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Grace
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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**

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.



INVOCATION

- M: In the name of the Father
C: **Almighty King; All-glorious, O'er all victorious, Ancient of Days.**
M: and of the Son
C: **Incarnate Word; Put on your mighty sword; Savior and Friend.**
M: and of the Holy Spirit
C: **Holy Comforter; Now rule in every heart; Spirit of Power.**
M: I rejoiced with those who said to me,
C: **Let us go to the house of the LORD.**

CONFESSION

- M: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.
C: **You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**
M: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
C: **Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.**
M: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
C: **Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?**
M: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
C: **Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.**
M: See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.
(Psalm 139)

ABSOLUTION

- M: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
(Psalm 103:8-12)
God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 53:1-6

Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

HYMN:

CW21 Blue #407 (1-2) **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.***

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:1-9

Therefore, we need to pay even more attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. ² For if the message that was spoken through angels was valid, and every transgression and disobedient act received a just punishment, ³ how will we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? First the message was spoken by the Lord; then it was confirmed to us by those who heard him. ⁴ God also testified to it with signs and wonders, various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his will. ⁵ For God did not place the coming world, about which we are speaking, under the control of angels. ⁶ But there is a place where someone has testified: What is man that you remember him, or the Son of Man that you look after him? ⁷ You made him lower than the angels for a little while. You crowned him with glory and honor. ⁸ You put everything in subjection under his feet. Indeed, in putting everything in subjection to him, God left nothing that is not in subjection to him. At the present time, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹ But we look to Jesus (the one who was made lower than the angels for a little while, so that by God's grace he might taste death for everyone), now crowned with glory and honor, because he suffered death.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Hebrews 4:15-16

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. ¹⁶ So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

HYMN:

CW21 Blue #407 (3-4) **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

***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.***

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 23:26-33

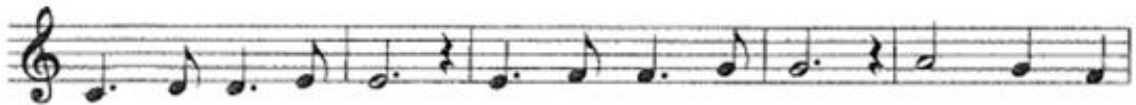
26 As they led him away, they seized Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country. They placed the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. 27 A large crowd of people was following him, including women who were mourning and wailing for him. 28 Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 Be sure of this: The days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed.' 30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' 31 For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?"

32 Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed.

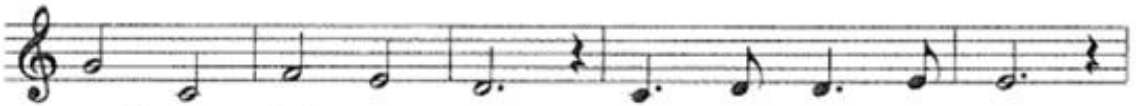
33 When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

HYMN:

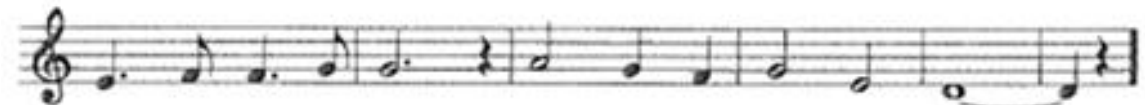
CW21 (BLUE): #423 **The Power of the Cross**



1 Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day: Christ on the
2 Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face, bear - ing the
3 Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath quakes as its
4 Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for thro' your



road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
mak - er bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two,
suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death;



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.
ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing your blood - stained brow.
dead are raised to life; "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
life is mine to live, won thro' your self - less love!

Refrain

1-3 This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be-
 4 This the pow'r of the cross: Son of

came sin for us. Took the blame,
 God— slain for us. What a love,

bore the wrath; we stand for-giv-en at the cross.
 what a cost! We stand for-giv-en at the cross.

SERMON

Luke 23:26-33

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

OFFERING

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WELS CONNECTION

During our offering we will see our March edition of The WELS Connection

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- M: Lord, You raised Your Son and sent Your Spirit. Give strength to our prayers, heal our weaknesses and restore all our losses. Give us faith throughout our days in Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.**
- M: Lord of hosts, breathe Your life into Your Church, that she may stand by Your strength and live according to Your Word. Lay Your hand on men of every era to proclaim Your Word and to bring life to the downtrodden, the faithless, the fearful and the outcast. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.**
- M: Heavenly Father, You have visited Your creation in Your Son. Grant that our homes would always receive Him and that husbands and wives and brothers and sisters would rejoice to hear His promises, steadfastly believing them and ever living in their light. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.**
- M: Lord of all, You are the true source of life, which You give through the power of Your Spirit. Humble those who are given authority over the lives of our people, that they would discharge this duty honorably in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.**
- M: O Lord, the ones You love are ill and need Your holy care [especially _____]. Make haste to help them. Spare their lives. On the Last Day, call them from their graves and unite them to You and all Your saints. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.**
- M: Holy Father, in Baptism You have given the new birth of water and the Spirit. Make Your children strong in Your Spirit, that they may shun the works of the flesh and live in this world expecting the resurrection and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.**
- M: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

HYMN:

CW21 Blue #730 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.*

*We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.*

*When here our pathways part,
We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
We hope to meet again.*

*From sorrow, toil, and pain
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.*

Worship Notes

for kids

Name _____

Date _____



Songs We Sang

The Scripture Text Was: _____

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

