me;**

**Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.**

**Here my Spirit's power filled you;
Here his tender comfort stilled you.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.**

**4. I the LORD will bless and keep you
And give you peace;**

**I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace;**

**I the LORD will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.**

**Go, my children; I will keep you
And give you peace.**