

A large wooden cross is the central focus, set against a dramatic sky. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a lighter, hazy blue near the horizon. A bright sunburst effect emanates from behind the cross, creating a strong glow and lens flare. The cross itself is made of dark wood and is positioned diagonally across the frame.

Conversations with God

Working On Myself With God



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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Pentecost 10 – August 6th, 2023

Guest Preacher: Rev. Ib Meyer – Grace Lutheran Church, Grenada

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**

✠ Matins – Morning Prayer ✠

The Opening Hymn:

CW21 Blue #778: “Father, We Praise You”

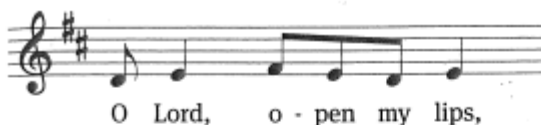
*Father, we praise you, now the night is over.
Active and watchful, standing now before you,
Singing, we offer prayer and meditation;
Thus we adore you.*

*Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;
Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending.
Bring us to heaven, where your saints united
Joy without ending.*

*All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation;
Yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding
Through all creation.*

Please stand

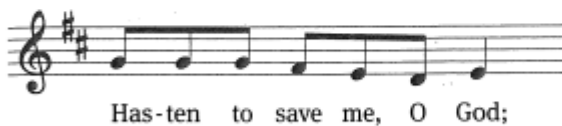
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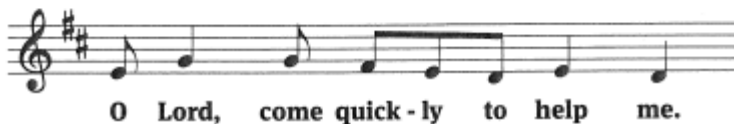
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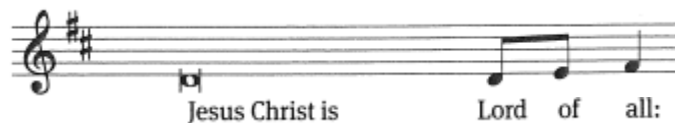
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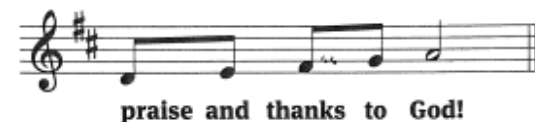
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Confession

- M:** Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C:** O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

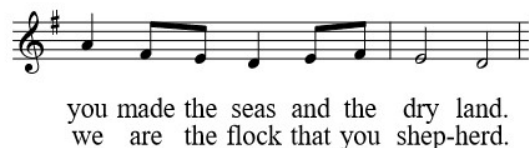
Absolution

- M:** Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?
- C:** Yes, I believe!
- M:** Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

The Venite - Come Oh, Come Let Us Sing To the Lord



You are a great and a won-drous God, cup-ping in your hands all the
Come, let us wor-ship and bow - ing low, kneel be-fore the One who has



The Prayer of the Day

M: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

✠ The Word ✠

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 6:3-9

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

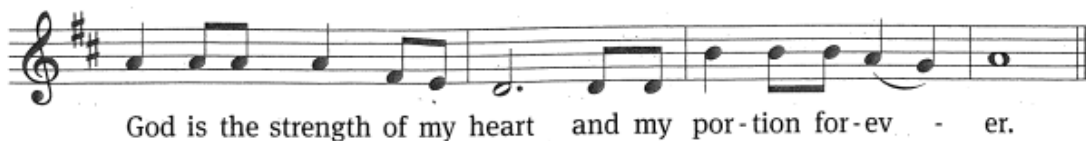
Listen, O Israel, and be conscientious about doing those things, so it may go well for you and so you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you. ⁴ Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God. The LORD is one! ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ These words that I am commanding you today are to be on your heart. ⁷ Teach them diligently to your children, and speak about them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as a sign on your wrists, and they will serve as symbols on your forehead. ⁹ Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates.

The Psalm of the Day

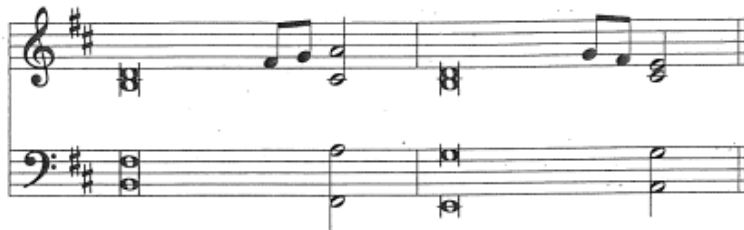
Psalm 73

CW Blue Hymnal – Psalms are in the front of the hymnal

Refrain



Tone

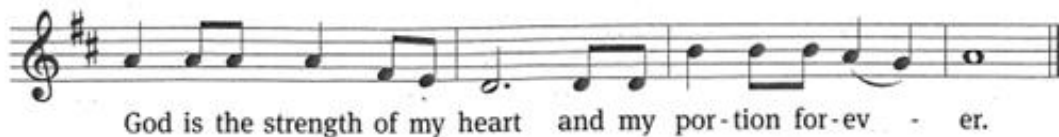


As for me, my feet had / almost slipped;
I had nearly lost my / foothold.

