



This is
how we know
what love is:

Jesus Christ

laid down His life for us.

And we ought to lay down our
lives for our brothers.

- 1 John 3:16

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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With the Means of Grace
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Welcome!

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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." II Peter 3:1**

INVOCATION

- M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. We turn aside from an unquiet world and seek rest for our spirit and light for our thoughts. We bring our work to be sanctified, our wounds to be healed, our sins to be forgiven.
- C:  *Love divine, all love excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us your humble dwelling, All your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion, Boundless mercy from above.
Visit us with benediction; Comfort us with heav'nly love. (CW #365 vs. 1)*


CONFESSION

- M: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are covered.
- C: **Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**
-- Psalm 32:1&2
- M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
- C: **Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**
- C:  *Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.
We would ever seek your blessing, Serve you as your hosts above,
Pray and praise you without ceasing, Glory in your perfect love. (CW #365 vs. 2)*

ABSOLUTION

- M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. Your sins are forgiven. We have peace with God now and forever!

C: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. “Rejoice in the LORD and celebrate, all you righteous, and shout joyfully, all you upright in heart.” -- Psalm 32:11

C:  *Sanctify your new creation; Pure and spotless let us be. Let us trust your great salvation, Won for us on Calvary, Till we lay our crowns before you, Till in heav'n we take our place, Till in glory we adore you, Lost in wonder, love, and praise. (CW #365 vs. 3)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:19-26

¹⁹ Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that took place at the time of Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But there were some men from Cyprus and Cyrene who came to Antioch and also began to speak to the Greeks, preaching the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹ The Lord's hand was with them, and a large number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

²² A report about this reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to go on to Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw God's grace, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with devoted hearts. ²⁴ He was a good man who was full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a large number of people were added to the Lord.

²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul. ²⁶ When he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year they met with the church and taught a large number of people. It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 118 (page 108)

THE FIRST LESSON

1 John 4:7-11

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸The one who does not love has not known God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God's love for us was revealed: God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we may live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, if God loved us so much, we also should love one another.

VERSE OF THE DAY

1 John 3:16

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. Alleluia.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al
le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:9-17

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. ¹⁰If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete. ¹²“This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another.

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.

HYMN

Jesus Loves Me This I Know

*Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak, but He is strong*

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me

Yes, Jesus loves me

Yes, Jesus loves me

The Bible tells me so

*Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He has washed away my sin,
Let His little child come in.*

Refrain

*Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for Thee.*

Refrain

*Jesus loves me! Loves me still,
'tho I'm very weak and ill,
that I might from sin be free,
bled and died upon the tree.*

Refrain

*When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."*

Refrain

*I love Jesus, does he know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love him every day.*

Refrain

*Jesus loves me still today
Walking with me on my way,
He's prepared a home for me
And someday His face I'll see.*

Refrain

SERMON

1 John 4:7-11

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

- M:** O God, through Jesus' sacrifice and triumphant resurrection you have restored us as your forgiven children. In his name we pray:
- C:** **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
- M:** Dear Lord, with these words you tenderly invite us to believe that you are our true Father and that we may pray to you boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father.
- C:** **Hallowed be thy name.**
- M:** Help us to know you through your inspired Word and to live by it as children in your family.

C: Thy kingdom come.

M: Give us your Holy Spirit to rule in our hearts, and use us to extend your kingdom of grace to others.

C: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

M: Make us zealous to carry out your will as gladly as the angels do, and to conform our will to yours.

C: Give us this day our daily bread.

M: Merciful Lord, since you are the provider of all things necessary for our bodies; fill us with trust.

C: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

M: Continue to erase our sins, and help us gladly to forgive and to do good to those who wrong us.

C: And lead us not into temptation.

M: We know the devil seeks to destroy our souls and the world lures us to ruin by appealing to the desires of our flesh. Guard us from the poison of misbelief and the trap of unrepented sin.

C: But deliver us from evil.

M: *(Include any special prayer requests)* Keep safe our bodies and souls, our property and honor, and above all send the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith in Christ which leads to life everlasting.

C: For thine is the kingdom,

M: For all these petitions we look to you as King of Kings and Lord of your church.

C: and the power,

M: You alone hold the power to grant our requests.

C: and the glory forever and ever.

M: We worship you from whom all blessings flow and relying on Jesus, who paid for all our sins and made us acceptable in your sight, we pray with confidence:

C: Amen. It shall be so.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto 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, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life.

HYMN:

Adapted #603 “Hear Us Now, Our God and Father”

Tune: HYFRYDOL

*Hear us now, our God and Father;
Send your Spirit from above
On this Christian congregation
Who here heard your promise of love.
Bind their hearts in true devotion
Endless as the seashore's sands,
Boundless as the deepest ocean,
Blessed and sealed by your own hands.*

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.

HYMN:

Adapted #603 "Hear Us Now, Our God and Father"

Tune: HYFRYDOL

*Give us joy to lighten sorrow;
Give us hope to brighten life.
Go with us to face the morrow;
Stay with us in ev'ry strife.
As your Word has promised, ever
Fill us with your strength and grace
So that we may serve each other
Till we see you face to face.*

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 (WELS). We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy. If you would like to discuss "close" communion or any other spiritual matter with the pastor, please indicate this on the Friendship Register.

THE DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

"Psalm 118" - Francesca LaRosa

Personal Prayer Following Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this, the true body and blood, of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. The Lord Jesus has paid for all your sins.

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over god's people for over 3500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on them, and I will bless them". – Numbers 6:24-26

- M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:

CW #505 (1,3,5): "Love Is the Gracious Gift"

*Love is the gracious gift of your goodness;
Love is the patient fruit of your care;
Love is the gentle work of your Spirit,
Who is the source of love ev'rywhere.*

*Love means forgiveness, patience, and kindness;
Love is not jealous, boastful, or rude.
Love endures all things, bearing, believing;
Love hopes forever, rejoices in truth.*

*Love among Christians, love in the fam'ly,
Love for the Savior, whose blood was shed,
Love and submission one to another
As unto Christ, who reigns as our head.*

Worship Notes

for kids

Name _____

Date _____



Songs We Sang

The Scripture Text Was: _____

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

