

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL
YOUR HEART, AND DO NOT LEAN
ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING.
IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE

HIM, AND HE WILL
make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5,6



GRADUATION



A Family of Ministries For Christian
Worship, Education and Care

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Serving the Portland Area
With the Means of Grace
As a family of believers
For almost 110 years...

As a Church
As a School
As a Preschool
As a Mission
As a Ministry
As a Family of Ministries



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Welcome! Graduation – June 1, 2021

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 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. 3:1**

HYMN:

His Mercy Is More

Together For Gospel Live

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Verse 1:

**What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more**

Verse 2:

**What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more**

Chorus:

**Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
New every morn'
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more**

Verse 3:

**What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more**

Chorus x2:

**Praise the Lord
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Invocation & Opening Prayer

- M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Today we gather to lift up our 8th grade graduates in prayer.
- M: We praise you that you enabled them to successfully complete their course of study at Grace Lutheran School. Lord, from your hand we are willing to accept the joys and the sorrows of life. Keep them from sin, comfort them with your Word, and bless their service to you. You have promised to be with them. Watch over their lives, both now and forevermore. Keep them faithful to your Word, that they may continue to grow in wisdom, righteousness, and holiness. Gracious Lord, continue to bless Grace Lutheran School with pastors and teachers who recognize Jesus Christ as wisdom's highest and noblest treasure, and with students and families who are committed to growing in faith together in Christian education. Help us all to use our talents and energies in joyful service to you. Lord God, watch over the lives of all your people. Dispel our fears, strengthen us in our weakness, and finally bring us all to everlasting glory through the merits of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

OUR THANKSGIVING

Psalms 103 and 145

- M: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
- C: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever.**
- M: He forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases; he redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.
- C: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**
- M: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- C: The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.**

- M: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him.
- C: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**
- M: Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the Lord, O my soul.
- C: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever.**

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.

SONG

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

Selah

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*What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
 There is no more for Heaven now to give
 He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
 My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace*

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
 For my life is wholly bound to His
 Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "all is mine"
 Yet not I but through Christ in me*

*The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need His power is displayed*

*To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

*No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave*

*To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing "I am free"
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

*With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne*

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

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CLASS VERSE

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

GRADUATION DEVOTION:

Pastor Thad Bitter

SONG

Go Forth

K-4 Grades

GRADUATION ADDRESS:

Mr. Justin Eternick, Principal

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

CLASS FLOWER - *White Rose* CLASS COLORS - *White and Beige*

- Zachery Austin Boyer-Finn
- Janelle Ellie Chepelevich
- Alfredo Daniel Delgado
- David S. Kosmyna
- Joseph Philip Postevka
- Deanna Emily Proskurnya
- Rebekah Hanna Puha
- Elsie Victoria Sorokina
- Evelina Anatoliyevna Striletskaya
- Noah Robert Tanner
- Ganpin Zhang

CLASS SONG

In Christ Alone

5-8 Grades

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.

HYMN:

Facing A Task Unfinished

Keith & Kristin Getty

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*Facing a task unfinished, That drives us to our knees
A need that, undiminished - Rebukes our slothful ease
We, who rejoice to know Thee, Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee, To go and make Thee known*

*Where other lords beside Thee, Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee, Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying- For life, and love, and light
Unnumbered souls are dying, And pass into the night*

*We go to all the world - With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save, But Jesus Christ The Lord*

*We bear the torch that flaming, Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming, That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission, The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition, To Thee we yield our powers.*

*We go to all the world - With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save, But Jesus Christ The Lord*

*O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired
Saviour, whose love constrained them, To toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us, From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us - To labour for Thy sake*

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