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BY SCRIPTURE ALONE  
*Solus Christus*  
CHRIST ALONE  
*Sola Gratia*  
BY GRACE ALONE  
*Sola fide*  
BY FAITH ALONE  
*Soli Deo Gloria*  
GLORY TO GOD ALONE

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# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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With the Means of Grace  
As a family of believers  
For 110 years...

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### Welcome!

*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**

## INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

## HYMN

CW #402: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

*My faith looks up to thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away;  
Oh, let me from this day Be wholly thine!*

## CONFESSION

M: Blessed is the one who transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

M: Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ.

C: Your great mercy reaches above the heavens, and your faithfulness to the skies.

## HYMN

CW #402: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

*May thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!  
As thou hast died for me,  
Oh, may my love to thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!*

## ABSOLUTION

- M:** This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all.
- C:** **If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice.**
- M:** But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.
- C:** **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** – 1 John 1:5-9

## HYMN

**CW #402: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

*While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread, Be thou my guide.  
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.*

- M:** God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, 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 #402: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

*When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;  
Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!*

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M:** Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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

Genesis 15:1-6

After these events (Abram recusing Lot from Sodom) the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

<sup>2</sup> Abram said, “LORD God what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> Abram also said, “Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant born in my house will be my heir.”

<sup>4</sup> Just then, the word of the LORD came to him. God said, “This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> The LORD then brought him outside and said, “Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” He said to Abram, “This is what your descendants will be like.” <sup>6</sup> Abram believed in the LORD, and the LORD credited it to him as righteousness.

### HYMN

CW #406 (1-2): “The Is the Threefold Truth”

*This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends;  
And with this joyful cry worship begins and ends:  
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!*

*Made sacred by long use, new-minted for our time,  
Our liturgies sum up the hope we have in him:  
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!*

### THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:21-29

<sup>21</sup> At one time, you were alienated from God and hostile in your thinking as expressed through your evil deeds. <sup>22</sup> But now Christ reconciled you in his body of flesh through death, in order to present you holy, blameless, and faultless before him— <sup>23</sup> if you continue steadfast and firm in faith, without being moved away from the hope of the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a minister. <sup>24</sup> Now I rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church. <sup>25</sup> I became a minister of the church for your benefit when God gave me the task of fully proclaiming the word of God, <sup>26</sup> namely, the mystery that was hidden for past ages and generations, but now has been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> God wanted to make known to them what is the wealth of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles—this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> We proclaim him as we admonish and teach everyone with all wisdom, so that we might present everyone perfect in Christ. <sup>29</sup> This is the goal I am laboring to reach, striving with his strength, which is powerfully at work in me.

## THE VERSE OF THE DAY

Hebrews 11:1

Alleluia! Faith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see. Alleluia!

## HYMN

CW #406 (3-4): “The Is the Threefold Truth”

*By this we are upheld when doubt or grief assails  
Our Christian faith and love, and only grace avails:  
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!*

*This is the threefold truth which, if we hold it fast,  
Changes the world and us and brings us home at last:  
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!*

## GOSPEL

John 14:1-17

“Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know where I am going, and you know the way.”

<sup>5</sup>“Lord, we don’t know where you are going,” Thomas replied, “so how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you would also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>“Lord,” said Philip, “show us the Father, and that is enough for us.”

<sup>9</sup>“Have I been with you so long,” Jesus answered, “and you still do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I am telling you I am not speaking on my own, but the Father who remains in me is doing his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. Or else believe because of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>“Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me will do the works that I am doing. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, hold on to my commands. <sup>16</sup>I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you.

1 From God can noth - ing move me; he will not step a - side  
 2 When those whom I re - gard - ed as trust - wor - thy and sure  
 3 Each day at his good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done,  
 4 Yet e - ven though I suf - fer the world's un - pleas - ant - ness,

but gent - ly will re - prove me and be my con - stant guide  
 have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.  
 He sent his great - est trea - sure in Je - sus Christ, his Son,  
 and though the days grow rough - er and bring me great dis - tress,

He stretch - es out his hand in eve - ning and in morn - ing,  
 He res - cues me from sin and breaks the chains that bind me.  
 He ev - 'ry gift im - parts; the bread of earth and heav - en  
 that day of bliss di - vine, which knows no end or mea - sure

my life with grace a - dorn - ing wher - ev - er I may stand.  
 I leave death's fear be - hind me; his peace I have with - in.  
 are by his kind - ness giv - en. Praise him with thank - ful hearts!  
 and Christ, who is my plea - sure, for - ev - er shall be mine.

5. For thus the Father willed it, who fashioned is from clay;  
 And his own Son fulfilled it, and brought eternal day.  
 The Spirit now has come, to us true faith has given;  
 He leads us home to heaven. O praise the Three in One!

SOLA FIDE

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.**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M:** Eternal Lord, you speak to us in words of love and light and power. Fill us with peace today as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Guide our lives today as we see clearly the path you have laid out for us. Work in us today through your Spirit that our thoughts, words, and actions glorify you and serve our neighbor.
- C:** **Fill us with the Word we have heard today and move us to believe it and live it.**
- M:** Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Take away their fear of criticism and contention and make them bold to say what you say. Fill them with a love like yours and lead them to announce the forgiveness of sins as your free gift to us and all people.
- C:** **Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**



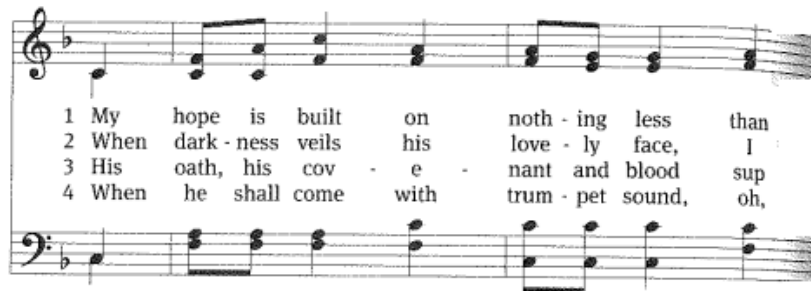
- M: Forgive us for the times we hear your Word but fail to live it in our lives. Break down the apathy that lurks in us and leads us to ignore eternal realities. Convict us with your law and then fill us so full of your gospel that we overflow with zeal to do your will.
- C: **Give us thankful hearts to live and love with joy.**
- M: Guard and guide us as we live in a society that despises what you say about marriage. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Move parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus even when their children grow up.
- C: **Protect us from the evil that surrounds us; give us pure hearts and minds.**
- M: Provide your divine compass for those who govern us by making laws and setting policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime and aggression. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to care for those who cannot care for themselves.
- C: **Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed.**
- M: Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.
- C: **Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in your grace.**
- M: Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Fill eager minds with wisdom to discover new ways to treat disease and illness. Give patience and compassion to those who care for the sick and dying.
- Special prayer requests may be included here*
- M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.
- M: Eternal Lord, you guide the world with your mighty power and love all people because your Son lived and died and rose again. Hear our prayers, spoken and in silence, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.
- C: **In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

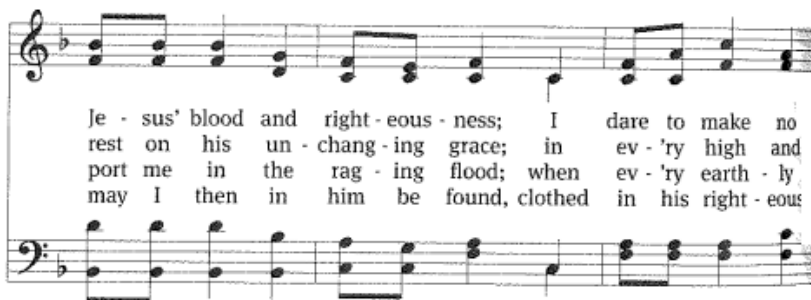
- M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C: **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

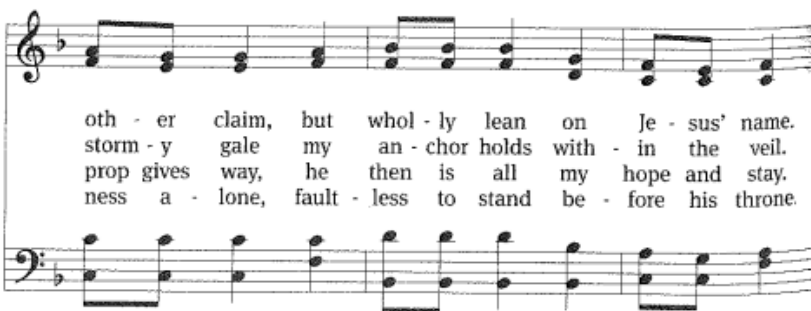
## CW #564: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

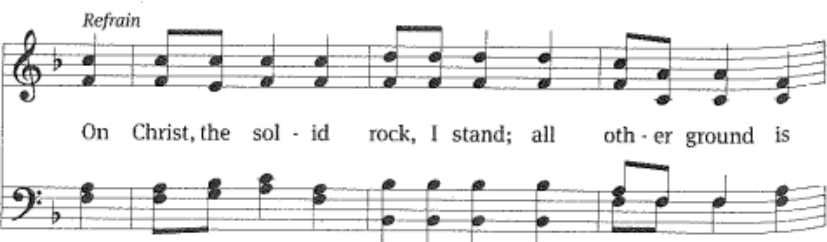


Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no  
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
port me in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly  
may I then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous

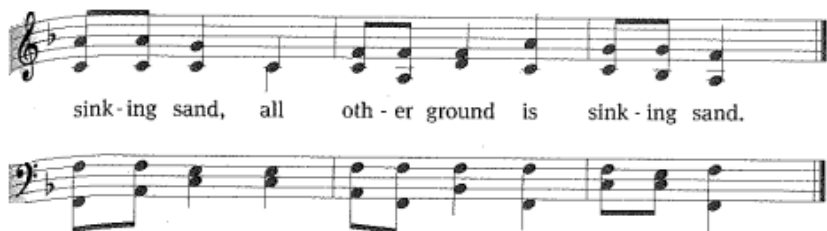


oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

# 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:

