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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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As a family of believers
For almost 110 years...

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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 110 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**

*We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

*O God of our fathers O God we bless you
Through trouble and tempest our guide you have been;
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O God, our struggles we win.*

*With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise;
with you beside us your strong arm will guide us.
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!*

THANKSGIVING

(adapted from Psalms 95, 65, 92, 148)

M: Let us come before the LORD with Thanksgiving,

C: **And extol Him with music and song!**

M: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

C: **How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!**

M: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

C: **Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts**

M: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

C: **Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

M: Praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted.

C: **His splendor is above the earth and the heavens. Praise the LORD.**

M: We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

C: **You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior.**

M: You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

C: **The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for you have ordained it.**

M: You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

C: You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

M: The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

C: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

M: Praise the Lord all you people.

C: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

Hymn CW #610 (1-2)

Now Thank We All Our God

*Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.*

*Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.*

EPHESIANS 5:1, 8-20 – 7/UP'S OF THANKSGIVING

LOOK UP!

Devotion on Ephesians 5:1

“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

HYMN

There Is a Blessed Home

WELS Singers

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*There is a blessed home beyond this land of woe,
Where trials never come, nor tears of sorrow flow;
Where faith is fully lost in sight, and patient hope is crowned,
And everlasting light its glory casts around.*

*There is a land of peace, good angels know it well;
Glad songs that never cease within its portals swell.
Around the glorious throne of God the countless saints adore
Christ, with the Father one, and Spirit evermore.*

***O joy all joys beyond, to see the Lamb who died,
And count each sacred wound in hands and feet and side;
To give to him eternal praise for ev'ry triumph won,
And sing through endless days the great things he has done!***

***Look up, you saints of God, nor fear to tread below
The path your Savior trod of daily toil and woe:
Wait only for a little while in uncomplaining love.
His own most gracious smile will welcome you above.***

LIGHTEN UP!

Devotion on Ephesians 5:8-13

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

HYMN CW #613 (1, 4)

Come You Thankful People Come

***Come, you thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.
God our maker shall provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.***

***Even so, Lord, quickly come To your final harvest-home;
Gather all your people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In your garner to abide.
Come with all your angels, come; Raise the glorious harvest-home.***

WAKE UP!

Devotion on Ephesians 5:14a

This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper!"

HYMN CW #234 (1,3)

Praise to The Lord, The Almighty

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!***

***Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of his mercy did shade you.***

RISE UP!

Devotion on Ephesians 5:14b

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

HYMN

For The Beauty of the Earth
Michelle Swift

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WISE-UP!

Devotion on Ephesians 5:15-17

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.

HYMN CW #241 (4)

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

***Alleluia! Let praises ring!
Unto our triune God we sing;
Blest be his name forever!
With angel hosts let us adore;
And sing his praises more and more
For all his grace and favor.
Singing, Ringing:
Holy, holy, God is holy.
Spread the story –
Of our God the Lord of glory!***

FILL UP!

Devotion on Ephesians 5:18

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit!

HYMN

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness
Together for The Gospel Live

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REACH UP!

Devotion on Ephesians 5:18

Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN CW #260

Let All Things Now Living

*Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.*

*His law he enforces; The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing.
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"*

OUR THANKSGIVING

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THE PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING EVE

- M:** Father in heaven, we give you thanks. You gave us life and formed our bodies in the womb. You have preserved us over the years by providing for all our needs. You control the weather, ensuring ample supplies of food.
- C:** You give us family and friends. You keep our society stable through the various branches of our government. You protect and defend us day after day.

- M: Jesus, we give you thanks. True God from eternity, you put aside your heavenly glory to become human like us. You lived the kind of life we should, following perfectly all the commandments. You died the kind of death we should, receiving the total and just punishment for our sin.
- C: **What love you have shown us! We thank you for reconciling us to your Father through your holy, precious blood. We praise you for rising from the dead. We exalt you for winning for us the gift of eternal life.**
- M: Holy Spirit, we give you thanks. By our own thinking and choosing we cannot believe in Jesus Christ or come to him. By your powerful means of grace you called us to faith, revealing to us God's great love in Christ.
- C: **We praise you for the Holy Scriptures, inspired by you. We thank you for the sacraments. Through these means of grace, you begin and preserve and strengthen faith in Christ. We thank you for your many blessings to our congregation and our families in the past year.**

Silent Prayer

- M: And in your name we join together in praying:
- C: **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 BENEDICTION

Hymn CW #610 (3)

Now Thank We All Our God

***All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.***

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