



*"...Now go out  
where it is deeper,  
and let down your  
nets to catch  
some fish."*



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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 and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### HYMN

CW21 #523 (1): How Deep the Father's Love for Us

*How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.*

## 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.**

### HYMN

CW21 #523 (2): How Deep the Father's Love for Us

*Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.*

## 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. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

CW21 #523 (3): How Deep the Father's Love for Us

*I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.*

## Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

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 Word

### **The First Lesson:**

**Jeremiah 16:11-21**

<sup>11</sup>Then say this to them: It is because your fathers abandoned me, declares the LORD, and followed other gods. They served them, and they worshipped them. They abandoned me and did not keep my law. <sup>12</sup>But you have done more evil than your fathers. Look, each of you follows his own stubborn, evil heart, and you do not listen to me. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, I will throw you out of this land into a land neither you nor your fathers have known. There you will serve other gods day and night, and I will show you no mercy.

<sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, listen to this. The days are coming, declares the LORD, when people will no longer say, "As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the children of Israel out

from the land of Egypt.”<sup>15</sup> But they will say, “As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the children of Israel out from the land in the north and from all the lands to which he exiled them.” For I will restore them to the homeland I gave to their fathers.

<sup>16</sup> Look, I am sending for many fishermen, declares the LORD, and they will catch them. After that I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt for them on every mountain, on every high hill, and in the crevices of the rocks. <sup>17</sup> My eyes are watching everything they do. It is not hidden from me, nor is their guilt hidden from my eyes. <sup>18</sup> But first I will pay them double for their guilt and their sin, because they defiled my land with the carcasses of their disgusting idols, and they have filled my inheritance with their abominations.

<sup>19</sup> The LORD is my strength and my fortress,  
my refuge in times of trouble.  
Nations will come to you from the ends of the earth and say,  
“Our forefathers possessed only false gods,  
worthless idols, and there was nothing good in them.

<sup>20</sup> Can a man make gods for himself?

Yes, but they are not gods!”

<sup>21</sup> Therefore I will certainly teach them.

This time I will teach them my power and my strength,  
and then they will know that my name is the LORD.

### **Closing Hymn:**

CW #562 - I Love to Tell the Story

*I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story Because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.  
I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story, For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.  
I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.*

## **The Gospel Lesson:**

**Luke 5:1-11**

One time, while the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. <sup>2</sup> He saw two boats there along the lakeshore. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> Jesus got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. He sat down and began teaching the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water, and let down your nets for a catch.”

<sup>5</sup> Simon answered him, “Master, we worked hard all through the night and caught nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets were about to tear apart. <sup>7</sup> They signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord.” <sup>9</sup> For Peter and all those with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, “Have no fear. From now on you will be catching people.”

<sup>11</sup> After they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

## **The 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 of the Day

# I Cannot Help but Tell

Tune CW #54 "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Cannot Help but Tell". It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 8/4. The lyrics are as follows:

I can-not help but tell of Je-sus Christ, my  
"For you he came and lived and died up-on the  
His name and love I'll share where-e-ver God will  
Like Christ, I will not count what cost is mine to

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Lord The Spir-it moves with-in me, for-ces out the  
cross, Gave up His throne in heav'n and count-ed not the  
lead, That some will hear and feel his love and will be-  
bear. Like Paul, I need to tell, I can-not help but

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words, "Je-sus is Lord! He gave him-self for  
cost, So we have life e-ter-nal in His  
lieve. The Spir-it's fire will kin-dle in their  
share. "Lord, please use me to speak your sav-ing

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you!" "Je-sus is Lord! He gave him-self for you!"  
name! So we have life e-ter-nal in His name!"  
hearts! The Spir-it's fire will kin-dle in their hearts!  
love!" "Lord, please use me to speak your sav-ing love!"

Thanksgiving

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The Prayer of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. 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.**

**The Hymn:**

CW21 Blue #673 (1 – half verse): O Lord, We Praise You

*O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,*

*In thanksgiving bow before you.*

*Here with your body and your blood you nourish*

*Our weak souls that they may flourish.*

*O Lord, have mercy.*



## **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:** CW21 Blue #673 (2 – half verse): O Lord, We Praise You  
*Your holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to you could bind us;  
May this feast of that remind us!  
O Lord, have mercy!*

## **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:** CW21 Blue #673 (3 – half verse): O Lord, We Praise You  
*May God bestow on us his grace and favor  
To please him with our behavior  
And live together here in love and union,  
Cherishing our blest communion.  
O Lord, have mercy!*

## **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.*

### **Distribution Hymn:**

CW21 Blue #716: O Christ, Who Called the Twelve''

## **The Communion Blessing**

### **The Benediction / Closing Hymn:**

CW21 Blue #929: May the Peace of God

*May the peace of God our heav'nly Father  
And the grace of Christ the risen Son  
And the fellowship of God the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within His Love*

#### **Refrain:**

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain  
Christ eternal King of kings.*

*May this peace which passes understanding  
And this grace which makes us what we are,  
And this fellowship of his Communion  
Make us one in Spirit and in heart.*

#### **Refrain:**

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain  
Christ eternal King of kings.*



**MEMORY VERSE:**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

