

Be Still



1 A might-y For-tress is our God; A trust-y Safe-t and Weap - on;
2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss ef-fect - ed;
3 Tho' dev-ils all the world should fill, All ea-ger to de-vour us,
4 The Word they still shall let re-main, Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need That hath us now o'er-tak - en.
But for us fights the Val-iant One, Whom God Him-self e-lect - ed.
We trem-ble not, we fear no ill, They shall not o-ver-pow'r us.
He's by our side up-on the plain With His good gifts and Spir - it.

AND KNOW THAT

I AM GOD

PSALM 46:10



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...”

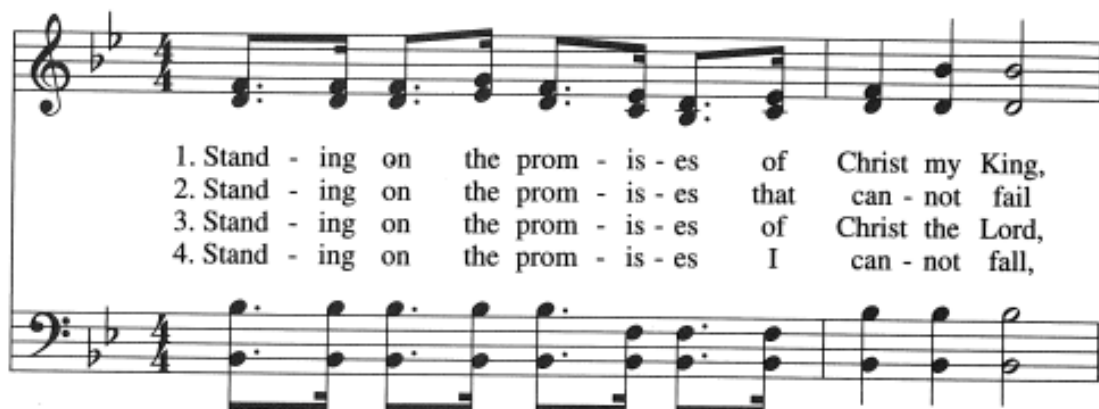


Grace Lutheran Church has served the Portland area for over 100 years by faithfully preaching and teaching the timeless truth of God’s Word. We believe that God uses the timeless message of Word and Sacraments to bring souls into his care. This is a message that we share here and around the world through our affiliation with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

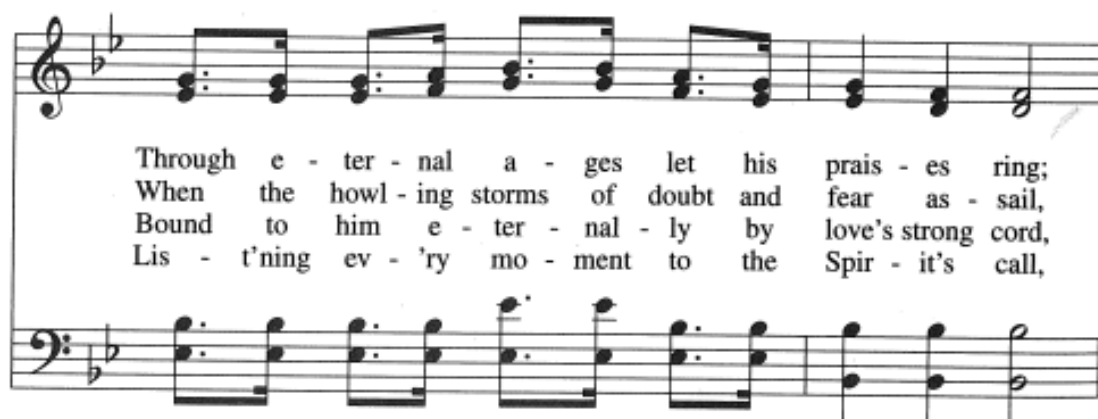
Grace ~ “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”



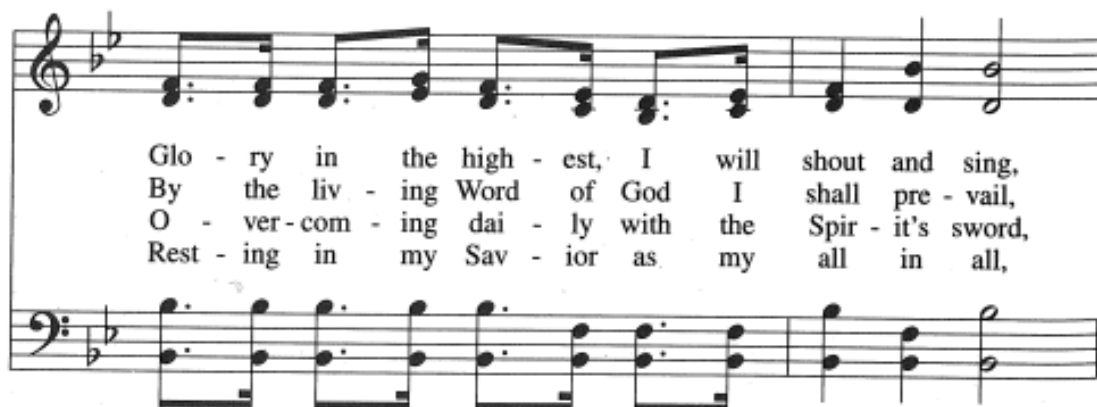
Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God’s grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. **“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen.” 2 Pt. 3:18**



1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King,
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,



Through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 When the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 Bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 Lis - t'ning ev - 'ry mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,



Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

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stand - ing, I'm
 God my Sav-ior; Stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, I'm

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

The Invocation

M: In the name of the Father

C: Who created us.

M: And of the Son

C: Who redeemed us.

M: And of the Holy Spirit.

C: Who sanctified us.

M: The Triune God

C: Amen.

The Hymn Response

CW21 Blue #575 (vs 1): **By Grace I'm Saved**

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;

My soul, believe and doubt it not.

Why waver at this word of promise?

Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?

So then this word must true remain:

By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.

The Confession of Sins

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

The Hymn Response

CW21 Blue #575 (vs 3): **By Grace I'm Saved**

By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise

When you are by your sins oppressed,

When Satan plagues your troubled conscience,

And when your heart is seeking rest.

What reason cannot comprehend

God by his grace to you did send..

The Absolution

M: 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.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

The Hymn Response

CW21 Blue #575 (vs 5): **By Grace I'm Saved**

*By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice.
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad; all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.*

The Prayer of the Day

M: Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; 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 Hymn Response

CW21 Blue #575 (vs 5): **By Grace I'm Saved**

*By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried –
By grace, despite all fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?*

The Word

The First Lesson:

Daniel 3:16-28

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

¹⁶ Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, “We have no need to answer you about this matter. ¹⁷ Since our God, whom we serve, does exist, he is able to save us from the blazing fiery furnace. So, he may save us from your hand, Your Majesty.^[g] ¹⁸ But if he does not, you should know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods, and we will not worship the golden statue that you set up.”

The Young Men Are Miraculously Saved by God

¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and the expression on his face changed against Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego. He said to heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was usually heated. ²⁰ He ordered some men, who were soldiers from his army, to bind Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego in order to throw them into the blazing fiery furnace. ²¹ So these men were bound in their coats, their pants, their turbans, and their other clothing, and they were thrown into the middle of the blazing fiery furnace. ²² Because the king’s order was urgent and the furnace was extremely hot, those men who carried Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego were killed by the intense heat of the fire. ²³ But these three men, Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who had been tied up, fell into the blazing fiery furnace.

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar was startled and immediately stood up. He said to his advisors, “Didn’t we throw three men, who had been tied up, into the middle of the fire?”

They answered the king, “Certainly, Your Majesty.”

²⁵ He said, “Look! I see four men, who are untied and walking around in the middle of the fire, unharmed. What is more, the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar approached the door of the blazing fiery furnace. He said, “Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out!” Then Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego came out from the middle of the furnace. ²⁷ The satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the royal advisors gathered together and looked at these men. The fire had no power over their bodies. Not a hair on their head was singed, their robes were not damaged, and the smell of fire had not stuck to them.

²⁸ Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who sent his angel and saved his servants, who trusted in God and ignored the king’s command. They gave up their bodies and did not pay homage or worship any god except their God.

The Psalm of the Day:

CW Red - Psalm 31

Jacob Meyer will serve as Psalm Cantor

Refrain



Psalm tone



In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;*
deliver me in your righteousness.

Be my rock of refuge,*
a strong fortress to save me.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;*
redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

Refrain

My times are in your hands;*
save me in your unfailing love.

How great is your goodness,*
which you have stored up for those who fear you.

You heard my cry for mercy*
when I called to you for help.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

The Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 4:1-10
Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. ² After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The Tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.”

⁴ But Jesus answered, “It is written:
Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.”

⁵ Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and he said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you. And they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written:
You shall not test the Lord your God.”

⁸ Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ He said to him, “I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written:
Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”

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.

The Hymn of the Day

CW21 Blue #819: **If God Himself Be for Me**

*If God himself be for me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master, Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster Can drive me from his love?*

*This I believe, yea rather, Of this I make my boast,
That God is my dear Father, My friend who loves me most,
And that, whate'er betide me, My Savior is at hand
Through stormy seas to guide me And bring me safe to land.*

*I build on this foundation: That Jesus and his blood
Alone are my salvation, My true, eternal good.
Without him all that pleases Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus Alone have priceless worth.*

*He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith.
In him I can be cheerful, Courageous on my way;
In him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.*

*No sin can now condemn me Or set my hope aside.
Now hell no more can claim me; Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me; No guilt destroys my peace,
For Christ, my Savior, loves me And shields me with his grace.*

*No danger, thirst, or hunger, No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant's anger Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder, You are my Savior true;
No fire or sword or thunder Shall sever me from you.*

*My heart for joy is springing And can no more be sad,
'Tis full of joy and singing, Sees only sunshine glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing*

The Sermon

Daniel 3:16-28

Thanksgiving

The Offering

An opportunity to give online can also be used at
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The 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

The 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.

The Hymn Response

CW21 Blue #710 (1): **Beneath the Cross**

Beneath the cross of Jesus

I find a place to stand,

And wonder at such mercy

That calls me as I am.

For hands that should discard me

Hold wounds which tell me come.

Beneath the cross of Jesus

My unworthy soul is won.

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.

The Hymn Response

CW21 Blue #710 (2): **Beneath the Cross**

***Beneath the cross of Jesus,
His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams;
Now, one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
See the children called by God.***

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.

The Hymn Response

CW21 Blue #710 (3): **Beneath the Cross**

***Beneath the cross of Jesus
The path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
We will gladly live our lives.***

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. We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy.

The Communion Blessing

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.**

The Closing Hymn

CW21 Blue #856 (1,3,5): **Built on the Rock**

***Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.***

***We are God's house of living stones,
Built for his own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of his wondrous salvation.
Were we but two his name to tell,
Yet he would deign with us to dwell
With all his grace and his favor.***

***Grant then, O God, your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ his message is bringing:
"I know my own; my own know me.
You, not the world, my face shall see.
My peace I leave with you always."***

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:



