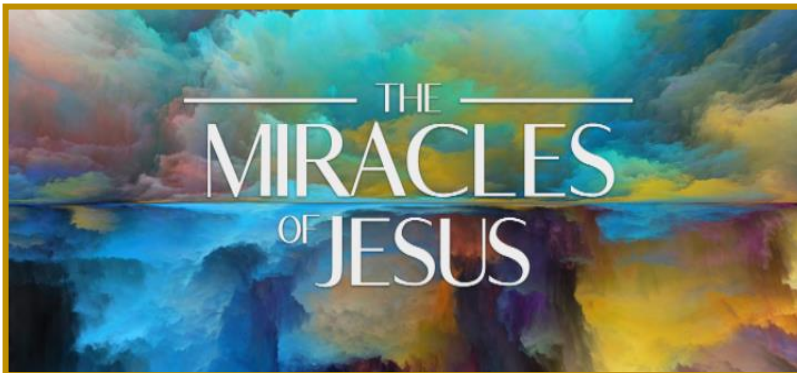


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Grace ~ “I am not ashamed of the gospel...”



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.” II Peter 3:1**

The Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

CW: #473 (1) Savior, I Follow On

*Savior, I follow on, Guided by thee,
Seeing not yet the hand That leadeth me.
Hushed be my heart and still; Fear I no further ill.
Only to meet thy will My will shall be.*

The Confession of Sins

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, we confess that we are by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

HYMN

CW: #473 (2) Savior, I Follow On

*Riven the rock for me, Thirst to relieve,
Manna from heaven falls Fresh ev'ry eve.
Never a want severe Causeth my eye a tear,
But thou dost whisper near, "Only believe."*

The Absolution

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

CW: #473 (3) Savior, I Follow On

*Often to Marah's brink Have I been brought;
Shrinking the cup to drink, Help I have sought,
And with the prayer's ascent Jesus the branch hath rent,
Quickly relief hath sent, Sweet'ning the draught.*

The Kyrie – Lord Have Mercy

- M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you
all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who
are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.
- C: **Christ, have mercy.**
- M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of
heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live in you:
- C: **Amen.**

HYMN

CW: #473 (4) Savior, I Follow On

*Savior, I long to walk Closer with thee;
Led by thy guiding hand, Ever to be
Constantly near thy side, Quickened and purified,
Living for him who died Freely for me.*

The Salutation & Prayer of the Day

- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle.
Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing
obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 17:17-24

¹⁷ Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. ¹⁸ She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?" ¹⁹ "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. ²⁰ Then he cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!" ²² The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. ²³ Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!" ²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."

HYMN RESPONSE

CW: #592 (1) All Praise To Thee, My God, This Night

*All praise to thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings,
Beneath thine own almighty wings.
Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and thee
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:18-27

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

HYMN RESPONSE

CW: #592 (2) All Praise To Thee, My God, This Night

***Teach me to live that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die so that I may
Rise glorious at the awe-full day.
Oh, may my soul on thee repose
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make
To serve my God when I awake.***

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 5:21-24; 35-42

²¹When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²²Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” ²⁴So Jesus went with him. ³⁵While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher anymore?” ³⁶Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.” ³⁷He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” ⁴⁰But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha koum!*” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”).⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

HYMN RESPONSE

CW: #592 All Praise To Thee, My God, This Night

***When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No pow'rs of darkness me distress.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

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.
look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

CW#605: "Asleep in Jesus! Blessed Sleep"

*Asleep in Jesus! Blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep,
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes.*

*Asleep in Jesus! Oh, how sweet
To be for such a slumber meet,
With holy confidence to sing
That death has lost his venom'd sting!*

*Asleep in Jesus! Peaceful rest,
Whose waking is supremely blest;
No fear, no woe, shall dim that hour
That manifests the Savior's pow'r.*

*Asleep in Jesus! Oh, for me
May such a blissful refuge be!
Securely shall my ashes lie
And wait the summons from on high.*

SERMON

Mark 5:21-24;35-42

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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.

THE CLOSING HYMN

CW: #760 "It Is Well With My Soul"

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.*

**Refrain: It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

*My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.*

**Refrain: It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

*And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall re sound, and the Lord shall descend; Even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.*

**Refrain: It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).
It is well, it is well with my soul.**