



REFORMATION  
*The WORD of the LORD*  
ENDURES FOREVER



Serving the Portland Area with the Means of Grace and as a family of believers for over 110 years... as a church, school, preschool, mission, and ministry.

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### Welcome!

*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 3:18**

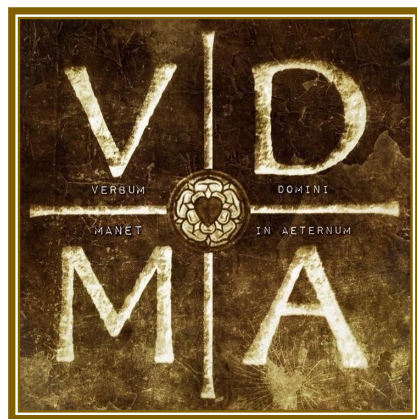
**THE REFORMATION:** On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses—statements for debate—on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, beginning a spiritual and historical movement known as the Reformation. The Reformation did not just change the face of Europe; it restored the gospel to the church. It gave God’s Word to the people. As we celebrate the Reformation, we are not honoring the man for whom our church body is named. We are thanking God for his grace which he has demonstrated through the generations—preserving the church and setting us free.



**THE SEASON OF END TIME:** The Church Year comes to a close in November with the season of End Time. In this season, we are reminded that we are living in the “last days” between Christ’s first coming at Christmas and his second coming on Judgment Day. The Alpha and Omega reminds us that our God is eternal... the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Our time is in His hands. The world could be ended at any time. For a believer, the end of his life or the end of the world is a wonderful thing! It means the beginning of a new and better existence in a much more glorious world than this one.




**OUR THEME FOR TODAY:** The cross VDMA symbol first appeared when it was sewn into the right sleeve of Luther’s Prince, Elector Fredrick the Wise. The letters VDMA stand for the Latin words, Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum. "THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER". It became the official motto of the Smalcaldic League, an alliance of Lutheran territories, and was used on flags, banners, swords, and uniforms as a symbol of the unity of the Lutheran territories. It is still found inscribed inside Lutheran churches, over doorways, on foundation stones, stained glass windows, even on horse’s helmets! The VDMA logo and statement has appeared throughout Lutheran churches worldwide and remains a motto of the Reformation to this day. THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER!



# ✠ Gathering ✠

## INVOCATION & OPENING DIALOGUE

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

C: Amen.

## THE HYMN

CW21 Blue #863 (1): “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That has us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.*

M: Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto the One who sits on the throne,

C: And to the Lamb, forever and ever.

M: His blood sets us free to be the people of God.

## THE HYMN

CW21 Blue #863 (2): “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*With might of ours can naught be done;  
Soon were our loss effected.  
But for us fights the valiant one  
Whom God himself elected.  
You ask, "Who is this?"  
Jesus Christ it is, The almighty Lord.  
And there's no other God;  
He holds the field forever.*



## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.**

M: Jesus' death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. He said to his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life!

## THE HYMN

CW21 Blue #863 (3): "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done!  
One little word can fell him.*

M: Fight the good fight of faith!

C: **For the Lord, the righteous Judge, has laid up for us a crown of life.**

M: For us, and for all who await his appearing.

## THE HYMN

CW21 Blue #863 (4): "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*The Word they still shall let remain,  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With his good gifts and Spirit.  
And do what they will --Hate, steal, hurt, or kill --  
Though all may be gone, Our victory is won;  
The kingdom's ours forever!*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; 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 ✠

### THE FIRST LESSON

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

<sup>31</sup> Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD,  
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and with the house of Judah.

<sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers,  
when I took them by the hand  
and led them out of the land of Egypt.

They broke that covenant of mine,  
although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD.

<sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel  
after those days,  
declares the LORD.

I will put my law in their minds,  
and I will write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup> No longer will each one teach his neighbor,  
or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the LORD,"  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD,  
for I will forgive their guilt,  
and I will remember their sins no more.

### THE CHOIR

**Psalms 46**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12:1-3

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us get rid of every burden and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patient endurance the race that is laid out for us. <sup>2</sup> Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God's throne. <sup>3</sup> Carefully consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalms 23:1-3

M: Alleluia. The LORD is my shepherd. I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Alleluia.

