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**HIS
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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**

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 – Psalm 139

- 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.

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.

Two extra measures of interlude precede stanza 3.

The refrain for stanza 3 is sung three times (twice, with no break between, then a final time).



1 What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
 2 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam,
 3 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us;



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum;
 what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home!
 his blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.



thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,
 He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;
 We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
 our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord!
 our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.



His mer - cy is more! Strong - er than dark - ness,



new ev - 'ry morn; our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Nehemiah 9:17b-27

But you are a God who is forgiving, merciful, and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. So you did not abandon them.

¹⁸ However, they made a cast metal calf for themselves and said, “This is your god who brought you up from Egypt,” and they committed great blasphemies.

¹⁹ But in your abundant compassion, you did not abandon them in the wilderness. By day the pillar of cloud did not depart from above them or stop leading them on their way. By night the pillar of fire did not stop lighting the way that they should go.

²⁰ You gave them your good Spirit to give them insight. So you did not withhold your manna from their mouth, you gave them water for their thirst.

²¹ You sustained them for forty years in the wilderness. They did not lack anything. Their clothing did not wear out, and their feet did not swell.

²² You gave them kingdoms and peoples, and you divided their whole territory among them. They took possession of the land of Sihon, the land of the king of Heshbon, and also the land of Og, the king of Bashan.

²³ You made their children as numerous as the stars of heaven. You brought them to the land that you had told their ancestors to enter and possess.

²⁴ Their children came and possessed the land, and you subdued the Canaanite inhabitants of the land before them. You gave their kings and the peoples of the land into their hand to do with them as they pleased.

²⁵ They captured fortified cities and fertile land. They possessed houses full of all kinds of good things, hewn cisterns, vineyards, olive orchards, and fruit trees in abundance. They ate and were satisfied. They became fat and delighted in your great goodness.

²⁶ But they rebelled and revolted against you and rejected your Law. They killed your prophets, who had testified against them so that they would return to you. They also committed great blasphemies.

²⁷ So you delivered them into the hand of their oppressors, who made them suffer. But when they cried to you at the time of their distress, you heard from heaven, and according to your great compassion, you gave them deliverers, who saved them from the hand of their oppressors.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 20:9-19

⁹ He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, leased it to some tenant farmers, and went away on a journey for a long time. ¹⁰ When it was the right time, he sent a servant to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenant farmers beat the servant and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ The man went ahead and sent yet another servant, but they also beat him, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² He then sent yet a third. They also wounded him and threw him out. ¹³ The owner of the vineyard said, ‘What should I do? I will send my son, whom I love. Perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴ “But when the tenant farmers saw him, they talked it over with one another. They said, ‘This is the heir. Let’s kill him, so that the inheritance will be ours.’ ¹⁵ They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. So what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenant farmers and give the vineyard to others.”

When they heard this, they said, “May it never be!”

¹⁷ But he looked at them and said, “Then what about this that is written:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?

¹⁸ “Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush the one on whom it falls.”

¹⁹ That very hour the chief priests and the experts in the law began looking for a way to lay hands on him, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

HYMN

CW21 Blue #914: *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

Christ is our cornerstone; On him alone we build.

With his true saints alone, The courts of heav'n are filled.

On his great love Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore,

And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore

Until that day When all the blest To endless rest Are called away!

Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring!

Our voices we will raise, The Three in One to sing

And thus proclaim In joyful song, Both loud and long, That glorious name.

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

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & 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 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

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who has called us to be his own that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

HYMN:

CWRed #112 (1) **“There Is a Fountain”**
TLH Text with CW refrain

*There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel’s veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains.*

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.

HYMN:

CWRed #112 (3) **“There Is a Fountain”**
TLH Text with CW refrain

*Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved and sin no more:
Be saved and sin no more.*

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.

HYMN:

CWRed #112 (2) **“There Is a Fountain”**
TLH Text with CW refrain

*The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away.*

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 (WELS). We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy. If you would like to discuss "close" communion or any other spiritual matter with the pastor, please indicate this on the Friendship Register.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

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In My Father's Kingdom – Fernando Ortega (Imported)
CW21 Blue #399: My Song Is Love Unknown – Koine (Imported)

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:

CW21 Blue #699 **“Take the World, but Give Me Jesus”**

*Take the world, but give me Jesus!
All its joys are but a name.
But his love abides forever,
Through eternal years the same.
Oh, the height and depth of mercy;
Oh, the length and breadth of love!
Oh, the fullness of redemption,
Pledge of endless life above!*

*Take the world, but give me Jesus,
Sweetest comfort of my soul.
With the Savior watching o'er me,
I can sing, though thunders roll.
Oh, the height and depth of mercy;
Oh, the length and breadth of love!
Oh, the fullness of redemption,
Pledge of endless life above!*

*Take the world, but give me Jesus!
In his cross my trust shall be
Till with clearer, brighter vision
Face to face my Lord I see.
Oh, the height and depth of mercy;
Oh, the length and breadth of love!
Oh, the fullness of redemption,
Pledge of endless life above*



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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:

