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shall follow me all the
days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD for ever.*

PSALM 23:6



Grace
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 & PRAYER

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn for Michael, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought him to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word, and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

HYMN CW Red #440

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.*

*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.*

*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.*

RESURRECTION COMFORT

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!
C: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
M: When Christ, who is our life, appears,
C: Then we also will appear with him in glory.

M: We will be before the throne of God
C: **And serve him day and night in his temple.**
M: Never again will we hunger;
C: **Never again will we thirst**
M: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd. He will lead us to
springs of living water,
C: **And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

THE LIFETIME OF MICHAEL GODISH

THE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

HYMN

CW Blue #850: It Is Well with My Soul

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) It is well, it is well with my soul.*

***And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall re sound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) It is well, it is well with my soul.***

THE DEVOTION

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

³ He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; For You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

THE 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.

THE PRAYER

M: Almighty God, we praise you for the great company of saints who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. We remember especially our loved one, Michael, whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear child through holy baptism. We thank you for giving him to us as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. We praise you for your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life.

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 BLESSING

HYMN:

CW #588 "Abide with Me"

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me!*

*I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!*

*I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!*



Michael Godish was a lot of things to a lot of people. A loving, devoted husband, a hands-on, ever-present father, an uncle that often was more of a father, a spectacular Opa to Hali, Lily, and Willow, a cherished son and brother, and a loyal, spontaneous friend. While he was all these things, what he was consistently, to everyone, was kind. Michael was always willing to do anything he could to help others. He went over and above to be there, to lend a hand, extend an

encouraging word; or maybe even show the right way to do something, as he was masterful in so much.

When Adam was one-year-old, he wandered into Michael's apartment. Michael scooped him up and politely asked Tammy "is this little guy yours?" In that moment, Michael knew he had met the love of his life and felt he was home.

A notable memory of Michael's gentle charm was a time when he offered to fix Tammy's sink. While he worked, they made conversation. Tammy proceeded to thank him for his help, to which he looked over at her and said "I'd do it forever if you'd let me".

With two more years of pursuit, patience, and kindness, Tammy couldn't help but fall in love. Three months later they were joined together in holy marriage knowing fully that they had been made for each other by God. It was a grand love affair.

Michael was handcrafted to be a dad by God. From the moment he met Adam, he became the father he was destined to be. They were in love and content with their family of three. Against the determination of the doctors that they wouldn't be able to have children of their own, God blessed them with their daughter Calista (on their honeymoon, no less!). And two years later, God blessed them with their youngest son Hunter.

Michael was loving, patient, consistent, reliable, and fearlessly protective of his children. Michael's true love was his family. He loved spending time with them, regardless of what they were doing. While he left much too soon, he left his

children with the knowledge that they are children of God and that the true meaning of family is faith, love, and kindness. They had a father that loved them beyond measure.

Michael and Tammy shared a deep faith in Christ. Their passions were family, friendships, and adventure. Some of their treasured adventures were seeing the Northern Lights in Iceland, eating incredible food in Italy, hiking in Alaska, swimming the blue waters of Tulum, walking the isles of Scotland, and so many more. While hand-in-hand across the world, Michael was most at peace while Tammy was by his side.

Music was in Michael's blood. It was one of his many gifts. He was an incredibly talented drummer who used his gift to bless the Lord, family and friends. While Tammy hired a professional three-piece jazz band for Michael's 60th birthday the band's music was lacking that "something" Michael joined them for a few songs and true harmony was created. He provided just the right energy, and his joy was palpable.

Michael had a true attention to detail and was very methodical. If you asked Michael to do something you could count on it being done well. He was a true asset to the pump industry as a whole. Michael was creative, inventive, and had incredible work ethic. He was a man of integrity and honor.

If Michael were here today, he would tell you to love your God well, to show unconditional love to your families, to live large, to enjoy the peace of small things, to delight in the big things, and always put your family first. Love them fearlessly and always be kind.

From the first kiss in the apartment swimming pool to the last kiss on Wednesday morning, Tammy and Michael shared 9855 days of love, family, and laughter, proving that God is good and Michael has made it to his heavenly home. We rest in knowing we are one day closer to seeing him again.

“Blessed are you... rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven!”

Matthew 5:12