



*As far as the east  
is from the west.*



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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**

## Opening Hymn

CW21 Blue #599: "Come, Christians, join to Sing"

*Come, Christians, join to sing;*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

*Loud praise to Christ our King;*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let all, with heart and voice,*

*before His throne rejoice;*

*Praise is His gracious choice;*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high;*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let praises fill the sky;*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

*He is our Guide and Friend;*

*to us He'll condescend;*

*His love shall never end;*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again;*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

*Life shall not end the strain;*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

*On heaven's blissful shore,*

*His goodness we'll adore,*

*singing forevermore;*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

## Invocation

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

**C:** **I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever.**

**Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever.**

## Confession of Sin

**M:** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C:** **But with you there is forgiveness; Therefore, you are feared.**

**M:** He forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

- C:** He redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.  
**M:** The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.  
**C:** **The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**  
**M:** He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.  
**C:** **As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

### Absolution

- M:** The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.  
**C:** **As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him.**  
**M:** Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the Lord, O my soul.  
**C:** **My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever.**

### Hymn

CW Red #609: We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

***We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!***

***In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:***

***We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;***

***We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.***

***We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.***

***Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;***

***When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,***

***And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.***

***With voices united our praises we offer;***

***To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.***

***Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.***

***To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!***

### The Prayer of the Day

- M:** O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C:** **Amen.**

# The Word

## The First Lesson

Exodus 16:15-31

<sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup> This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’”

<sup>17</sup> The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. <sup>18</sup> And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.

<sup>19</sup> Then Moses said to them, “No one is to keep any of it until morning.”

<sup>20</sup> However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.

<sup>21</sup> Each morning everyone gathered as much as they needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away. <sup>22</sup> On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much—two omers for each person—and the leaders of the community came and reported this to Moses. <sup>23</sup> He said to them, “This is what the LORD commanded: ‘Tomorrow is to be a day of sabbath rest, a holy sabbath to the LORD. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning.’”

<sup>24</sup> So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it. <sup>25</sup> “Eat it today,” Moses said, “because today is a sabbath to the LORD. You will not find any of it on the ground today. <sup>26</sup> Six days you are to gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any.”

<sup>27</sup> Nevertheless, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather it, but they found none. <sup>28</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “How long will you<sup>[c]</sup> refuse to keep my commands and my instructions? <sup>29</sup> Bear in mind that the LORD has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where they are on the seventh day; no one is to go out.” <sup>30</sup> So the people rested on the seventh day.

<sup>31</sup> The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.

## **Hymn**

CW Red #580 (1) “Every Morning Mercies New”

*Ev'ry morning mercies new  
Fall as fresh as morning dew;  
Ev'ry morning let us pay  
Tribute with the early day.  
For your mercies, Lord, are sure;  
Your compassion will endure.*

## **The Second Lesson**

1 Corinthians 10:1-5,11-13

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup> They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

<sup>11</sup> All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come.

<sup>12</sup> So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

## **Hymn**

CW Red #580 (2) “Every Morning Mercies New”

*Still your kindness and your love  
Ev'ry day our sins remove;  
Daily, far as east from west,  
Lift the burden from the breast;  
Give unbought to those who pray  
Strength to live for you each day.*

## **The Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 11:1-20

<sup>24</sup> When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: You are not looking for me because you saw the miraculous signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled. <sup>27</sup> Do not continue to work for the food that spoils, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

<sup>28</sup> So they said to him, “What should we do to carry out the works of God?”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God: that you believe in the one he sent.”

<sup>30</sup> Then they asked him, “So what miraculous sign are you going to do, that we may see it and believe you? What miraculous sign are you going to perform? <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

<sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the real bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

<sup>34</sup> “Sir,” they said to him, “give us this bread all the time!”

<sup>35</sup> “I am the Bread of Life,” Jesus told them. “The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty.”

### **Hymn**

CW Red #580 (3) “Every Morning Mercies New”

***Let our prayers each morn prevail***

***That these gifts may never fail.***

***And as we confess our sin***

***And the tempter's pow'r within,***

***Feed us with the bread of life;***

***Fit us for our daily strife.***

### **The Apostle's 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.**

**Chorus:**

***Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy Name.***

***The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.***

**Chorus**

***You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.***

**Chorus**

***And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come;  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.***

**Chorus**

**The Sermon**

Psalm 103

**Our Thanksgiving**

**The Offering**

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# 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.**

## **The Hymn:**

CW21 Blue #665 (1): What Is This Bread

*What is this bread?*

*Christ's body risen from the dead:*

*This bread we break,*

*This life we take,*

*Was crushed to pay for our release.*

*O taste and see the Lord is peace.*

## **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.

## **The Hymn:**

CW21 Blue #665 (2): What Is This Bread

*What is this wine?*

*The blood of Jesus shed for mine;*

*The cup of grace*

*Brings His embrace*

*Of life and love until I sing!*

*O taste and see the Lord is King.*

## **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.

## **The Hymn:**

CW21 Blue #665 (5): What Is This Bread

***Is this for me?***

***I am forgiven and set free!***

***I do believe***

***That I receive***

***His very body and His blood.***

***O taste and see the Lord is good.***

## **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. We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy.*

## **The Distribution Hymn:**

CW21 Blue #654: Jesus Sinners Does Receive

## **The Communion Blessing**

## **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.**

Closing Hymn:

Jesus, King of Angels

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*Jesus, King of angels, Heaven's light  
Shine Your face upon this house tonight  
Let no evil come into my dreams  
Light of Heaven keep me in Your peace*

*Remind me how You made dark spirits flee  
And spoke Your power to the raging sea  
And spoke Your mercy to a sinful man  
Remind me Jesus, this is what I am*

*The universe is vast beyond the stars  
But You are mindful when the sparrow falls  
And mindful of the anxious thoughts  
That find me, surround me and bind me*

*With all my heart I love You, Sovereign Lord  
Tomorrow let me love You even more  
And rise to speak the goodness of Your name  
Until I close my eyes and sleep again*

*The universe is vast beyond the stars  
But You are mindful when the sparrow falls  
And mindful of the anxious thoughts  
That find me, surround me and bind me*

*Jesus, King of angels, Heaven's light  
Hold my hand and keep me through this night.*

# Worship Notes

## for kids

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



### 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:

