

A close-up, high-contrast photograph of a person's face, focusing on the right eye which is a striking, vibrant blue. The skin is textured and appears to have some redness or irritation, particularly around the eye and on the cheek. The lighting is dramatic, with deep shadows and bright highlights.

YOUR SINS HAVE
BEEN **FORGIVEN.**

Go.
AND SIN
NO MORE.

Zeal for **YOUR HOUSE**
will **CONSUME** me.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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Welcome!

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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.”** II Peter 3:1

HYMN:

Trisagion

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M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

Hymn: CW#226 (1,4) "To Your Temple I Draw Near"

To your temple I draw near;

Lord, I love to worship here.

Here are sacrament and Word;

Here believers meet their Lord.

While the prayers of saints ascend,

God of love, to mine attend.

Hear me, for your Spirit pleads;

Hear, for Jesus intercedes.

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

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.**

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 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.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn:

CW#226 (3,2) "To Your Temple I Draw Near"

**While your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear you speaking from the sky.**

**I through Christ am reconciled;
I through Christ become your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In your courts to seek your face.**

HOLY BAPTISM

Martin Luther said that confessing sins and receiving forgiveness is nothing else than a reliving of Baptism.
Thus this order provides opportunity not only to baptize but also to recall the lasting blessings of
Baptism... forgiveness of sins, new life and salvation

The Rite of Holy Baptism continues at the font.

M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought these children to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in Baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

Magnolia Rae Leitzke receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

M: Let us pray: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism. Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on *Magnolia*. Through this water of Baptism, drown in *her* all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil *she* may do. Set *her* apart from the unbelieving world and hold *her* safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep *her* always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that *she* may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

M: *Magnolia Rae Leitzke* - I baptize you...

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

M: The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

EXHORTATION TO PARENTS, SPONSORS, AND CONGREGATION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us and continue to grow in faith. I therefore ask you: Do you sincerely intend to continue to bring up *Magnolia* in the way of the Lord and to instruct *her* in the truths of God’s saving Word so that *she* may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in *her* baptismal grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

R/C: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

BAPTISMAL CANDLE

M: Jesus said: *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”* Light these candles again and again in years to come on anniversaries of this day, and recall what God has done for *Magnolia* through the gift of his Son and through Baptism which unites *her* with Jesus in his death to sin and resurrection to new life.

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord † Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in you by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings. Go in peace.

Hymn:

CW#226 (6,7) “To Your Temple I Draw Near”

*While your glorious praise is sung,
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue,
That my joyful soul may bless
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.*

*From your house, when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
“I have walked with God today.”*

Prayer of the Day

M: Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; 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:

Isaiah 40:1-9

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call out to her.

Her warfare really is over. Her guilt is fully paid for.

Yes, she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice is calling out in the wilderness, "prepare the way for the LORD!"

In the wasteland make a level highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley will be raised up,
and every mountain and hill will be made low.

The rugged ground will become level,
and the rough places will become a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
and all flesh together will see it.

Yes, the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

⁶ A voice was saying, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry out?"

All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like a wildflower in the countryside.

⁷ Grass withers, flowers fade,
when the breath of the LORD blows on them.

Yes, the people are grass.

⁸ Grass withers, flowers fade,
but the Word of our God endures forever.

⁹ Get up on a high mountain,
O Zion, you herald of good news.

Lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, you herald of good news.

Lift it up! Do not be afraid!

Say to the cities of Judah,

"Here is your God!"

Hymn: CWS #709 (1) : *Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert*
**Christ, your footprints through the desert,
led to Jordan's flowing stream.
There you heard the herald crying,
Israel's old prophetic dream:
"He is coming! He is coming!
He will cleanse the earth with flame!
Sinners, plunge beneath the waters!
Wash away your guilt and shame!"**

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
²² Yes, Jews ask for signs, Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified— which is offensive to Jews and foolishness to Greeks, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ We preach Christ crucified, because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Verse of the Day Mark 16:15-16
¹⁵ He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Hymn: CWS #709 (4) : *Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert*
**God, in Baptism you have made us,
one with Christ, our risen Lord;
Freed us, claimed us, cleansed, forgiven;
through the water and the Word.
Help us hear your urgent summons,
calling us to serve you now.
Send us forth, your sons and daughters,
with the cross upon our brow.**

The Gospel Lesson:

John 1:1-5; 9-14

¹³ The Jewish Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and money changers sitting at tables. ¹⁵ He made a whip of cords and drove everyone out of the temple courts, along with the sheep and oxen. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those selling doves he said, “Get these things out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a place of business!”

¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸ So the Jews responded, “What sign are you going to show us to prove you can do these things?”

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again.”

²⁰ The Jews said, “It took forty-six years to build this temple! And you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But Jesus was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this. Then they believed the Scripture and what Jesus had said.

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.

Hymn of the Day

CW #183 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

*Holy Spirit, Light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the gloom of night away;
Turn the darkness into day.*

*Holy Spirit, Love divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In your mercy pity me;
From sin's bondage set me free.*

*Holy Spirit, Joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Fill me with your heav'nly peace;
Let it grow and still increase.*

*Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne;
Reign supreme and reign alone.*

*See, to you I give my heart;
Cleanse my life in ev'ry part;
Your own temple I would be
Now and for eternity.*

Sermon

John 2:13-22

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The Offering

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The Prayer of the Church / The Lord's Prayer

- M: O God, through Jesus' sacrifice and triumphant resurrection you have restored us as your forgiven children. In his name we pray:
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven,**
- M: Dear Lord, with these words you tenderly invite us to believe that you are our true Father and that we may pray to you boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father.
- C: Hallowed be thy name.**
- M: Help us to know you through your inspired Word and to live by it as children in your family.
- C: Thy kingdom come.**
- M: Give us your Holy Spirit to rule in our hearts, and use us to extend your kingdom of grace to others.
- C: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**
- M: Make us zealous to carry out your will as gladly as the angels do, and to conform our will to yours.
- C: Give us this day our daily bread.**
- M: Merciful Lord, since you are the provider of all things necessary for our bodies; fill us with trust.
- C: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**
- M: Continue to erase our sins, and help us gladly to forgive and to do good to those who wrong us.
- C: And lead us not into temptation.**
- M: We know the devil seeks to destroy our souls and the world lures us to ruin by appealing to the desires of our flesh. Guard us from the poison of misbelief and the trap of unrepented sin.
- C: But deliver us from evil.**
- M: *(Include any special prayer requests)* Keep safe our bodies and souls, our property and honor, and above all send the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith in Christ which leads to life everlasting.
- C: For thine is the kingdom,**
- M: For all these petitions we look to you as King of Kings and Lord of your church.
- C: and the power,**
- M: You alone hold the power to grant our requests.
- C: and the glory forever and ever.**
- M: We worship you from whom all blessings flow and relying on Jesus, who paid for all our sins and made us acceptable in your sight, we pray with confidence:
- C: Amen. It shall be so.**

The Benediction

Aaron's Blessing

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May the Lord bless you and keep you.

C: May the Lord bless you and keep you

May the Lord make His Face to shine on you.

C: May the Lord make His Face to shine on you.

And be Gracious to you.

C: And be Gracious to you.

May the Lord lift His Countenance on you.

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May He keep you in Perfect Peace.

C: May He keep you in Perfect Peace.

Worship Notes

Name _____

Date _____

for kids

Songs We Sang



The Scripture Text Was: _____

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