Response tune from CW21 #880 "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

1. Stand fast, O Christ - ian, in God's Word a - lone.  
2. Stand fast, O Christ - ian; hope se - cure - ly place

By speech and deed its glo - rious light be shown  
In him who has re - vealed his sa - ving face,

That through the world the sa - ving faith be known. Al -  
By whom we now are just - i - fied by grace. Al -

- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-6

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

“Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know where I am going, and you know the way.” <sup>5</sup> “Lord, we don’t know where you are going,” Thomas replied, “so how can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### The Te Deum Laudamus

“You, God, We Praise”

Using tune THAXTED

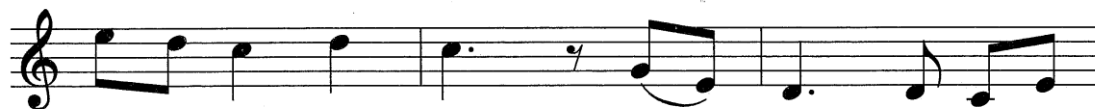
*Martin Luther held up the "Te Deum Laudamus" alongside the three great creeds as a confession of the Christian faith. In singing the "Te Deum," we reflect our ancient heritage.*



1 We \_\_ praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the  
2 The \_\_ band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your  
3 You, \_\_ Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing  
4 You \_\_ sit in splen-did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right




Lord, The \_\_ Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by  
praise; The \_\_ fel - low - ship of proph - ets their  
Son, Yet \_\_ You, with bound-less love, \_\_ sought to  
hand, Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by




all the earth a - dored. To \_\_ You all an - gel  
death-less voic - es raise. The \_\_ mar - tyrs of Your  
res - cue ev - 'ry - one: You \_\_ laid a - side Your  
forc - es You com - mand. We \_\_ know that You will







pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing, The \_\_\_\_  
 king - dom, a \_\_\_\_ great and no - ble throng, Sing \_\_\_\_  
 glo - ry, were \_\_\_\_ born of vir - gin's womb, Were \_\_\_\_  
 come as our \_\_\_\_ Judge that fi - nal day, So \_\_\_\_




cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You  
 with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this  
 cru - ci - fied for us \_\_\_\_ and were placed in - to a  
 help Your ser - vants You \_\_\_\_ have re - deemed by blood, we



bring: "O \_\_\_\_ ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord  
 song: "O \_\_\_\_ all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your  
 tomb; Then \_\_\_\_ by Your res - ur - rec - tion You  
 pray; May \_\_\_\_ we with saints be num - bered where



God of Sab - a - oth; Your \_\_\_\_ maj - es - ty and  
 true and on - ly Son, And \_\_\_\_ Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 won for us re - prieve— You \_\_\_\_ o - pened heav - en's  
 prais - es nev - er end, In \_\_\_\_ glo - ry ev - er -



glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"  
 Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!"  
 king - dom to all who would be - lieve.  
 last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

## ✠ Thanksgiving ✠

### THE OFFERING

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### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Based on Luther's prayer at the Diet of Worms (1521) as he faced the papal and imperial authorities*

- M: Almighty, eternal God, out of the depths we call to you. The world opens its mouth to swallow your church, and our faith in you is too small to confront its lures and attractions!
- C: We confess the weakness of our sinful flesh. Satan deceives us daily. If we are to depend upon any strength from ourselves, all is lost. Help us, we beg, to withstand the ungody way of life that the world has to offer.**
- M: The work is not ours, O God, but yours. O Sovereign Lord and Creator, we have no way to satisfy your righteousness, nothing to contest the Deceiver's earthly power, nothing to mute its false attractions, nothing to uproot the rule of our sinful flesh.
- C: We would gladly pass our days in happiness and peace in an age awash with iniquity. Hear us, heavenly Father, for the cause is yours. Yes, Creator of all that is, your cause is righteous and everlasting. Vindicate your name among the nations!**
- M: O all-seeing Lord, have mercy on your church. You understand our plight. We thank you for sending a messenger of peace to correct the times between life and death. This One is your Son, Jesus the Christ, the incarnate Savior, who saves us from calamities that plague your church.
- C: You have chosen us to do your work. Therefore, O God, accomplish it by your will. Stand by your church each day in the name of Jesus, who is our shelter and shield, our mighty fortress. Through the strength of the Holy Spirit, such faith works joy and peace and willingness to serve a world in need.**
- M: In the confidence of this faith, gracious Lord, bless our efforts to spread the gospel of the glory and grace of God throughout the world to the joy and edifying of all who hear and believe and for your glory and our good.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

## 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.

**HYMN:** CW21 Blue #862 (1-2): “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

*Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would seek to overthrow your Son  
And to destroy what he has done.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
For you are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend your Christendom that we  
May sing your praise eternally.*

## 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.

**HYMN:** CW21 Blue #862 (3): “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

*O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth.  
Support us in our final strife,  
And lead us out of death to life.*

## 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. We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy.

## DISTRBUTION HYMNS:

Imported - CW21 Blue #568: **His Robes for Mine**

Imported - CW21 Blue #877: **Reformation Song**

## THES BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN:

**Facing A Task Unfinished**

Imported Song

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