

The background of the image is a landscape of mountains at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds, and the mountains are silhouetted against the light. The entire image is framed by a thin blue border.

The Lord is close

TO THE BROKENHEARTED

AND SAVES THOSE WHO

ARE CRUSHED IN SPIRIT.

PSALM 34:18



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**

HYMN OF INVOCATION:

CW #282 “Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”

*Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through your Word to me draw near.
Let me your Word e'er pure retain;
Let me your child and heir remain.*

*Your Word inspires my heart within;
Your Word grants healing from my sin.
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;
Your Word brings peace and happiness.*

*To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.*

CONFESSION

M: I rejoiced with those who said to me,

C: **Let us go to the house of the LORD.**

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.**

THE 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. We have peace with God now and forever! “Rejoice in the LORD and celebrate, all you righteous, and shout joyfully, all you upright in heart.” (Psalm 32:11)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

CW #314 (1,2,4) “O Living Bread From Heaven”

(Tune AURELIA – CW #538 “The Church’s On Foundation”)

*O living Bread from heaven, How well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.*

*My Lord, you here have led me Within your holiest place
And here have kindly fed me With treasures of your grace,
For you have freely given What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.*

*Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit To leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.*

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (EHV)

⁴The word of the LORD came to me.⁵ Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I set you apart. I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations. ⁶ But I said, “Ah, LORD God! I really do not know how to speak! I am only a child!” ⁷ The LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a child.’ You must go to everyone to whom I send you and say whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, because I am with you, and I will rescue you, declares the LORD.” ⁹ Then the LORD stretched out his hand and touched my mouth. The LORD said to me: There! I have now placed my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ Look, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and to tear down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.

HYMN:

CW #289 (1) “Preserve Your Word, O Savior”

*Preserve your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day.
And let your kingdom flourish; Enlarge your Church, we pray.
Oh, keep our faith from failing; Keep hope's bright star aglow.
Let nothing turn us from you While wand'ring here below.*

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5 (EHV)

¹⁴ As for you, continue in the things you have learned and about which you have become convinced. You know from whom you learned them ¹⁵ and that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be complete, well equipped for every good work.

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom: ² Preach the word. Be ready whether it is convenient or not. Correct, rebuke, and encourage, with all patience and teaching. ³ For there will come a time when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, because they have itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in line with their own desires. ⁴ They will also turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths. ⁵ As for you, keep a clear head in every situation. Bear hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your ministry.

HYMN:

CW #289 (2) “Preserve Your Word, O Savior”

*Preserve your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day.
And let your kingdom flourish; Enlarge your Church, we pray.
Oh, keep our faith from failing; Keep hope's bright star aglow.
Let nothing turn us from you While wand'ring here below.*

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 34:17-19 (EHV)

Alleluia! The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears.
From all their distress he delivers them.
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted.
He saves those whose spirits have been crushed.
Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him from them all. Alleluia!

Please rise for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:38-44

³⁸ Jesus got up, left the synagogue, and went into Simon's house. Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever. They asked him to help her. ³⁹ He stood over her, rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them. ⁴⁰ As the sun was setting, they brought to him all who were sick with various diseases. He laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹ Demons also came out of many people, crying out, "You are the Son of God!" He rebuked them and did not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. ⁴² When it was day, he went out to a deserted place. The crowds were looking for him. They went up to him and were trying to prevent him from leaving them. ⁴³ But he told them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns too, because that is why I was sent." ⁴⁴ And he continued to preach in the synagogues in the land of the Jews.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

CW #520 "Your Hand, O Lord, In Days of Old"

***Your hand, O Lord, in days of old, was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed o'er disease and death, All darkness and the grave.
To you they came, the blind, the dumb, The paralyzed and lame,
The lepers in their misery, The sick with fevered frame.***

***Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, Gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed, Revealed you, Lord of light.
And now, O Lord, be near to bless, Almighty as before,
In crowded street, by beds of pain, As by Gennes' ret's shore.***

*Oh, be our great deliv'rer still, The Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless, With your life-giving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see give wisdom's healing pow'r
That whole and sick and weak and strong May praise you evermore.*

SERMON

LUKE 4:38-44

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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

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

CLOSING HYMN:

CW #293: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

*God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure Throughout all generations.*

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:

