



My eyes have seen
YOUR SALVATION



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Christmas 2 – January 2nd, 2022

Welcome!

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**

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+ In Nomine Jesu +

OPENING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"*

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"*

INVOCATION -

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION

- M:** Give thanks to the Lord of lords, to him who alone does great and mighty wonders! He who was not only the Word in the beginning through whom all things were made; but He is the Word who was made flesh and made his dwelling among us! Psalm 136:6 & John 1:1,14
- C:** **Christ made his dwelling among us to reconcile us to God.** 2 Corinthians 5:18
- M:** For this reason, he had to be made just like us in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God...
- C:** **and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.** Hebrews 2:17
- M:** So confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, in order that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is able to do much because it is effective. James 5:16
- C:** **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** 1 John 1:9
- M:** And God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21
- C:** **I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover up my guilt. I said, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.** Psalm 32:5

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. Psalm 103:8-9
- C:** **For God so loved the world that he sent his one and only Son that whoever believes him should not perish but have eternal life.** John 3:16
- M:** Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10

*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.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed*

*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
Than when we'd first begun.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 63:7-9

7 I will tell about the Lord's mercies, about the praises of the Lord, about all that the Lord has done for us, about his great goodness to the house of Israel, which he performed for them according to his abundant compassion, and according to his great mercy. 8 He said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely," so he became their Savior. 9 In all their anguish he felt anguish, and the Angel of his Presence saved them. In his love and in his pity he himself redeemed them, and he took them up and carried them all the days of old.

Verse of the Day

Galatians 4:4-5

Alleluia! But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons. Alleluia!

SONG

Like a Thief in the Night

(Congregation is invited to join in singing the bold print)

I know I will die – God only knows when
How, where or why – alone or with friends
The last day will come – and what will I see?
An angry judge – or a God who redeems

***Like a thief in the night – no way to know when
I breathe in and out – but breathing will end
Satan is strong – but the vict'ry's been won
Like a thief in the night – Oh come Jesus come***

It's all right to marry – to drink and to eat
Keep watching and waiting – for his beautiful feet
Many will fall in fear - but Christians will stand
We'll lift up our heads - We'll lift up our hands

It's so easy to fall – distracted by pleasure
Help me remember – your grace is my treasure
When you roll up the sky - Fire will pour
And angels don't know - The day of the lord

***Like a thief in the night – no way to know when
I breathe in and out – but breathing will end
Satan is strong – but the vict'ry's been won
Like a thief in the night - Our Death Conqueror will come!***

***Like a thief in the night - My Deliverer will come!
Like a thief in the night – Oh come, Jesus come!***

After eight days passed, when the child was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. ²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. ²³ (As it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male will be called holy to the Lord.”) ²⁴ And they came to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, waiting for the comfort of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary according to the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him into his arms and praised God. He said, ²⁹ Lord, you now dismiss your servant in peace, according to your word, ³⁰ because my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared before the face of all people, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel. ³³ Joseph and the child’s mother were amazed at the things that were spoken about him.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel (1-2,4)

*Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!*

*Oh, come, O Root of Jesse, free
Your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save,
And bring them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel! Oh, come,*

*Oh, come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!*

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.

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SONG

Good Morning Father

Good morning Father
Thank you for this day
And thanks for loving me
And for the morning sunlight on my face

Good morning Father
I'm on my way again
As I walk through this world
May I walk the narrow path until it ends

And hold a place in heaven for me
Show me how to do the things you put in front of me

May I be kind and loving
In all I do and say
Save me from my sins
Restore the joy within
Oh let me be like him... for today

Thank you for Jesus I'm
Clinging to the cross again
Save me from my sins
Renew the Spirit within
Oh let me be like him ... for today

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

(All responses are spoken)

M: Heavenly Father, to whom glory is sung in the highest and peace is proclaimed to people on earth, give to Your Holy Church the peace of sins forgiven and Your continued favor and merciful good will.

C: **Joy, oh, joy beyond all gladness, Christ has done away with sadness! Hence all sorrow and repining, for the Sun of grace is shining!**

M: On Christmas night You sent the angels to preach the good news of Jesus' birth. Give to all pastors of our Church courage to lead us boldly to the Christ Child. Fill us with joy that we may each make known abroad the glad tidings concerning this Child, that more may be given faith to confess Him as Lord.

