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## Lent 2 – March 5th, 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 #542: To My Precious Lord

*This morning, we will listen to and mediate on our opening hymn as the theme for our service. Since this beautiful hymn is new to our hymnal and might be new to you please use this as an opportunity to become familiar with it and we will sing it together later in the service as our Hymn of the Day.*

## 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.
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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 #530 (1): Praise Be to Christ

*Praise be to Christ in whom we see  
the image of the Father shown,  
the first-born Son revealed and known,  
the truth and grace of deity;  
through whom creation came to birth,*

***whose fingers set the stars in place,  
the unseen powers, and this small earth,  
the furthest bounds of time and space.***

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **THE WORD**

#### **THE FIRST LESSON**

Exodus 30:22-33

<sup>22</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses again. He said, <sup>23</sup> “Take fine spices: twelve and a half pounds of liquid myrrh, half as much (six and a quarter pounds) of fragrant cinnamon, six and a quarter pounds of fragrant cane, <sup>24</sup> twelve and a half pounds of cassia (weighed by the shekel of the sanctuary), and one gallon of olive oil. <sup>25</sup> Make it into a holy anointing oil, a perfume mixed with the skill of a perfume maker. It will be a holy anointing oil. <sup>26</sup> Use it to anoint the Tent of Meeting, the Ark of the Testimony, <sup>27</sup> the table and all its utensils, the lampstand and its utensils, the altar for incense, <sup>28</sup> the altar for burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin with its pedestal. <sup>29</sup> You shall consecrate them so that they may be most holy. Whatever touches them will be holy. <sup>30</sup> You shall anoint Aaron and his sons and set them apart, so that they may minister to me in the priest’s office. <sup>31</sup> Speak to the people of Israel. Tell them, ‘This shall be a holy anointing oil for me throughout your generations. <sup>32</sup> Do not pour it on the flesh of anyone who is not a priest. Do not make any other perfume like it with the same ingredients. It is holy. It shall be holy to you. <sup>33</sup> Whoever mixes any perfume like it or whoever puts any of it on anyone who is not a priest shall be cut off from his people.’”

#### **HYMN**

CW21 Blue #530 (2): Praise Be to Christ

***Praise be to him whose sovereign sway  
and will upholds creation's plan;  
who is, before all worlds began  
and when our world has passed away:  
Lord of the church, its life and head,  
redemption's price and source and theme,  
alive, the first-born from the dead,  
to reign as all-in-all supreme.***

## THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:15-20

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation, 16 for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and all things hold together in him. 18 He is also the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that in all things he might have the highest rank. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile all things to himself (whether things on earth or in heaven) by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## HYMN

CW21 Blue #530 (3): Praise Be to Christ

*Praise be to him who, Lord most high,  
the fullness of the Godhead shares;  
and yet our human nature bears,  
who came as man to bleed and die.  
And from his cross there flows our peace  
who chose for us the path he trod,  
that so might sins and sorrows cease  
and all be reconciled to God.*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:1-11

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, the hometown of Lazarus, who had died, the one Jesus raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> They gave a dinner for him there. Martha was serving, and Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about twelve ounces<sup>[a]</sup> of very expensive perfume (pure nard) and anointed Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup> But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was going to betray him, said, <sup>5</sup> "Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred denarii<sup>[b]</sup> and given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> He did not say this because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief. He held the money box and used to steal what was put into it.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. She intended to keep this for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, the poor you always have with you, but you are not always going to have me."

<sup>9</sup> A large crowd of the Jews learned that he was there. They came not only because of Jesus, but also to see Lazarus, whom he raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus too, <sup>11</sup> because it was on account of him that many of the Jews were leaving them and believing in Jesus.

*Refrain*



To my pre-cious Lord I bring my flask of fra-grant oil;



kneel-ing down, I kiss his feet, a - noint them with the oil.



- 1 Je - sus, who for my sake walked the road to Cal - va - ry,
- 2 Je - sus, who for my sake had his feet nailed to the cross,
- 3 When in clouds of glo - ry you come back to earth a - gain,



*Refrain*



with each step has marked the im - print of his love for me.  
with his blood has washed and healed me, paid the heav - y cost.  
Je - sus, with your love, em - brace and claim me as your friend.



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.

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING

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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 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 #407 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God.  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

