

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**

Hymn:

CW21 (BLUE): #611 JOYOUSLY I'LL PRAISE MY SAVIOR

Joyously I'll praise my Savior; for my God I'll gladly sing,
As I see his loving favor evident in everything.
In his faithful heart is beating love that's pure and wide and long,
Love that makes his servants strong. All I see on earth is fleeting;
God's amazing love for me lasts for all eternity.

God, with firm and clear conviction, gave for me his precious Son,
By whose bloody crucifixion I from hell have now been won.
O you spring of love prevailing, depth of which I'll never know,
Current which will ever flow. All I see on earth is failing;
God's amazing love for me lasts for all eternity.

God had seen my sad condition, gave me sight when I was blind;
He will be my great physician, healing body, soul, and mind.
When it seems it's not worth trying – all my skill gets nothing done –
Jesus helps me carry on. All I see on earth is dying;
God's amazing love for me lasts for all eternity.

Since your love is never-ending, far beyond what words can say,
Up to you my hands extending, Father, as your child, I pray:
Let your grace to me be given that I may with all my might
Cling to you both day and night till I see your face in heaven
Where my praise and love will be yours for all eternity.

Order of Worship: Service of the Word (CW 93 Red Pg. 38)

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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Absolution

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our LORD Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the LORD.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.'

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Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

The First Lesson

NUMBERS 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

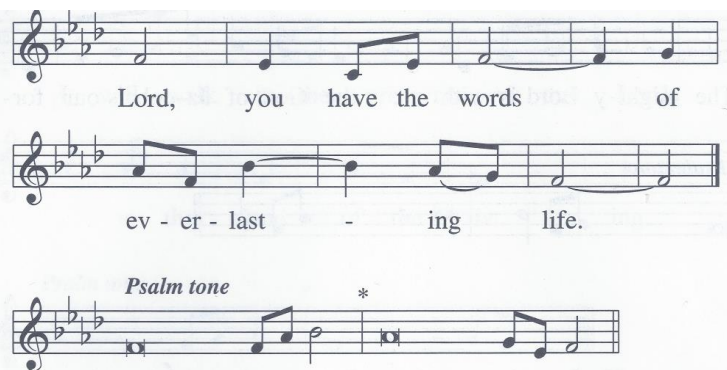
⁴ The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵ We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. ⁶ But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!" ¹⁰ Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. ¹¹ He asked the LORD, "Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? ¹² Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors? ¹³ Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴ I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin."

¹⁶ The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you. ²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again. ²⁶ However, two men, whose names were Eldad and

Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!" ²⁹ But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

Psalm:

19 (RED PG 70)



They are more precious than gold;*
they are sweeter than honey.

The heavens declare the glory of God;*
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

By them is your servant taught;*
in keeping them there is great reward.

Their voice goes out into all the earth,*
their words to the ends of the world.

Refrain

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart*
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.

Refrain

The law of the LORD is perfect,*
giving joy to the heart.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The commands of the LORD are radiant,*
giving light to the eyes.

Refrain

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the LORD, and he will lift you up.

¹¹ Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. ¹² There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

Verse of the Day

PHILIPPIANS 2:10,11

M: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.

The image displays a musical score for the Alleluia verse from Philippians 2:10-11. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a 'C' time signature and the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff has the lyrics 'These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that'. The third staff has the lyrics 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth staff concludes with 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style, likely for a church choir or congregation.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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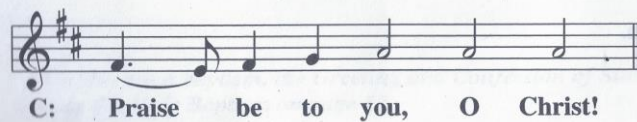
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38 John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name. We tried to stop him, because he was not following us."

39 But Jesus said, "Do not try to stop him, because no one who does a miracle in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil about me. **40** Whoever is not against us is for us. **41** Amen I tell you: Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, will certainly not lose his reward.

42 "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall into sin, it would be better for him if he were thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around his neck. **43** If your hand causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed, than to have two hands and go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, **44** 'where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' **45** If your foot causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell, **46** 'where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' **47** If your eye causes you to fall into sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, **48** 'where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' **49** For everyone will be salted with fire. **50** Salt is good. But if the salt loses its flavor, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Hymn of the Day:

CW21 (BLUE): #560 YOUR WORKS, NOT MINE, O CHRIST

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?

Your works, 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?

Your works, 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?

Your works, 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?

Your works, not mine, 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?

Sermon – “Who’s going to make it to heaven?”

MARK 9:38-50

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. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: LORD God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.
- C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**
- M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**
- M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**
- M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Special Intercession Prayers

- M: Hear us, LORD, as we bring you our private petitions.
- M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our LORD, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen**

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:

CW21 (Blue): #570 God Loved the World, So That He Gave

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.

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.

God would not have the sinner die His Son with saving grace is nigh.
His Spirit in the Word declares That we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

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.

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

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

Prayer

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our LORD, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



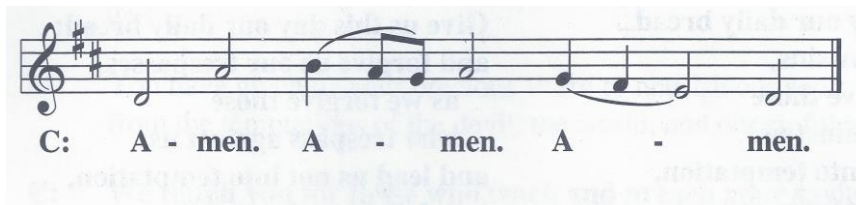
Benediction

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:

CW21 (BLUE): 581# LORD, 'TIS NOT THAT I DID CHOOSE YOU

LORD, 'tis not that I did choose you;
That, I know, could never be,
For this heart would still refuse you
Had your grace not chosen me.
You removed the sin that stained me,
Cleansing me to be your own;
For this purpose you ordained me,
That I live for you alone.

It was grace in Christ that called me,
Taught my darkened heart and mind,
Else the world had yet enthralled me,
To your heav'nly glories blind.
Now I worship none above you;
For your grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well that, if I love you,
You, O Father, loved me first.

Praise the God of all creation;
Praise the Father's boundless love.
Praise the Lamb, our expiation,
Priest and King enthroned above.
Praise the Spirit of salvation,
Him by whom our spirits live.
Undivided adoration
To the great Jehovah give.