C: **Repeat the hymn again: To God on high be glory and peace on earth to men!**

M: Bless our country, all its citizens, and all who are in authority over us. Cause Your glory to dwell among us, and let mercy, truth, and justice prevail everywhere, that throughout our land people may come to know the Prince of Peace.

C: **Hail, the heavenly Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!**

M: Merciful God, we thank You for the joys of family and friends this season, together with the abundance of Your blessings. Open our hearts and homes to the lonely and destitute that we may be Your instruments of love and charity.

C: **To thee my heart I offer, O Christ-child sweet and dear.
Thy love for me, a stranger – Oh, be thou ever near!**

M: Remember, we pray, the homeless, hungry, and oppressed, and give them hope. Protect the lonely and homebound of our parish. Grant peace and healing to the sick and suffering and those in the hospital. Guide the journeys of those who travel. Comfort those who mourn. Create a new and contrite heart in the erring and faith in those who have not heard the good news.

C: **Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and everywhere!
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!**

M: Lord God, make a manger in the hearts of all who come to the altar that they may treasure up and ponder the marvelous gifts of salvation You give there through the very body and blood of the Lord Jesus.

C: **Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, made clean and new, A quiet chamber kept for you.**

M: In the birth of Your Son, O God, who have clothed us with eternal life. We remember with thanksgiving all those who have died in the faith. Unite our voices with theirs that we may join the heavenly song of angels.

C: **Gloria! In excelsis Deo! Gloria! In excelsis Deo!**

M: For all these things and whatever else You would have us ask, we implore You to hear us gracious Father, through Jesus Christ our Savior, whom together with the Holy Spirit we praise, one God, now and forever.

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, They 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 BLESSING:

M: May he who by his incarnation gathered things earthly and heavenly into one, fill us with such joy that comes with the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. And the blessing of God Almighty — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG:

Because My Father Loves Me

(congregation sings bold print)

My Father made the universe **because my Father loves me**
He created all the stars and moon **because my Father loves me**
There's a room for me in heaven
I'm surely in his heart
And some day he'll take me home **because my Father loves me**

God three in one

Father, Spirit, Son

All one God

He loves me, he loves me

My Jesus died to save me **because my Jesus loves me**
He kept the law perfectly **because my Jesus loves me**
He fought to the death with Satan
He won the victory
Then he rose from the dead **because my Jesus loves me**

**God three in one
Father, Spirit, Son
All one God
He loves me, he loves me**

The Spirit wrote the Bible **because the Spirit loves me.**
He told Moses what to say **because the Spirit loves me.**
He told Paul what to write
And every word is true.
He helps me to believe it **because the Spirit loves me.**

**God three in one
Father, Spirit, Son
All one God
He loves me, he loves me**

(end) **All one God and
He loves me, he loves me**

Chris Driesbach, a short biography

I'm a member of Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Madison, Alabama and during the last thirteen years I've been on many musical tours, playing for worship and concerts at over 775 WELS and ELS churches in 41 states from Fairbanks, Alaska to Cape Coral, Florida. My songs are all original Christian music and I love to tell the story of the Spirit's powerful work in my stubborn and unbelieving heart.

I played music professionally for 30 years on the west coast. I was an atheist until age 33, and after that sort of a new-age spiritualist. 9 years later I became a Lutheran and a Christian at the same time in 1995. Faith Lutheran Church and Pastor James Oldfield in Anchorage, Alaska were my first church and pastor. We went through a 22-week Bible study course together. Pastor Oldfield read to me out of the Bible when I asked him all of the hardest questions I could think of and after 6 weeks of his class I was given the gift of faith by the Spirit working through God's Word. My life completely changed, of course!

I've been writing Christian songs for the last 14 years, including a song about my personal experience with hurricane Katrina. I have Christian CDs available: "Lifted" in 2006 and 2007, "Feed Your Faith" in 2008, "On the Road for Jesus," a compilation of two earlier recordings, "One Cross, Three Nails" done in July 2012, "Jesus Wins!" December 2016 and my new one "Hymns With Friends" finished September 2018.

I have a deep desire to go sing my songs and tell the happy story about Jesus and meet and worship with my brothers and sisters around the USA. This thing God is letting me do is a dream come true for me! You contact me at 504-352-2044 or hichrisd@gmail.com or www.chrisdriesbach.com or Chris Driesbach, 304 S Jones Blvd #4195, Las Vegas NV 89107

Worship Notes

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Songs We Sang

The Scripture Text Was: _____

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

