

# 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. Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;  
Our hearts in true devotion bow.  
Your Spirit send with grace divine,  
And let your truth within us shine.

2. Unseal our lips to sing your praise;  
Our souls to you in worship raise.  
Make strong our faith; increase our light  
That we may know your name aright

3. Until we join the hosts that cry,  
"Hosanna to the Lord most high."  
Then in the light of that blest place  
We shall behold you face to face.

4. Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise throughout eternity!

### 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: God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your Church, as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins, but in peace and forgiveness; 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***

JEREMIAH 31:7-9

<sup>7</sup>This is what the LORD says:

“Sing with joy for Jacob;  
shout for the foremost of the nations.  
Make your praises heard, and say,  
‘LORD, save your people,  
the remnant of Israel.’

<sup>8</sup>See, I will bring them from the land of the north  
and gather them from the ends of the earth.  
Among them will be the blind and the lame,  
expectant mothers and women in labor;  
a great throng will return.

<sup>9</sup>They will come with weeping;  
they will pray as I bring them back.  
I will lead them beside streams of water  
on a level path where they will not stumble,  
because I am Israel’s father,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

## ***The Second Lesson***

REVELATION 3:14-22

<sup>14</sup>“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. <sup>15</sup>I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! <sup>16</sup>So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. <sup>18</sup>I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

<sup>19</sup>Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. <sup>20</sup>Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

<sup>21</sup> To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

**Verse of the Day**

2 TIMOTHY 4:18

Alleluia. The Lord will rescue me from every evil and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. Alleluia.

**The Gospel Lesson**

MARK 10:46-52

46 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

49 Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” 50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

51 “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

52 “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

**Hymn of the Day**

CW93 (RED) #380: 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.**

### ***The Sermon***

Isaiah 53:10-12

I "sort" of Understand God's Love For Me

10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,  
and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin,  
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,  
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

11 After he has suffered,  
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,  
and he will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,  
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,  
because he poured out his life unto death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

## ***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

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## ***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 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 good and right so to do.**

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.

**C: Amen**

### ***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(REDA): #315 HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE YOU FACE TO FACE

- 1. Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
Here would I touch  
and handle things unseen,  
Here grasp with firmer  
hand eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon you lean.**
- 2. This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
Here is the heav'nly table spread anew.  
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
The brief bright hour  
of fellowship with you.**
- 3. I have no help but yours nor do I need  
Another arm but yours to lean upon.  
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in your might,  
your might alone.**
- 4. Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt but yours  
the cleansing blood.  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
Your blood, your righteousness,  
O Lord, my God.**
- 5. Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear.  
The feast, though not the love,  
is past and gone.  
The bread and wine remove,  
but you are here,  
Neater than ever, still my shield and sun.**
- 6. Feast after feast thus  
comes and passes by.  
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb's great marriage  
feast of bliss and love.**

## **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**

CW21 (BLUE) #583 GOD LOVES ME DEARLY

**1 God loves me dearly, grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.  
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.**

**2 I was in slav'ry, sin, death, and darkness;  
God's love was working to make me free.  
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.**

**3 He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer,  
He sent forth Jesus and set me free.  
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.**

**4 Jesus, my Savior, himself did offer;  
Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed.  
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.**

**5 Now I will praise you, O Love eternal;  
Now I will praise you all my life long.  
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.**