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Welcome! Transfiguration, February 14, 2021

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:**

Transfiguration of our Lord

The season of Epiphany that shows Jesus' glory to those he has called is coming to a close. But before we enter the season of Lent, Jesus gives us a glimpse of heavenly glory.

OPENING HYMN

CW #215 Jerusalem, My Happy Home
Setting Koine

*Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?*

*When shall these eyes thy heav'n-built walls, and pearly gates behold,
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong And streets of shining gold?*

*Oh, when, thou city of my God, Shall I thy courts ascend?
Where evermore the angels sing, The Sabbath has no end.*

*Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there around my Savior stand,
And soon my friends in Christ below, will join the glorious band.*

*O Christ, do thou my soul prepare, for that bright home of love
That I may see thee and adore, with all thy saints above.*

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

LORD, HAVE MERCY

- M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.
- C: **Christ, have mercy.**
- M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.
- C: **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

CW #249 "God of Mercy, God of Grace"

*God of mercy, God of grace, Show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Savior, shine; Fill your Church with light divine,
And your saving health extend To the earth's remotest end.*

*Let the people praise you, Lord! Be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing Glory to their Savior King,
At your feet their tribute pay, And your holy will obey.*

*Let the people praise you, Lord! Then enjoy your rich reward,
God to us his blessing give, We to God devoted live,
All below and all above One in joy and light and love*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- M: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; 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

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

CW #95 (1,4) "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

*How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.*

*Before we taste of death, We see your kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.*

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

1 Corinthians 13:12

- C:** **Alleluia! For 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. Alleluia!**
- M:** For centuries, on Transfiguration Sunday, the Christian Church sings it's finally "Alleluias" before we enter the season of Lent and begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. We do this to observe for the quieter days of Lent. But take heart! The Alleluias will return on Easter dawn, as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

THE HYMN RESPONSE

“Alleluia, Song of Triumph”

The hymn will be sung to the tune FORTUNATUS NEW (CW122)

***Alleluia, song of triumph, sound of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
Saints adorned in robes of glory join the great angelic cry.***

***Alleluia we are singing, voicing hymns in pure accord,
With Christ’s holy Church united, justified, redeemed, restored,
And with all his faithful people raise our songs to praise the Lord.***

***Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
Alleluia our transgressions make us for a while forego.
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.***

***May our hymns be filled with longing — hear us, Holy Trinity —
As we look to your blest Easter, here, and then eternally,
When we shall once more be singing Alleluia joyfully!***

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.) ³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

CW216 #: "Saints, Behold! The Sight Is Glorious"

*Saints, behold! The sight is glorious See the man of sorrows now,
From the fight returned victorious! Ev'ry knee to him shall bow.
Crown him! Crown him! Crowns become the victor's brow.*

*Crown the Savior! Angels, crown him! Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
On the seat of pow'r enthrone him While the vault of heaven rings.
Crown him! Crown him! Crown the Savior King of kings!*

*Sinners in derision crowned him, Mocking thus the Savior's claim;
Saints and angels crowd around him, Proud to glorify his name.
Crown him! Crown him! Spread abroad the victor's fame.*

*Hark, those bursts of acclamation! Hark, those loud, triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station; Oh, what joy beyond all words!
Crown him! Crown him! King of kings and Lord of lords!*

SERMON

Luke 9:28-36

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.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND 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.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

CW #471 "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"
Setting Koine

*Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from your holy face.*

*Destroy in me the lust of sin; From all impureness make me clean.
Oh, grant me pow'r and strength, my God, To strive against my flesh and blood.*

*Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey your Word.
Oh, let your will be my desire And with new life my soul inspire.*

Bridge

*Grant that I only you may love And seek those things which are above
Till I behold you face to face, O Light eternal, through your grace.*