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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**

OPENING HYMN

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem
Tune: KINGSFOLD – CW21 Blue 703

*O sing a song of Bethlehem,
Of shepherds watching there,
And of the news that came to them
From angels in the air:
The light that shone on Bethlehem
Fills all the world today;
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth
The angels sing alway.*

*O sing a song of Nazareth,
Of sunny days of joy,
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,
And of the sinless boy:
For now the flow'rs of Nazareth
In ev'ry heart may grow;
Now spreads the fame of his dear name
On all the winds that blow.*

*O sing a song of Galilee,
Of lake and woods and hill,
Of him who walked upon the sea
And bade the waves be still:
For though, like waves on Galilee,
Dark seas of trouble roll,
When faith has heard the Master's word,
Falls peace upon the soul.*

*O sing a song of Calvary,
Its glory and dismay;
Of him who hung upon the tree,
And took our sins away:
For he who died on Calvary
Is risen from the grave!
And Christ, our Lord, by heav'n adored,
Is mighty now to save!*

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION – PSALM 77

M: I cried out to God for help;

C: **I cried out to God to hear me.**

M: When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;

C: **at night I stretched out untiring hands, and I would not be comforted.**

M: I remembered you, God, and I groaned;

C: **I meditated, and my spirit grew faint.**

M: You kept my eyes from closing;

C: **I was too troubled to speak.**

M: I thought about the former days, the years of long ago.

C: **Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

HYMN

CW21 (BLUE) #811: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

My faith looks up to thee,

Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray;

Take all my guilt away;

Oh, let me from this day Be wholly thine!

THE ABSOLUTION – PSALM 77

M: Then I thought, “To this I will appeal: the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand.

C: **“I will remember the deeds of the LORD; your miracles of long ago.**

M: I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.”

C: **Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God?**

M: You are the God who performs miracles;

C: **you display your power among the peoples.**

M: With your mighty arm you redeemed your people.

C: **Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen.**

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. We have peace with God now and forever!

HYMN

CW21 (BLUE) #811: **“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

*May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!*

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

FIRST LESSON

Job 9:1-12

Then Job responded: ²Of course I know that this is true. But how can a man be justified before God? ³If someone wants to argue with God, he could not refute one charge out of a thousand. ⁴God has a wise heart and great power, so who can resist God and come out of it unharmed? ⁵God removes mountains from their position, and they don't even realize it. He overturns mountains in his anger. ⁶He shakes the earth off its foundation. He causes its pillars to quake. ⁷He speaks to the sun, and it does not rise, and he seals up the stars.⁸ He alone stretches out the heavens. He treads on the crests of the sea. ⁹He made the Bear, Orion, the Pleiades, and the constellations in the southern sky. ¹⁰He does great things that are beyond investigation. He does miracles that are too many to be counted. ¹¹Though he passes by me, I do not see him. He moves past me, but I do not detect him. ¹²If he snatches something away, who can make him bring it back? Who can say to him, “What are you doing?”

HYMN

CW21 (BLUE) #811: **“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

*While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread, Be thou my guide.
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.*

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:45-56

⁴⁵ Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he himself dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ After he had sent them off, he went up the mountain to pray.

⁴⁷ When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and Jesus was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ He saw them straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night, he went to them, walking on the sea. He was ready to pass by them. ⁴⁹ When they saw him walking on the sea, they thought he was a ghost, and they cried out. ⁵⁰ They all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke with them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹ Then he climbed up into the boat with them, and the wind stopped. They were completely amazed, ⁵² because they had not understood about the loaves. Instead, their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ As soon as they stepped out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵ They ran around that whole region and began to bring sick people on their stretchers to where they heard he was. ⁵⁶ Wherever he entered villages, cities, or the countryside, they were laying sick people in the marketplaces and pleading with him that they might just touch the edge of his garment. And all who touched it were made well.

HYMN

CW21 (BLUE) #811: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

*When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!*

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.
look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

CW21 Blue #822: "Pass Me Not"

**1 Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
Hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.**

**2 Let me at a throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition,
Help my unbelief.**

**Refrain:
Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.**

**3 Trusting only in Thy merit,
Would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by Thy grace.**

**4 Thou the Spring of all my comfort,
More than life to me,
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?
Whom in heav'n but Thee?**

**Refrain:
Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.**

THE SERMON

Mark 6:45-56

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THE BENEDICTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

CW21 Blue #563: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare to make no other claim,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*His oath, his covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before his throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*