



The Lord looks at the  
heart

1 Samuel 16:7

# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Welcome! Epiphany 3, January 24, 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**

## Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### HYMN RESPONSE

CW #370 (1): All Hail the Power of Jesus Name



***All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown him Lord of all.***

## Confession

M: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. (*Psalm 139:1*)

**C: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**  
(*Psalm 139:2*)

M: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. (*Psalm 139:3*)

**C: Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.** (*Psalm 139:4*)

M: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. (*Psalm 139:5-6*)

**C: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?**  
(*Psalm 139:7*)

M: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. (*Psalm 139:8*)

**C: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.**  
(*Psalm 139:24*)

M: See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.  
(*Psalm 139:24*)

### HYMN RESPONSE

CW #370 (3): All Hail the Power of Jesus Name



***Sinners whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet  
And crown him Lord of all.***

## Absolution

- M: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.  
(*Psalm 103:8*)
- C: **He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;** (*Psalm 103:9*)
- M: he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. (*Psalm 103:10*)
- C: **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.** (*Psalm 103:11-12*)
- M: **God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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. Amen.**

## HYMN RESPONSE

CW #370 (2): All Hail the Power of Jesus Name



*Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,  
Whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, Man divine,  
And crown him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, Man divine,  
And crown him Lord of all.*

## Prayer & Praise

- M: In peace, let us pray for the well-being of all people, 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 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 Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Refrain*

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion. The Lord is the strong-hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?

**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.” <sup>11</sup> 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<sup>[a]</sup> 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 RESPONSE

Refrain CWS #767

*Refrain*

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strong-hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my  
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## SECOND LESSON

Acts 13:1-5

Now in the church at Antioch there were some prophets and teachers: Barnabas; Simeon, who was called Niger; Lucius of Cyrene; Manaen, who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch; and Saul. <sup>2</sup>While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” <sup>3</sup>Then, after they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them off.

<sup>4</sup>So they were sent out by the Holy Spirit and went down to Seleucia. From there they sailed to Cyprus. <sup>5</sup>When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. They also had John as their assistant.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

1 John 2:20

Alleluia! “You have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.”  
Alleluia!

## HYMN RESPONSE

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## THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

<sup>14</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through all the surrounding area. <sup>15</sup> He was teaching in their synagogues and being honored by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As was his custom, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he anointed me to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

<sup>20</sup> He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began to tell them, "Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

## HYMN:

CW #93: Hail To The Lord's Anointed

***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.***

***He comes with rescue speedy, To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong,  
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Are precious in his sight.***

***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.***

***O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never, His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever --That name to us is Love.***



**HYMN:**

**“Take My Life And Let It Be”**

Brian Doerksen

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**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.

**THANKSGIVING**

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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

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**PREFACE**

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

### **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting. Amen.

### **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**

*Thank you for honoring our practice of "close" communion. The Bible teaches that participating in the Lord's Supper is an expression of complete unity 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 BENEDICTION**

*The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over god's people for over 3500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on them, and I will bless them". – Numbers 6:24-26*

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.**

**CLOSING HYMN:**

CW #275: Blest Be The God Of Israel

*Blest be the God of Israel,  
Who comes to set us free;  
He visits and redeems us;  
He grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy,  
Of freedom and release;  
God shall fulfill his promise  
And bring his people peace.*

*He from the house of David  
A child of grace has giv'n;  
A Savior comes among us  
To raise us up to heav'n.  
Before him goes his herald,  
Forerunner in the way,  
The prophet of salvation,  
The harbinger of day.*

*On prisoners of darkness  
The sun begins to rise,  
The dawning of forgiveness  
Upon the sinner's eyes.  
He guides the feet of pilgrims  
Along the paths of peace.  
Oh, bless our God and Savior  
With songs that never cease!*

# Worship Notes

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## for kids

### Songs We Sang



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The Scripture Text Was: \_\_\_\_\_

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

