

THE LORD

IS MY

Shepherd

HIS GOODNESS

AND MERCY

FOLLOW ME.





Grace
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

THE LESSON:

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -
 (2 Oh, how) good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -
 (3 Oh, how) good it is to em - brace his com - mand to pre -

geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the
 joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the
 fer one an - oth - er, for - give as he for - gives. When we

bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the
 weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace when we
 live as one we all share in the love of the

fruits of his pres - ence here a - mong us.
 of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing. So
 Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

Refrain

with one voice we'll sing to the Lord, and

with one heart we'll live out his

word, till the whole earth sees the Re-deem-er has

come, for he dwells in the pres-ence of his peo

ple. 2 Oh, how 3 Oh, how ple.

THE INVOCATION

- M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- M:** “Fellow believers, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him... Therefore, be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” Acts 2:22-24,36
- C:** **“What shall I do?” For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake!**
- M:** “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins... The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” Acts 2:38-39

ABSOLUTION

- M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** **God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.** John 1:5-7

HYMN:

“Make Me A Servant”

LAPPY #202 (Sung 3 times – Men, Women, ALL)

Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek;

Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:

Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,

Make me a ser - vant to - day.

CONFIRMAND'S EXAMINATION

ISAIAH 43:1-4

But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior... ⁴You are precious and honored in my sight, and I love you.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us”
CW21 566 (1-5) CWS #753 (6)

*Father, God of grace, you knew us, Chose us, named us as your own,
Through eternal ages planning To redeem us in your Son.
Praise the Father, God who loved us Ere creation was begun!*

*We, your creatures, sinned against you, And our guilt was crimson red.
Son of God, you came incarnate, Crushed the crafty serpent's head,
Died our death, now live triumphant: Praise the firstborn from the dead!*

*Counselor, you bring as promised From the Father and the Son
Righteousness fulfilled, accomplished, Free forgiveness, heaven won.
Praise the Spirit! He assures us Our salvation's work is done!*

*Lord, your changeless Word has fed us, Spanning time, transcending space.
Water, bread, and wine sustained us When the darkness hid your face.
Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd, By your saving means of grace!*

*Forward lead us; Christ, we follow, Drawn by Word and promise true:
“To all nations preach the gospel; I am evermore with you.”
Keep us faithful! Then, Lord Jesus, Quickly come! Make all things new!*

*Praise the Father, great Creator. Praise the Son, who took our place.
Praise the Spirit, Sanctifier, God of free and faithful grace!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.*

THE SERMON

PSALM 23:1,6

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

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Offertory Music: “Go My Children”



THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

M: Our Lord Jesus said to his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You can now exercise the privilege of partaking of Holy Communion. Today you are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and answer these questions:

M: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

R: **I do.**

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

R: **I do.**

M: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

R: **I do.**

M: Let us all join in confessing our Christian faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: **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.

M: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

R: **I do.**

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

R: I do.

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R: I do, and I ask God to help me.

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word; to be faithful in the use of the Word and Sacrament; and in faith and action remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as long as you live?

R: I do, and I ask God to help me.

M: Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

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.

GLS K-4

“Go Light Your World”

THE CONFIRMATION BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, what we as a Christian congregation have here asked our heavenly Father to confer on all you, we now ask him to give each of you individually. Give now your hand as a pledge of your promise and kneel to receive the blessing.

MATTHEW ALLEN MCGAUVAN
ASHER KENNETH TANNER
BRAYDEN WAYNE TANNER
AIDEN ANDREW MASCARO

M: Your church now invites you to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's table a precious privilege given you by God through his church; receive this sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

GRACE CHOIR:

“Go Now, In Peace”

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 Distribution

The Confirmands will receive the Lord’s Supper as a class.

The congregation will receive the Lord’s Supper during the singing of the distribution hymns.

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord’s Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION SONGS

Holy Spirit, Living Breath Of God

Keith & Kristin Getty, Stuart Townend

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In My Father's Kingdom

Fernando Ortega

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THE BLESSING & BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING PRAYER

Words / Music by Don Besig

Sung by Jacob Meyer



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