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## Grace ~ "? 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

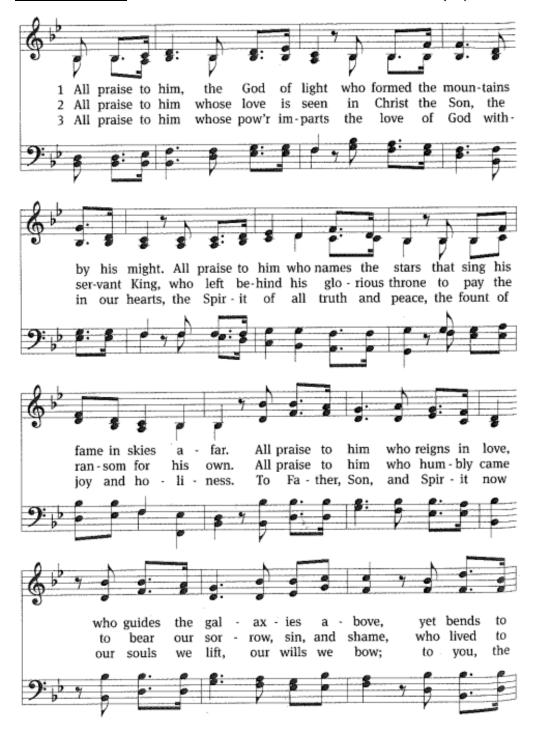
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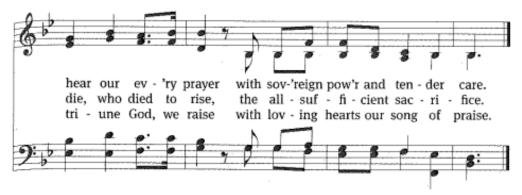
# Grace ~ "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...."



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 **OPENING HYMN** 

CW21 #600 (1-2): All Praise to Him





#### **INVOCATION**

- M: To the church of God, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 1: 2-3)
- C: And also with you.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, "sinful from the time my mother conceived me". In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. "Yet while we were still sinners and enemies of God Christ died for us." But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt. (Psalm 51:5; Romans 5)

#### ABSOLUTION

- M: "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool" God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. (Isaiah 1:18).
- C: Amen.

<u>Hymn</u>

CW21 #600 (3): All Praise to Him

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

## THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I see a king for myself among his sons."

<sup>2</sup> Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for me the person that I point out to you."

<sup>4</sup> So Samuel did what the LORD had told him to do and went to Bethlehem. Trembling with fear, the elders of the city came to meet him. They said, "Do you come in peace?"

<sup>5</sup> He said, "Yes, in peace. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." He consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they had come, he looked at Eliab and said, "Certainly this is the LORD's anointed."

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at how tall he is, because I have rejected him. For the LORD does not look at things the way man does. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either."

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either."

<sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse,

"The LORD has not chosen any of these." "Samuel said to Jesse, "Is that all of the young men?"

Jesse said, "There still is the youngest, but he is tending the sheep."

Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him, for we cannot sit down to eat until he comes." <sup>12</sup> He sent for him and brought him in. David had red hair and striking eyes, and was good-looking. The LORD said, "Get up! Anoint him, because this is the one." <sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers. The Spirit of the LORD rushed on David with power from that day forward. After that Samuel set out and returned to Ramah.

## HYMN:

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free, To take away transgression, And rule in equity.

Kings shall bow down before him - And gold and incense bring; All nations shall adore him; His praise all people sing. To him shall prayer unceasing - And daily vows ascend, His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.

### SECOND LESSON

<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward mankind appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia! "Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! Alleluia!

## HYMN:

## CW #377 (1,3-4): To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

To Jordan's river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored, The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.

As Jesus in the Jordan stood, And John baptized the Lamb of God, The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on him from above.

Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound, Came God's own voice with words profound: "This is my Son," was his decree, "The one I love, who pleases me."

## CW #384 (1,3): Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Titus 3:4-7

John 1:29

#### **GOSPEL LESSON**

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might be the Christ. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." <sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. While he was praying, heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you."<sup>23</sup> Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry.

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

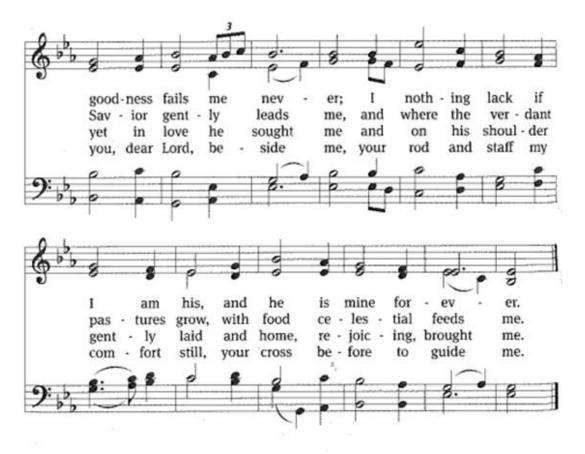
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand 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:

CW #552: The King of Love My Shepherd Is





- 5 You spread a table in my sight, a banquet here bestowing; your oil of welcome, my delight; my cup is overflowing!
- 6 And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never; Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever!

#### **SERMON**

#### THANKSGIVING

#### **OFFERING**

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

#### 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 on you with favor and give you peace.
- C: Amen.

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

CW #380: Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



