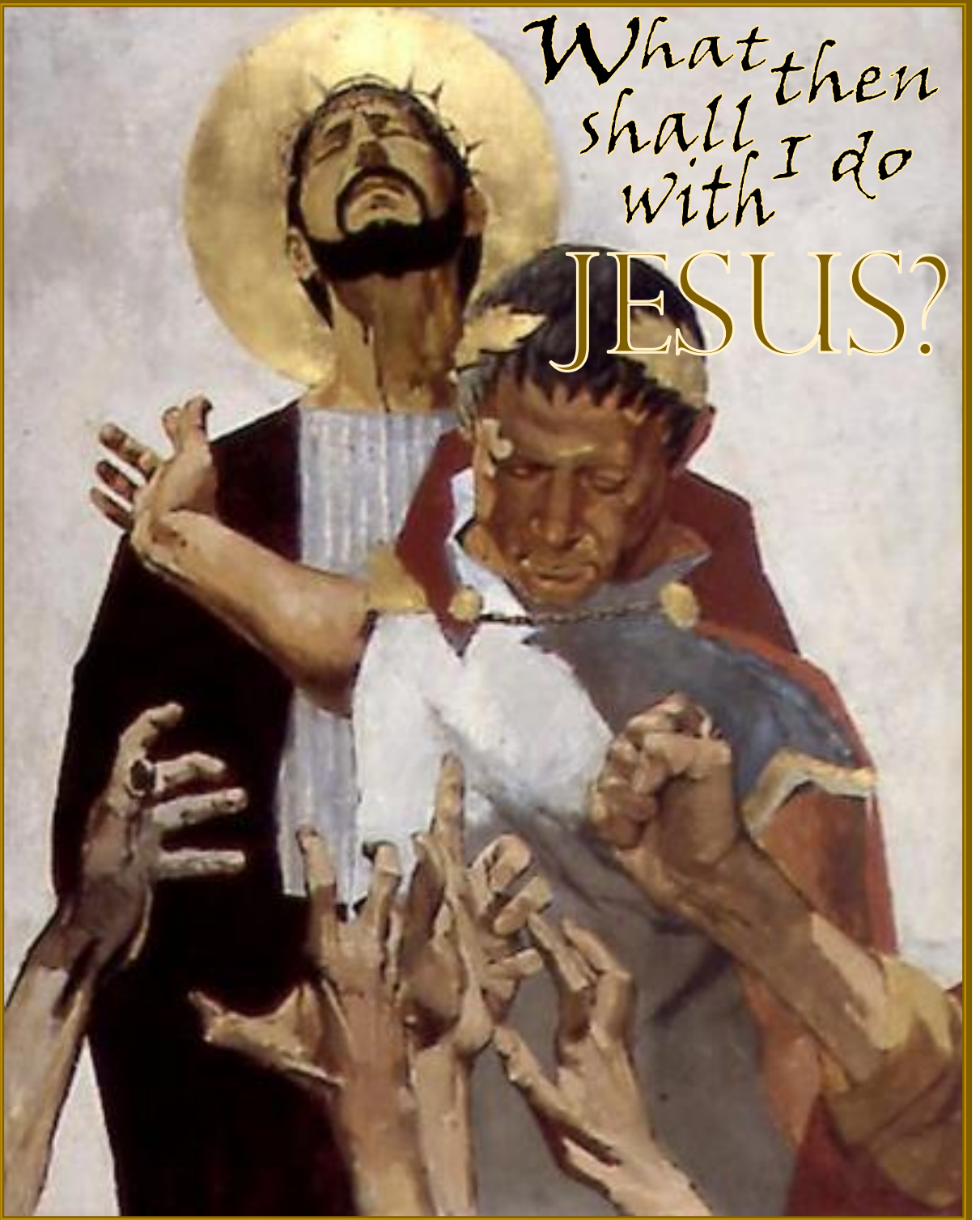


What then  
shall I do  
with

JESUS?





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## Lent 4 - March 27th, 2022

*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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; 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 12:1-6

In that day you will say:

I will give thanks to you, LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger has turned away,  
and you comfort me.

<sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation.

I will trust him and will not be afraid,  
because Yah, the LORD, is my strength and song,  
and he has become my salvation.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup> In that day you will say:

Give thanks to the LORD! Proclaim his name.  
Declare among the peoples what he has done.  
Proclaim that his name is exalted!

<sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD, for he has done amazing things!  
Let this be known in all the earth!

<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, daughter of Zion,  
for the Holy One of Israel is great among you!

### 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.

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:1-9

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God on behalf of the Israelites is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but it is not consistent with knowledge. <sup>3</sup> Since they were ignorant of the righteousness from God and sought to establish their own righteousness, they did not submit to the righteousness from God. <sup>4</sup> For to everyone who believes, Christ is the end of the law, resulting in righteousness. <sup>5</sup> Indeed, Moses writes this about the righteousness that comes by the law: "The one who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that comes by faith speaks like this: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. <sup>9</sup> Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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## THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 27:11-26

<sup>11</sup> When Jesus stood in the presence of the governor, the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus said to him, "It is as you say."

<sup>12</sup> When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "Don't you hear how many things they are testifying against you?"

<sup>14</sup> But he did not answer him—not even one word, so that the governor was very surprised. <sup>15</sup> At the time of the Festival the governor had a custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner they wanted. <sup>16</sup> At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when they were assembled, Pilate said to them,

“Which one do you want me to release to you? Barabbas—or Jesus, who is called Christ?”<sup>18</sup> For Pilate knew that they had handed Jesus over to him because of envy.<sup>19</sup> While he was sitting on the judgment seat, Pilate’s wife sent him a message. “Have nothing to do with that righteous man,” she said, “since I have suffered many things today in a dream because of him.”<sup>20</sup> But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus put to death.<sup>21</sup> The governor asked them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”

“Barabbas!” they said.

<sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called Christ?”

They all said to him, “Crucify him!”

<sup>23</sup> But the governor said, “Why? What has he done wrong?”

But they kept shouting even louder: “Crucify him!”

<sup>24</sup> When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing and that instead it was turning into a riot, he took water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, “I am innocent of this righteous man’s blood. It is your responsibility.”

<sup>25</sup> And all the people answered, “Let his blood be on us and on our children!”

<sup>26</sup> Then he released Barabbas to them, but he had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified.

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## 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 #576: Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace --how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.*

*The Lord has promised good to me;  
His Word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.*

*My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, My Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood--His mercy rains  
Unending love--Amazing grace!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Then when we'd first begun.*

*My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood--His mercy rains  
Unending love--Amazing grace!*



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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:**

CW21 #670 (1,5): I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

*I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;  
O Jesus, you alone are able, To satisfy and make me whole.  
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!*

*Your holy heart has one obsession, one blessed thing it burns to do –  
To cleanse the sinner from transgression; so I, a sinner, come to you.  
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!*

**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:**

CW21 #670 (8, 10): I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

*By faith I call your holy table, The testament of your deep love,  
For by your gift I now am able, To know the heart of God above.  
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!*

*My heart has now become your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally.  
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!*

**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**

We will be preview the music to some of the new hymns to our hymnal during distribution.

CW21 #562: **Jesus Paid It All**

CW21 #561: **Before the Throne of God Above**

CW21 #710: **Beneath the Cross**

## **THE BLESSING & 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**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

CW #369: Beautiful Savior

*Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels in the sky.*

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!*

# Worship Notes

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## for kids

### 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:

