

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. What God ordains is always good:
his will is just and holy
As he directs my life for me,
I follow meek and lowly.
My God indeed in every need
knows well how he will shield me;
To him then, I will yield me.

2. What God ordains is always good:
he never will deceive me;
He leads me in his righteous way
and never will he leave me.
I take content what he has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness.
Will turn my tears to gladness.

3. What God ordains is always good:
though I the cup am drinking.
Which savors now of bitterness,
I take it without shrinking.
For after grief God grants relief,
my heart with comfort filling
And all my sorrow stilling.

4. What God ordains is always good:
this truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, for with his arm
he will embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.

Invocation

M: In the name of God the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the LORD.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent sufferings and death. Trusting in him, I pray, God have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Absolution

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. 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

Come Oh, Come Let Us Sing To the Lord



Come oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us shout with joy to our sav-ing Rock;



come, en-ter in with our songs of praise, come, en-ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



You are a great and a won-drous God, cup-ping in your hands all the
Come, let us wor-ship and bow - ing low, kneel be-fore the One who has



depths of earth. You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
made us all. You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep-herd.

M: The LORD be with you.

C: And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

M: LORD God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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

NUMBERS 12:1-15

¹² Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. ² “Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the LORD heard this. ³ (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

⁴ At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them went out. ⁵ Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, ⁶ he said, “Listen to my words:

“When there is a prophet among you,
I, the LORD, reveal myself to them in visions,
I speak to them in dreams.

⁷ But this is not true of my servant Moses;
he is faithful in all my house.

⁸ With him I speak face to face,
clearly and not in riddles;
he sees the form of the LORD.

Why then were you not afraid
to speak against my servant Moses?”

⁹ The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them.

¹⁰ When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam’s skin was leprous—it became as white as snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, ¹¹ and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. ¹² Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother’s womb with its flesh half eaten away.” ¹³ So Moses cried out to the LORD, “Please, God, heal her!”

¹⁴ The LORD replied to Moses, “If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back.” ¹⁵ So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

Refrain:

Great are the works of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Why do the nations | **conspire***

And the peoples | **plot in vain?**

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together a|**gainst the Lord***

And a**gainst his A|nointed one.**

Refrain.

The one enthroned in | **heaven laughs;***

The Lord | **scoffs at them.**

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, | **saying,***

“I have installed my King on Zion, my | **holy hill.”**

I will proclaim the decrees | **of the Lord:***

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your | **Father.”**

Glory be to the Father and | **to the Son***

And to the Holy | **Spirit.**

As it was in the be|**ginning,***

Is now, and will be forever. | **Amen.**

Refrain

The Second Lesson

JAMES 3:13-18

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.
Alleluia.

The Gospel Lesson

MARK 9:30-37

30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, 31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” 32 But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” 34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

36 He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, 37 “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

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.

Hymn of the Day

CW93 (RED) #422: JESUS LEAD US ON

**Jesus, lead us on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow strong and fearless,
Guide us by your hand To our fatherland.**

**If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'er-take us; Let not faith and hope forsake us,
For through many a woe To our home we go.**

**When we seek relief From a long felt grief,
When temptations come alluring Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, still lead on Till our rest is won,
Heavenly Leader, still direct us; Still support, console, protect us
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.**

The Sermon

NUMBERS 12:1-15

Obey Your Pastor... or Suffer the Wrath of God

Our Thanksgiving

The Offering

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



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 un - to 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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy LORD God of heavenly hosts:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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.

Agnus Dei

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

CW93 (RED): #361 LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ, our God, to earth descending,
Comes our homage to command.

2. King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
LORD of lords in human likeness,
In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spread its vanguard on the way.
As the Light from Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the powers of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears a way.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry;
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia LORD Most High!”

Distribution Hymn

CW93 (RED): #446 I AM TRUSTING YOU LORD JESUS

1. I am trusting you, LORD
Jesus,
Trusting only you.
Trusting you for full salvation,

2. I am trusting you for pardon;
At your feet I bow,
For your grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

3. I am trusting you for cleansing
In the crimson flood'
Trusting you who made me holy
By your blood.

4. I am trusting you to guide me;
You alone shall lead
Every day and hour supplying
All my need.

5. I am trusting you for power;
You can never fail.
Words which you yourself
shall give me
Must prevail.

6. I am trusting you, LORD
Jesus, Never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever
And for all.

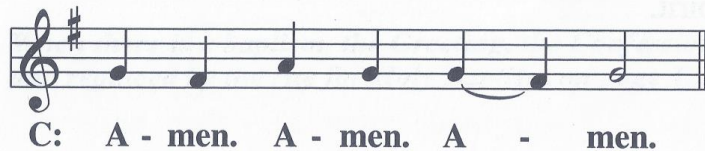
Prayer

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our LORD, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



Closing Hymn

CW93 (RED) #367 CHRIST BE MY LEADER

**Christ be my leader by night as by day
Safe through the darkness. For he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care;
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

**Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me - in Jesus I stand!**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation - with Jesus I reign!**