



*Those the Lord has rescued will return
They will enter Zion with singing*

EVERLASTING JOY WILL CROWN THEIR HEADS

*Gladness and joy will overtake them
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.*

Isaiah 35:10



Grace

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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**


Todd Stadler Christian Memorial - Friday, July 1st, 2022

HYMN:

CW21 #783: "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!*

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  Christ who said, "Do not let your heart be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 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. 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. You know where I am going, and you know the way... I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. (John 14:1-6)

HYMN:

CW21 #783: "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!*

PRAYER

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 Todd, 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:

CW21 #783: "Abide with Me"

*Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in thy wings,
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea;
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.*

TODD STADLER'S TIME OF GRACE

The obituary is read.

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:

CW21 #783: "Abide with Me"

*Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me oft as I left thee.
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.*

THE 23RD PSALM

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures:
He leads me beside the quiet waters.
He restores my soul:
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
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.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies:
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

HYMN:

CW21 #783: "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!*

RESURRECTION COMFORT

- M:** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- 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.**

HYMN:

CW21 #783: “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!*

THE LESSONS

1 Corinthians 13:11-13 & Ephesians 2:4-10

¹¹When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹²For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.¹³And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been

saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

HYMN:

CW21 (Blue) #890: “Jerusalem the Golden”

*Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest –
The sight of it refreshes, The weary and oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare.*

*They stand, those halls of Zion, All jubilant with song
And bright with many an angel, And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them; The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed, Are ever rich and green.*

*There is the throne of David, and there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast;
And they who with their leader, Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever, Are clad in robes of white.*

*Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country, That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us, To that dear land of rest;
You are with God the Father, And Spirit ever blest.*

THE DEVOTION

Revelation 21 selected verses

³And from the throne I heard a loud voice that said, “Look! God’s dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain, because the former things have passed away.”

¹⁰He carried me away in spirit to a great and high mountain, and he showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹It has the glory of God. ¹⁸The wall is made of jasper, and the city is pure gold, like pure glass. ¹⁹The foundations of the city’s wall had been adorned with every kind of precious stone.

²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God has given it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ There is no day when its gates will be shut, for there will be no night in that place. ²⁶ They will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷ Nothing that is unclean and no one who does what is detestable or who tells lies will ever enter it, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

PRAYERS & BLESSING

HYMN:

CW #789: **“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”**

*All praise to thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings,
Beneath thine own almighty wings.
Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and thee
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.*

*Teach me to live that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die so that I may
Rise glorious at the awe-full day.
Oh, may my soul on thee repose
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make
To serve my God when I awake.*

*When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No pow'rs of darkness me distress.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Todd William Stadler



Todd William Stadler was born on February 7, 1975, in Dallas, TX, to Leonard Stadler, Jr., and Phyllis (Isbell) Stadler. He was made a child of God through holy baptism on March 16, 1975. Todd was confirmed in the faith at Concordia Lutheran Church in Garland, TX, in March of 1989. He remained a faithful Christian until he was called to eternal glory on June 17, 2022, in Portland, OR, after four years of treatment for cancer.

Todd grew up in Richardson, TX, and graduated from JJ Pearce High School in 1993. Todd had a lifelong interest in performing and creating music and was a percussionist in his high school's marching and symphonic bands. He enjoyed camping and hiking around Texas with his father and friends from an early age. Todd loved taking challenging classes in school, and rarely wasted an opportunity to do his best work at the last minute. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering from Rice University in 1998. He moved to Portland, OR, where he married Julia Melton in 2005; they had two children together. Todd was an early adopter of all sorts of technology and enjoyed exploring creative possibilities that the internet afforded. He worked for Timber Press for over twenty years, using what he learned on the job about the natural world to build and beautify a garden for his family.

Todd was a creative, curious, and energetic man. He enjoyed exploring Oregon with his family, especially Oktoberfest every fall, singing karaoke with friends, and perfecting his homemade noodle recipe. He avidly read the newspaper, and no headline error escaped his razor wit. Todd developed many meaningful friendships online, where his drive to deepen the discourse sometimes ruffled feathers but many times strengthened friendships. He was a caring son, a devoted husband, a loving father, and a steadfast friend. He will be deeply missed.

Todd is survived by his wife, Julia, and his children, Simon and Clara. He is also survived by his parents, Leonard and Phyllis Stadler of Portland, OR, five aunts, two uncles, numerous cousins, five nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on July 1, 2022.

THE WORDS OF COMMITMENT

It has pleased the almighty God, in his wisdom, to take out of this world the soul of our departed *brother*. His remains have been committed to its *resting place*—earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust—in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.