

# COME UNTO ME



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Son will

28. Come  
labour and  
and I will give you rest,

29 Take my yoke upon you,  
and learn of me; for I am meek  
and lowly in heart: and ye shall  
find rest unto your souls

30 For my yoke is easy



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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:  CWRed 391 (1):  
*God loved the world so that he gave  
His only Son the lost to save  
That all who would in him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.*


## Confession

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us. “To be sure, out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual sins, thefts, false testimonies, and blasphemies. These are the things that defile a person.”

Matthew 15:19-20

C: **What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning so that grace may increase? Absolutely not! We died to sin. How can we go on living in it any longer? Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life.**


Romans 6:1-4

C:  CWRed 391 (3):  
*God would not have the sinner die  
His Son with saving grace is nigh.  
His Spirit in the Word does teach  
How we the blessed goal may reach.*

## Absolution

M: We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin. For the person who has died has been declared free from sin. And since we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. For the death he died, he died to sin once and for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way also consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 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.

Romans 6:6-11

C:  CWRed 391 (4):  
**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives the sins that you have done.  
You're justified by Jesus' blood;  
Baptized, you are a child of God.**

### Prayer & Praise

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

M: For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.** (*spoken*)

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you so they too may one day live in heaven with you, hear our prayer, O Christ.


C: **Christ, have mercy.** (*spoken*)

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.** (*spoken*)

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.**

C:  CWRed 391 (6):  
**Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!**

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:27-31

<sup>27</sup> Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God”?  
<sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.  
<sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.  
<sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;  
<sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

HYMN CWRed #440 (1)

On Eagle's Wings

***You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in his shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My rock in whom I trust!"  
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.***

### THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 5:6-11

<sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up  
at the appointed time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Have  
sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion,  
looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that  
the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.  
<sup>10</sup> After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his  
eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support  
you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the glory and<sup>[d]</sup> the power forever and ever. Amen.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 11:28-30

Alleluia! “Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”  
Alleluia!

***Snares of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under his wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.  
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.***

**GOSPEL**

Mark 1:29-39

<sup>29</sup> They left the synagogue and went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed, sick with a fever. Without delay they told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup> He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup> That evening, when the sun had set, the people kept bringing to him all who were sick and demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup> The whole town gathered at the door. <sup>34</sup> He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus got up early in the morning, while it was still dark, and went out. He withdrew to a solitary place and was praying there. <sup>36</sup> Simon and his companions searched for him, <sup>37</sup> and, when they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you!" <sup>38</sup> He told them, "Let's go somewhere else, to the neighboring villages, so that I can preach there too. In fact, that is why I have come." <sup>39</sup> Then he went throughout the whole region of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

**HYMN** CWRed #440 (3)

On Eagle's Wings

***For to his angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.***

## 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 CWRed #338

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down Your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, Weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give,  
The living water, thirsty one; Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in him.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto me; your morn shall rise And all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav'ling days are done.*

## SERMON

Matthew 11:28-30

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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**

### BLESSING

**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.**

### OPENING HYMN:

CW Red#411 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

***What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!***

***Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged --Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness --Take it to the Lord in prayer.***

***Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge --Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.***