



THIS WE BELIEVE

Holy Baptism



Grace
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Serving the Portland Area with the Means of Grace and as a family of believers for over 110 years... as a church, school, preschool, mission, and ministry.

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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**

GATHERING RITE

Martin Luther said that confessing sins and receiving forgiveness is nothing else than a reliving of Baptism. Thus this order provides opportunity to recall the lasting blessings of Baptism... forgiveness of sins, new life and salvation.

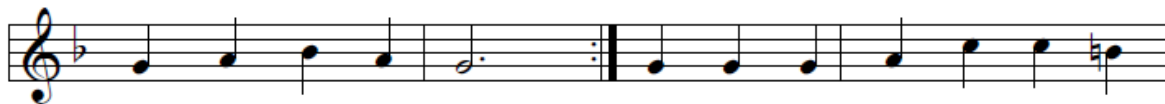
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

During the introduction to the hymn, water is poured into the font.



Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your



Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to



sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

M I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. *(John 3:5,6)*

M Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. *(Psalm 51:5)*

C But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. *(1 Corinthians 6:11)*

My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -
My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of

forth your child and heir.
all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort

me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

M As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

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 in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise
Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and

sure - ly will en - dure.
deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -

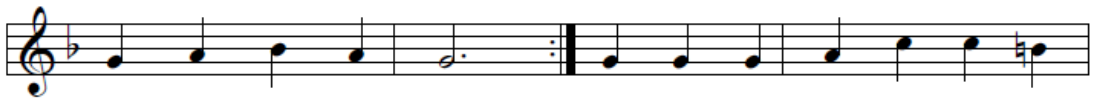
filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.

M Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). 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 (*spoken*) Amen.



All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it
Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me



all, O Lord, from me.
your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or



own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 6:1-19 7:5-16 (selected verses)

When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. Then the LORD said, “My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years.”

⁵The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. ⁶The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.⁷So the LORD said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.” ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁰So make yourself an ark of cypress wood;

¹¹I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. ¹²But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you. ¹³You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you.

¹⁴Noah did everything that the LORD commanded him.

¹⁵Noah was six hundred years old when the flood came, and water covered the earth.

¹⁶Noah went into the ark with his sons, his wife, and his sons’ wives, because of the waters of the flood. ¹⁷Clean animals, animals that are not clean, birds, and everything that creeps on the ground ¹⁸went into the ark with Noah two by two (male and female), just as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁹After seven days, the waters of the flood came on the earth. ²⁰In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that very day, all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened. ²¹The rain came down on the earth for forty days and forty nights. ²²On that same day Noah, Noah’s sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, Noah’s wife, and the three wives of his sons along with them entered the ark. ²³They went in with every animal according to its kind... ²⁴Pairs of all the animals that have the breath of life in them went to Noah in the ark. ²⁵A male and female of each animal that breathes went in, just as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut Noah in.

HYMN

CW21 - BLUE #679 (1): **“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”**

God’s own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!

He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.

Do I need earth’s treasures many? I have one worth more than any

That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ³By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ⁴Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁵We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁶For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁷For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁸because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁹Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ¹⁰For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹¹The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹²In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

HYMN

CW21 - BLUE #679 (3): “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!

Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.

Now that to the font I’ve traveled, all your might has come unraveled,

And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

1 Peter 3:20-21

Alleluia! To those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” Alleluia!

HYMN

CW21 - BLUE #679 (2): “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!

I have comfort even stronger: Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.

Should a guilty conscience seize me, since my baptism did release me

In a dear forgiving flood, sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood?

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

¹¹ John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

¹³ “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

HYMN

W21 - BLUE #679 (4 -5): “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!

When I die, I leave all sadness; To inherit paradise!

Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith’s assurance brightly flashes:

Baptism has the strength divine; To make life immortal mine.

There is nothing worth comparing, To this lifelong comfort sure!

Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I’ll sleep secure.

Though my flesh awaits its raising, still my soul continues praising:

I am baptized into Christ; I’m a child of paradise!

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 CW21 - BLUE #685: “Through Simple Water, Drawn and Poured”

*Through simple water, drawn and poured,
United with his powerful Word
In baptism Jesus sets us free,
From sin’s dread power and slavery.*

*There at the font with promise true,
God brings his saving grace anew –
The sin infected soul he heals,
And all his pardoning love reveals!*

*My sinful self was crucified,
With Christ, as if I, too had died;
And as he rose, I also rise
To live with strength that he supplies*

*From that day on God helps me drown
The sinful self and hold it down.
I am made new; I’m born again,
Repenting, trusting, serving him.*

*When doubts arise, when sin assails,
The power of baptism never fails.
“I am baptized! What should I fear?
God’s love for me is always near!”*

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING

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



Our Gifts of Love to The LORD			
Weekly need to meet Budget: \$9097.47			
Sunday		Offerings +(-) to Budget	
7/3/2022	\$	9,235.00	\$ 137.53
7/10/2022	\$	7,195.00	\$ (1,902.47)
7/17/2022	\$	18,717.01	\$ 9,619.54
7/24/2022	\$	2,591.00	\$ (6,506.47)
7/31/2022	\$	5,011.27	\$ (4,086.20)
8/7/2022	\$	8,390.00	\$ (707.47)
8/14/2022	\$	2,855.00	\$ (6,242.47)
TOTALS	\$	53,994.28	\$ (9,688.01)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 BENEDICTION

HYMN

CW21 - BLUE #689: "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

*Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from your holy face.*

*Destroy in me the lust of sin;
From all impureness make me clean.
Oh, grant me pow'r and strength, my God,
To strive against my flesh and blood.*

*Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Oh, let your will be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire.*

*Grant that I only you may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold you face to face,
O Light eternal, through your grace.*

Worship Notes

Name _____

Date _____

for kids

Songs We Sang



The Scripture Text Was: _____

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