For I envied the / arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the / wicked.
It troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary / of God;
then I understood their final / destiny. *Refrain*



You guide me with your / counsel,
and afterward you will take me into / glory.
Whom have I in / heav'n but you?
And earth has nothing I desire be-/sides you.
My flesh and my / heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for-/ever.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be-/ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*



The Second Lesson

James 4:13-17

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

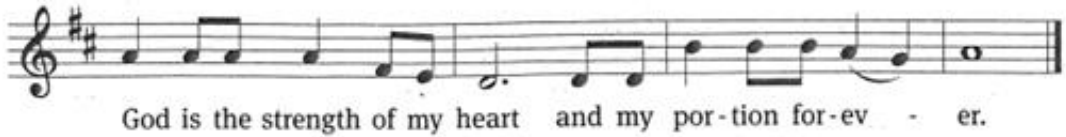
¹³ Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into this or that city, spend a year there, do business, and make a profit.” ¹⁴ You do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? Indeed, it is^[a] a mist that appears for a little while and then disappears. ¹⁵ Instead, it is better for you to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live, and we will do this or that.” ¹⁶ But right now you are boasting in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ So, for the one who knows the right thing to do and doesn’t do it, this is a sin.

The Verse of the Day

John 6:68

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

M: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.



Please stand

The Gospel Lesson

Mark 12:28-31

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

²⁸ One of the experts in the law approached after he heard their discussion. When he saw that Jesus had answered them well, he asked Jesus, “Which commandment is the greatest of all?”

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The most important is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord, our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

You may be seated

The Hymn

CW21 Blue #806: “Your Days and Ways to God Surrender”

***Your days and ways to God surrender,
and let his wisdom be your light.
He stands beside you, strong but tender,
And guides your steps thro' storm and night.
Upon a rock you build your life
when you rely on Jesus Christ.***

**Why do you wallow in this worry?
Why tightly clutch this pain and fear?
Do you forget that on this journey,
You're not alone? Your God is near!
The many midnight tears you spill**

*Just make the darkness darker still.
 Wait for his hand to write your story,
 his gracious will, your destiny.
 What looks like gloom he turns to glory;
 What's hidden now he will reveal.
 Who holds your future and your past
 Knows what you need before you ask.*

*Then wake with joy and expectation,
 For God is good and heav'n is sure.
 Sing, pray, and work in your vocation,
 And sleep in peace, your heart secure.
 Surrender all to his good grace;
 He keeps you safe in his embrace.*

The Sermon

James 4:13-17

The Te Deum Laudamus

"You, God, We Praise"

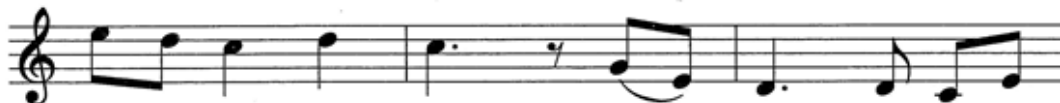
Martin Luther held up the "Te Deum Laudamus" alongside the three great creeds as a confession of the Christian faith. In singing the "Te Deum," we reflect our ancient heritage.



1 We __ praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the
 2 The __ band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your
 3 You, _ Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing
 4 You __ sit in splen-did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right



Lord, The __ Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by
 praise; The __ fel - low - ship of proph - ets their
 Son, Yet __ You, with bound-less love, _ sought to
 hand, Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by



all the earth a - dored. To __ You all an - gel
 death-less voic - es raise. The __ mar - tyrs of Your
 res - cue ev - 'ry - one: You __ laid a - side Your
 forc - es You com - mand. We __ know that You will

pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing, The __
king - dom, a __ great and no - ble throng, Sing __
glo - ry, were __ born of vir - gin's womb, Were __
come as our __ Judge that fi - nal day, So __

cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You
with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this
cru - ci - fied for us __ and were placed in - to a
help Your ser - vants You __ have re - deemed by blood, we

bring: "O __ ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord
song: "O __ all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your
tomb; Then __ by Your res - ur - rec - tion You
pray; May __ we with saints be num - bered where

God of Sab - a - oth; Your __ maj - es - ty and
true and on - ly Son, And __ Ho - ly Spir - it,
won for us re - prieve— You __ o - pened heav - en's
prais - es nev - er end, In __ glo - ry ev - er -

glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"
Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!"
king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

✠ Thanksgiving ✠

The Offering

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



Please stand

The Kyrie – Lord Have Mercy



Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.



Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

The Prayer Of The Church & The Lord's Prayer

M: I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me the Lord's Prayer as Christ our Lord taught us.

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

M: Here we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all his children on earth. We ask him to give us grace that we might proclaim his Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that his name is precious to us. We also pray that he would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor his name.

C: Your kingdom come.

M: We pray that his kingdom and the rule of his grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan's kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, his Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.

C: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

M: We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our own sinful will and its desires.

C: Give us today our daily bread.

M: We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.

C: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

M: We ask that God would forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

C: Lead us not into temptation.

M: We pray here that God would protect us from all temptations and help us by his Spirit to put down our sinful flesh, to despise the world and its vices, and to overcome the devil and all his trickery.

Special Intercession Prayers

C: But deliver us from evil.

M: And finally we pray that God would deliver us from all evils of body and soul now and forever.

C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

M: All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts "Amen," trusting without doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you will received it, and it will be yours."

Cantor



Let us praise the Lord.

Congregation



Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

Cantor



Congregation



You may be seated

The Hymn

CW21 Blue #728 This Is My Will

*This is my will, my one command,
That love should dwell among you all.
This is my will, that you should love
As I have shown that I love you.*

*"No greater love can be than this:
To choose to die to save one's friends.
You are my friends if you obey
What I command that you should do.*

*"I call you now no longer slaves;
No slave knows all the master does.
I call you friends, for all I hear
My Father say, you hear from me.*

*"You chose not me, but I chose you,
That you should go and bear much fruit.
I chose you out that you in me
Should bear much fruit that will abide.*

*"All that you ask my Father dear
For my name's sake you shall receive.
This is my will, my one command,
That love should dwell in each, in all.*