

A large, glowing cross is the central focus, set against a dark, atmospheric background. The cross is illuminated from within, creating a bright, golden glow. At the base of the cross, a small silhouette of a person is visible, looking up. The overall mood is solemn and spiritual.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## End Time 3 – Saints Triumphant, November 13rd, 2022 Welcome!

*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).

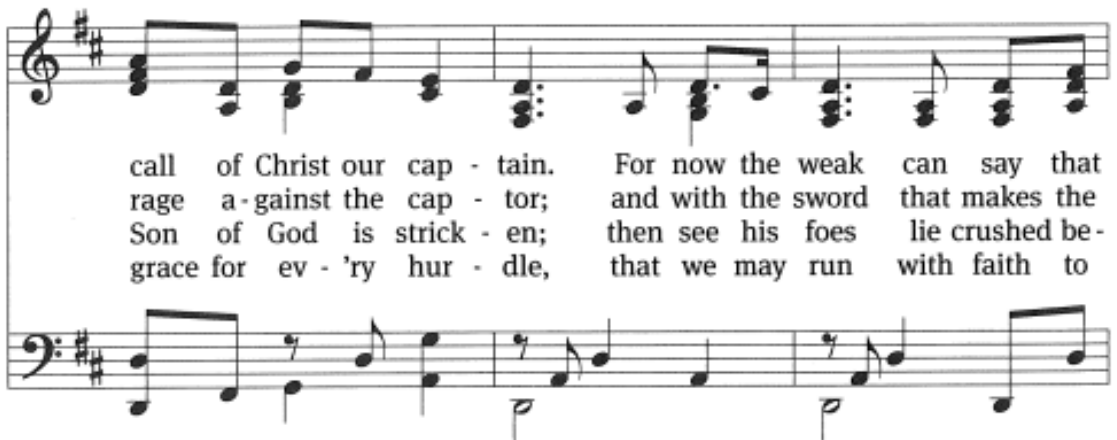
*Grace ~ “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations. . .”*



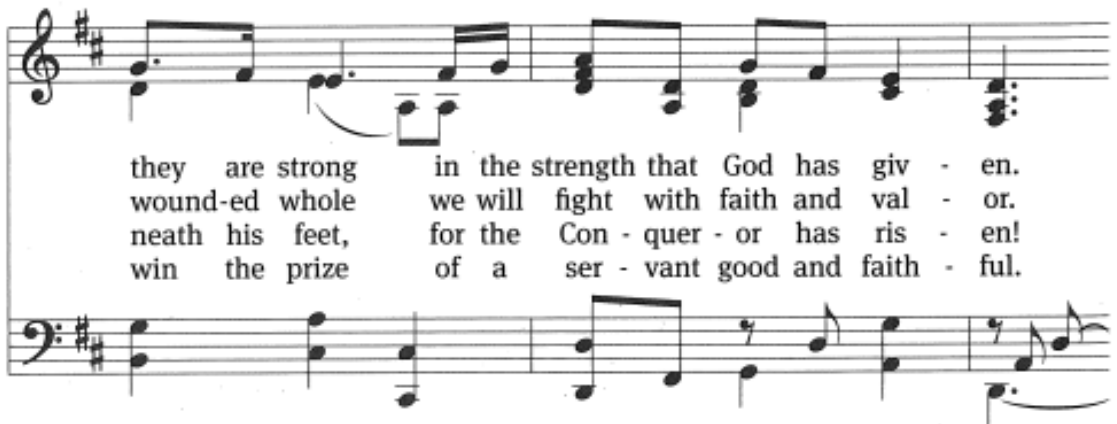
Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God’s grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. **“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen.” II Peter 3:18**



1 O Church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; hear the  
2 Our call to war— to love the cap - tive soul, but to  
3 Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
4 So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give—



call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the  
Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -  
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en.  
wound - ed whole we will fight with faith and val - or.  
neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!  
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand a -  
When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the  
And as the stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e -  
As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle  
out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for  
merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues  
tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
which he died— an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.  
for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.



## Invocation

- M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. -- 2 Corinthians 13:13
- C: And also with you.**
- M: I heard a voice from heaven say,  
"Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."
- C: "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor,  
for their deeds will follow them."** -- Revelation 14:13
- M: For the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom  
and will possess it forever —
- C: yes, for ever and ever!**

## Hymn

CW Red # 551 (1,8) "For All the Saints"

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
All who their faith before the world confessed,  
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## CONFESSION

*Psalm 142 is a penitential psalm. The words of palmist remind us of our struggle as the church militant.*

- M: With my voice I cry out to the LORD.
- C: With my voice I call to the LORD for mercy.**
- M: I pour out my complaint before him.
- C: I tell my distress before him.**
- M: When my spirit grows faint within me, you are the one who knows my course.
- C: I look and it seems there is no one who recognizes me or cares about my life.**
- M: I cry out to you, LORD. I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."
- C: Pay attention to my loud cry, because I am very weak.**
- M: Rescue me from those who pursue me, because they are too strong for me.
- C: Set me free from my prison, so I can give thanks to your name.**

## Hymn

CW Red # 551 (2, 5) "For All the Saints"

**You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight  
And in the darkness drear their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,  
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## ABSOLUTION

*Scripture assures us that through Christ we are the Church triumphant*

**M:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – 1 John 1:8-9

The Lord himself has taken away your sin. God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God.

