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## Lent 3 – March 12th, 2023

*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

CW21 Blue #600: All Praise to Him

*All praise to Him, the God of light  
Who formed the mountains by His might  
All praise to Him Who names the stars  
That sing His fame in skies afar  
All praise to Him Who reigns in love  
Who guides the galaxies above  
Yet bends to hear our every prayer  
With sovereign pow'r and tender care.*

*All praise to Him whose love is seen  
In Christ the Son, the Servant King  
Who left behind His glorious throne  
To pay the ransom for His own  
All praise to Him Who humbly came  
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame  
Who lived to die, Who died to rise  
The all-sufficient sacrifice.*

*All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts  
The love of God within our hearts  
The Spirit of all truth and peace  
The fount of joy and holiness  
To Father, Son, and Spirit now  
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow  
To You, the triune God, we raise  
With loving hearts our song of praise*

## INVOCATION

- M:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**M:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C:** **Who made heaven and earth.**  
**M:** Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

## CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

- M:** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,  
And to you, my brothers and sisters,  
That I have sinned in thought, word, and deed  
By my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault;  
Wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,  
Forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.
- C:** **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.**
- M:** Amen.
- C:** **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,  
And to you, my brothers and sisters,  
That I have sinned in thought, word, and deed  
By my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault;  
Wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,  
Forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.**
- M:** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
- C:** **Amen.**

## HYMN

CW21 Blue #524 (1): Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,  
And triumph evermore;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our Father, we praise your name for the marvelous universe you have created, and we pray for humility to understand our role in it. Show us that your Son is the only man who can rule this world with true wisdom and power. Give us full confidence that all things are under the control of Christ, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit as one God, now and forever. Amen.

## THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

2 Chronicles 6:18-21

<sup>18</sup>“But will God really dwell on earth with humans? The heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! <sup>19</sup>Yet, LORD my God, give attention to your servant’s prayer and his plea for mercy. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence. <sup>20</sup>May your eyes be open toward this temple day and night, this place of which you said you would put your Name there. May you hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. <sup>21</sup>Hear the supplications of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive.

### HYMN

CW21 Blue #524 (2): Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*Jesus, the Savior, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains  
He took His seat above;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

### THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:1-14

The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. <sup>2</sup>Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. <sup>3</sup>But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. <sup>4</sup>It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. <sup>5</sup>Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup>with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll— I have come to do your will, my God.’” <sup>8</sup>First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. <sup>9</sup>Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. <sup>11</sup>Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. <sup>14</sup>For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

## HYMN

CW21 Blue #524 (3): Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:12-17

<sup>2</sup> Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. <sup>13</sup> “It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’”

<sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.

<sup>16</sup> “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him.

“Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read,

“‘From the lips of children and infants

you, Lord, have called forth your praise?’”

<sup>17</sup> And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

## HYMN

CWRed #226: To Your Temple I Draw Near

*To your temple I draw near;  
Lord, I love to worship here.  
Here are sacrament and Word;  
Here believers meet their Lord.*

*I through Christ am reconciled;  
I through Christ become your child.  
Abba, Father, give me grace  
In your courts to seek your face.*

*While your glorious praise is sung,  
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue,  
That my joyful soul may bless  
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.*

*While the prayers of saints ascend,  
God of love, to mine attend.  
ear me, for your Spirit pleads;  
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.*

*While I listen to your law,  
Fill my soul with holy awe  
Till your gospel brings to me  
Life and immortality.*

*While your ministers proclaim  
Peace and pardon in your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I  
Hear you speaking from the sky.*

*From your house, when I return,  
May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say,  
"I have walked with God today."*

## SERMON

Matthew 21:12-17

## 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.**

## THANKSGIVING

### THE OFFERING

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



During our offering we will hear last month's edition  
Of the WELS Connection.

### 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

#### PREFACE

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 who has called us to be his own that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

#### HYMN:

CW21 Blue #917 (1) **"God Himself Is Present"**

*God himself is present --Let us now adore him*

*And with awe appear before him.*

*God is in his temple --All within keep silence,*

*Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.*

*He alone. On his throne.*

*Is our God and Savior; Praise his name forever!*



## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**M:** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

**C:** **By his incarnation, he became one with us.**  
**By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.**  
**By his innocent death, he overcame hell.**  
**By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.**

**M:** Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting. Amen.

### HYMN:

CW21 Blue #917 (2) **"God Himself Is Present"**

*God himself is present --Hear the harps resounding;*

*See the hosts the throne surrounding.*

*"Holy, holy, holy" --Hear the hymn ascending,*

*Songs of saints and angels blending.*

*Bow your ear. To us here:*

*Hear, O Christ, the praises That your Church now raises.*

## 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.

### HYMN:

CW21 Blue #917 (3) **"God Himself Is Present"**

*Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit,*

*Trusting only in your merit.*

*Like the holy angels, Worshipping before you,*

*May I ceaselessly adore you.*

*Let your will. Ever still.*

*Rule your church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.*

## **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 HYMNS:**

CW21 Blue #611: Joyously I'll Praise My Savior

## **THE BENEDICTION**

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.**

## **HYMN:**

CW21 Blue #402 **"Glory Be to Jesus"**

**Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood, From his sacred veins.**

**Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;  
Blest be his compassion, Infinitely kind.**

**Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torments Did the world redeem.**

**Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies,  
But the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.**

**Oft as earth exulting Lifts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.**

**Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!**

# Worship Notes

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## for kids

### Songs We Sang

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The Scripture Text Was: \_\_\_\_\_

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

