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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**

1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -  
 (2 Oh, how) good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -  
 (3 Oh, how) good it is to em - brace his com - mand to pre -

geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the  
 joyce with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the  
 fer one an - oth - er, for - give as he for - gives. When we

bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the  
 weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace when we  
 live as one we all share in the love of the

fruits of his pres - ence here a - mong us.  
 of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing. So  
 Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

Refrain

with one voice we'll sing to the Lord, and

with one heart we'll live out his

word, till the whole earth sees the Re-deem-er has

come, for he dwells in the pres-ence of his peo

ple. 2 Oh, how 3 Oh, how ple.

# 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.

## INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION

M: We have come together to celebrate the glory of Christ on the day of his Transfiguration. But who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? You were sent to heal the contrite heart.

C: **My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. (Psalm 51:17)**

M: You came to call sinners.

C: **The healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. Jesus did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” (Luke 5:32)**

M: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us.

C: **So for this reason he is able to save forever those who come to God through him, because he always lives to plead on their behalf. (Hebrews 7:25)**

M: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

C: **O Lord, we confess our sins to you. For the sake of your Son, forgive us and renew us.**

## ABSOLUTION

M: The Lord has put away your sins. You will not die but live. Above all, fear the LORD, and serve him in truth, with all your heart, proclaim the great things he has done for you! (2 Samuel 12:13, 1 Samuel 12:24)

## HYMN OF PRAISE

CW21 #389 (1,3) “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.***

***Fulfiller of the past, Promise of things to be,  
We hail your body glorified And our redemption see.***

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through 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

<sup>29</sup>When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not realize that the skin of his face was shining because he had been speaking with the LORD. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, they were amazed that the skin of his face was shining, so they were afraid to come close to him. <sup>31</sup>Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward, all the people of Israel came close to him, and he gave them all of the commands that the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup>But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out again. Then he would come out and tell the people of Israel what he had been commanded. <sup>35</sup>Whenever the people of Israel saw Moses' face, they would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining. Then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the LORD again.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

CW21 #389 (2,5) "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

*How good, Lord, to be here  
Your beauty to behold,  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Your messengers of old.*

*But you, Lord, do not stay. With mercy resolute.  
You leave this glorious hill to die - our perfect substitute.*

### THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

<sup>7</sup>If the ministry that brought death (which was engraved in letters on stone) came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look directly at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face (though it was fading), <sup>8</sup>how will the ministry of the spirit not be much more glorious? <sup>9</sup>For if the ministry that brought condemnation has glory, the ministry that brought righteousness has even more glory. <sup>10</sup>In fact, in this case, what was glorious

is no longer very glorious, because of the greater glory of that which surpasses it. <sup>11</sup> Indeed, if what is fading away was glorious, how much more glorious is that which is permanent! <sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we have this kind of hope, we act with great boldness. <sup>13</sup> We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites could not continue to look at the end of the radiance, as it was fading away. <sup>14</sup> In spite of this, their minds were hardened. Yes, up to the present day, the same veil remains when the Old Testament is read. It has not been removed because it is taken away only in Christ. <sup>15</sup> Instead, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup> But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> But all of us who reflect the Lord's glory with an unveiled face are being transformed into his own image, from one degree of glory to another. This too is from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

### 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 - CW 122

*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

<sup>28</sup> About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> 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.) <sup>34</sup> While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” <sup>36</sup> 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

“Lift Your Eyes and See the Glory”

Tune: HYFRYDOL - CW #486

*Lift your eyes and see the glory, Christ adored in majesty,  
Shining bright upon the mountain, to the world, a mystery.  
With the ancient prophets standing, Christ appears in garments white,  
Covered by a cloud of glory, clothed in everlasting light!*

*Like a star, his face was shining, he who was the Light of all.  
And his faithful friends beheld it, filled with wonder and with awe.  
From the sky, a voice was speaking: “This is my beloved Son.”  
Words fulfilling all the prophets, coming from the heart of God.*

*This our shouted acclamation: Christ the Son is King of kings.  
He is holy, he is worthy, He is Lord of everything.  
Glory, blessings, laud and honor be to Christ, the Lord of grace!  
Fill your heart with alleluias. Christ is worthy of all praise.*

## SERMON

LUKE 9:28-36



## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## OFFERING

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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.

## 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. Therefore, with we praise your holy name:

**HYMN**

CW21 #390 (1) “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

*Jesus, take us to the mountain  
Where, with Peter, James, and John,  
We are dazzled by your glory,  
Light as blinding as the sun.  
There prepare us for the night  
By the vision of that sight.*

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil’s power.

**C: By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.**

M: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ’s body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting. Amen.

**HYMN**

CW21 #390 (2) “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

*What do you want us to see there  
That your close companions saw?  
Your divinity revealed there  
Fills us with the selfsame awe.  
Clothed in flesh like ours you go,  
Matched to meet our deadliest foe.*

## **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 #390 (3) "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

***What do you want us to hear there***

***That your dear disciples heard?***

***Once again the voice from heaven***

***Says of the incarnate Word:***

***"Listen, listen, ev'ryone;***

***This is my beloved Son!"***

## **THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*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 (WELS). We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy. If you would like to discuss "close" communion or any other spiritual matter with the pastor, please indicate this on the Friendship Register.*

## **THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

***"Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love"*** CW21 #577 – Imported music

***"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"*** "CW21 #535 – Imported music

## **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**

*Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing -You are my own.*

*Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story; Here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.*

*Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you; Here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.*

*I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.*