

A silhouette of a person on a cross is positioned on the left side of the image. The background is a dramatic sunset sky with warm orange and yellow tones and scattered clouds. The overall scene is framed by a dark, irregular shape on the right side, which serves as a backdrop for the text.

"It was for  
this very  
reason  
I came to  
this hour.  
Father,  
GLORIFY  
thy name."



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## Lent 4 - March 19th, 2023

*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**



1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
 2 Those he saves are his de-light; Christ will hold me fast;  
 3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt-er would pre-vail, he will hold me fast.  
 pre-cious in his ho-ly sight, he will hold me fast.  
 jus-tice has been sat-is-fied; he will hold me fast.



I could nev-er keep my hold thro' life's fear-ful path,  
 He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom-is-es shall last;  
 Raised with him to end-less life, he will hold me fast



for my love is of-ten cold—he must hold me fast.  
 bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.  
 till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last!

*Refrain*



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.



### INVOCATION

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

**C:** Amen.

### 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.

**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. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

### THE ABSOLUTION

**M:** God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever!

**C:** **O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. “Rejoice in the LORD and celebrate, all you righteous, and shout joyfully, all you upright in heart.”**

Psalm 32:11

## RESPONSE

CW21 #810: The First Song of Isaiah



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and  
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my  
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup> Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD,  
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and with the house of Judah.

<sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers,  
when I took them by the hand  
and led them out of the land of Egypt.  
They broke that covenant of mine,  
although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD.

<sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel  
after those days,  
declares the LORD.

I will put my law<sup>[a]</sup> in their minds,  
and I will write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup> No longer will each one teach his neighbor,  
or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the LORD,"  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD,  
for I will forgive their guilt,  
and I will remember their sins no more.

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**SECOND LESSON**

Hebrews 5:7-10

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. <sup>9</sup>After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him, <sup>10</sup>because he was designated by God as a high priest, like Melchizedek.

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## **THE GOSPEL LESSON**

John 12:20-33

<sup>20</sup> Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

<sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up<sup>[a]</sup> from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## HYMN

CW21 #808: *Drawn to the Cross*

*Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed  
With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in you my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.*

*How well you know my griefs and fears,  
Your grace abused, my misspent years;  
So now to you with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.*

*Wash me and take away each stain;  
Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing through your cross and pain, Christ crucified, I come.*

*To pledge my labor willingly,  
Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.*

## THE SERMON

John 12:20-33

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## 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.

**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."

## **BENEDICTION & CLOSING HYMN**

“Glorify Thy Name”

Please note the special instructions for verse 4.

1. **Father, we love You.**  
**We worship and adore You.**  
**Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.**  
**Glorify Thy Name. Glorify Thy Name.**  
**Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.**
  
  2. **Jesus, we love You.**  
**We worship and adore You.**  
**Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.**  
**Glorify Thy Name. Glorify Thy Name.**  
**Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.**
  
  3. **Spirit, we love You.**  
**We worship and adore You.**  
**Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.**  
**Glorify Thy Name. Glorify Thy Name.**  
**Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.**
  
  4. **The congregation hums the first three lines of the verse as the benediction is spoken by the minister:**
- 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.

**Following the words of the benediction all join in singing:**

**Glorify Thy Name! Glorify Thy Name!**  
**Glorify Thy Name in all the earth!**

# 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:

