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MERCIES ARE NEW  
EVERY MORNING

Great is thy  
faithfulness

LAMENTATIONS 3:23



# 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**

## Opening Hymn

CW21 #602 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is Thy faithfulness!*

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above;  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.*

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## Invocation

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

**C:** Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**M:** Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

## Confession of Sins

**C/M:** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,  
And to you, my brothers and sisters,  
That I have sinned in thought, word, and deed  
By my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault;  
Wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,  
Forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

### Hymn

CW21 #- 579 (1) His Mercy Is More

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

## Absolution of Sins

**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.

## Prayer of the Day

**M:** Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; 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:

Lamentations 3:14-26

<sup>14</sup> I was a laughingstock to all my people, the target of their song all day long.  
<sup>15</sup> He has made me eat bitter food and drink my fill of wormwood. <sup>16</sup> He broke my teeth with gravel. He pushed me down into the ashes. <sup>17</sup> You deprived my soul of peace. I have forgotten what well-being is. <sup>18</sup> I said, "My endurance has vanished, along with my hope from the LORD." <sup>19</sup> Remember my affliction and my homeless

wandering, the wormwood and bitterness. <sup>20</sup> My soul always remembers, and it has sunk within me. <sup>21</sup> Nevertheless, I keep this in my heart. This is the reason I have hope: <sup>22</sup> By the mercies of the LORD we are not consumed, for his compassions do not fail. <sup>23</sup> Your mercies are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> My soul says, “The LORD is my portion. Therefore, I will hope in him.” <sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. <sup>26</sup> It is good to hope quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

### **Hymn**

CW21 #579 (2) - His Mercy Is More

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

### **The Second Lesson:**

Hebrews 10:1-7,10

In fact, the law is only a shadow of the good things to come, not the actual realization of those things. It will never be able to make perfect those who continually offer the same sacrifices year after year. <sup>2</sup> If it could do this, would they not have stopped bringing sacrifices, because the worshippers, once they were cleansed, would no longer have a bad conscience about sins? <sup>3</sup> Instead, these sacrifices reminded them of their sins year after year. <sup>4</sup> The fact is that the blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sins. <sup>5</sup> Therefore when he entered the world, Christ said: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you prepared a body for me. <sup>6</sup> You were not pleased with burnt offerings and sin offerings. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, “Here I am. I have come to do your will, God. In the scroll of the book it is written about me.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> By this will, we have been sanctified once and for all, through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ.

### **Hymn**

CW21 #579 (3) - His Mercy Is More

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

## **The Gospel Lesson:**

John 8:1-11

But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> Early in the morning, he came back into the temple courts. And all the people kept coming to him. He sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup> Then the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery and had her stand in the center. <sup>4</sup> “Teacher,” they said to him, “this woman was caught in the act of committing adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” <sup>6</sup> They asked this to test him, so that they might have evidence to accuse him.

Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. <sup>7</sup> But when they kept on asking him for an answer, he stood up and said to them, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” <sup>8</sup> Then he stooped down again and wrote on the ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they heard this, they went away one by one, beginning with the older men. Jesus was left alone with the woman in the center. <sup>10</sup> Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

<sup>11</sup> “No one, Lord,” she answered.

Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.”

## **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.**

## **Hymn of the Day:**

CW RED #535– Our Father’s God in Years Long Gone

*Our fathers' God in years long gone,  
Our God for all the years to be,  
Accept the sacrifice of praise  
We bring to you on bended knee.  
For mercies to our fathers shown,  
For all your grace, so rich and free,  
To you, great God, the One in Three,  
We sing the hymn of jubilee.*

*You led our fathers to this land,  
A land of beauty, bounty, pow'r;  
You blessed the labors of their hands,  
Upheld them in each trial hour.  
You kept them faithful to your Word,  
Were not ashamed their God to be.  
So we, their children, gratefully  
Now sing the hymn of jubilee.*

*Make us the channels of your love,  
Your endless mercy, pow'r, and peace.  
So build your Church in ev'ry place,  
And day by day its strength increase.  
May we hold high the cross of Christ,  
Who rose and lives eternally,  
That all in him their Savior see  
And sing the hymn of jubilee.*

*Grant us your mercy to the end,  
With all your Spirit's pow'r and grace,  
Till with the ransomed, white-robed throug  
We stand at last before your face,  
Where we with bright angelic choirs  
And all who served you faithfully  
Will blend our voices endlessly  
In one unending jubilee.*

**Sermon:**

Lamentations 3:14-26

## Thanksgiving

### The Offering

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## The 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 Blessing & 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

### Closing Hymn

CW21 #798: I Lay My Sins on Jesus

*I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains  
White in his blood most precious till not a spot remains.*

*I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in him.  
He heals all my diseases; My soul he does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.*

*I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine.  
His right hand me embraces; I in his arms recline.  
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.*

*I long to be like Jesus: Meek, loving, lowly, mild;  
I long to be like Jesus, The Father's holy child.  
I long to be with Jesus Amid the heav'nly throng  
To sing with saints his praises, to learn the angels' song.*