--2 Samuel 12:13, 2 Corinthians 5:21

**C:** How blessed is the person whose rebellion is forgiven, whose sin is covered!  
How blessed is the person whose guilt the LORD does not charge against him,  
in whose spirit there is no deceit!

## Hymn

CW Red #551 (3,6) "For All the Saints"

**Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## 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. Amen

## The Word

### The First Lesson

2 Kings 6:8-17

<sup>13</sup> Then in a furious rage Nebuchadnezzar said to bring Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king. <sup>14</sup> Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and that you do not worship the golden statue that I set up? <sup>16</sup> Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, “We have no need to answer you about this matter. <sup>17</sup> Since our God, whom we serve, does exist, he is able to save us from the blazing fiery furnace. So, he may save us from your hand, Your Majesty. <sup>18</sup> But if he does not, you should know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods, and we will not worship the golden statue that you set up.”

<sup>19</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and the expression on his face changed against Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego. He said to heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was usually heated. <sup>20</sup> He ordered some men, who were soldiers from his army, to bind Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego in order to throw them into the blazing fiery furnace. <sup>24</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar was startled and immediately stood up. He said to his advisors, “Didn’t we throw three men, who had been tied up, into the middle of the fire?”

They answered the king, “Certainly, Your Majesty.”

<sup>25</sup> He said, “Look! I see four men, who are untied and walking around in the middle of the fire, unharmed. What is more, the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

<sup>26</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar approached the door of the blazing fiery furnace. He said, “Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out!” Then Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego came out from the middle of the furnace.

<sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who sent his angel and saved his servants, who trusted in God and ignored the king’s command. They gave up their bodies and did not pay homage or worship any god except their God.

## Hymn

CW Blue #322 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

*Come, Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in Thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.*

## The Second Lesson

Romans 8:18-25

<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

## Hymn

CW Blue #322 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

*Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.*

*By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.*



## The Gospel Lesson

Luke 21:5-19

<sup>5</sup> As some were talking about the temple, how it was decorated with beautiful stones and offerings, Jesus said, <sup>6</sup> “These things that you see here—the days will come when there will not be one stone left on another—every one will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup> They asked him, “Teacher, when will these things happen? And what is the sign that these things are about to happen?”

<sup>8</sup> He said, “Watch out so that you are not deceived! For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. <sup>9</sup> Whenever you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be terrified, for these things must happen first, but the end will not be right then.”

<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup> There will be great earthquakes, famines, and plagues in various places. There will be horrifying sights and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup> But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, handing you over to synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name’s sake. <sup>13</sup> It will turn out to be your opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand how to defend yourselves, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends. They will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all people for my name’s sake. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By patient endurance you will gain your lives.

## 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 #890: "Jerusalem the Golden"

*Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest –  
The sight of it refreshes, The weary and oppressed.  
I know not, oh, I know not What joys await us there,  
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare.*

*They stand, those halls of Zion, All jubilant with song  
And bright with many an angel, And all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever in them; The daylight is serene;  
The pastures of the blessed, Are ever rich and green.*

*There is the throne of David, and there, from care released,  
The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast;  
And they who with their leader, Have conquered in the fight  
Forever and forever, Are clad in robes of white.*

*Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!  
Oh, sweet and blessed country, That eager hearts expect!  
Jesus, in mercy bring us, To that dear land of rest;  
You are with God the Father, And Spirit ever blest.*

## The Sermon

Romans 8:18-25

## Thanksgiving

### The Offering

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## The 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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*The congregational responses are spoken unless otherwise indicated*

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 right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. 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 forever and ever. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory!

### HYMN:

CW Red #551 (4,7): For all the Saints

*Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine,  
Yet all are one within your grand design.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### 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.

## 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, learn more about becoming a member at Grace, or any other spiritual matter with the pastor, please indicate this on the Friendship Register by checking "would like pastor to call/visit" or contact our pastor at 503-290-6316.

### Distribution Songs

Video Presentation:

**"Behold A Host Arrayed In White"**

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**Beyond The Sky**

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## THE BLESSING & THE BENEDICTION

### HYMN

CW21 Blue #853: I'm But a Stranger Here

***I'm but a stranger here; Heav'n is my home.***

***Earth is a desert drear; Heav'n is my home.***

***Danger and sorrow stand - Round me on ev'ry hand.***

***Heav'n is my fatherland; Heav'n is my home.***

***What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home.***

***Short is my pilgrimage; Heav'n is my home.***

***And time's wild, wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;***

***I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.***

***There at my Savior's side --Heav'n is my home.***

***I shall be glorified; Heav'n is my home.***

***There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,***

***And there, I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.***

***Therefore I murmur not; Heav'n is my home.***

***Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home.***

***And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand.***

***Heav'n is my Fatherland; Heav'n is my home.***