



# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Serving the Portland Area  
With the Means of Grace  
As a family of believers  
For almost 110 years...*

As a Church  
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As a Mission  
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## Welcome! *Transfiguration, March 1st, 2020*

**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 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 Peter 3:18

### INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Triune God, the Father, † Son and Holy Spirit, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**C:** Amen.

**HYMN:**

CW#385 (1) “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

***Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am his and he is mine!***

### CONFESSION

**M:** Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*Silence for personal confession*

**C:** O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

**HYMN:** CW#385 (2) “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”  
*Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity,  
Love that found me --wondrous thought! Found me when I sought him not.*

**M:** Jesus says to his people, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**C:** Yes, I believe!

**HYMN:** CW#385 (3) “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”  
*Only Jesus can impart, Comfort to a wounded heart:  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.*

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

**M:** 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.

**C:** O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve you and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

**HYMN:** CW#385 (4-5) “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

*Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me.  
All my wants to him are known; All my sorrows are his own.  
Safe with him in earthly strife, I await the heav'nly life.*

*Strengthen me, O gracious Lord, By your Spirit and your word.  
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.*

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **THE WORD**

#### **FIRST LESSON**

Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

<sup>13</sup> To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! <sup>16</sup> Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

<sup>18</sup> Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

**HYMN:** LAPPY (page 296)

“There Is a Green Hill Far Away”

*There is a green hill far away,  
outside a city wall,*

*where our dear Lord was crucified  
who died to save us all.*

*We may not know, we cannot tell,  
what pains he had to bear,  
but we believe it was for us  
he hung and suffered there.*

*He died that we might be forgiven,  
he died to make us good,  
that we might go at last to heaven,  
saved by his precious blood.*

*There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin,  
he only could unlock the gate  
of heaven and let us in.*

*Please rise for the reading of the Gospel*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” <sup>9</sup> The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup> For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; <sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

“From the Mount of Our Lord’s Glory”

Tune: Unser Herrscher

CW - #255 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

**From the mount of our Lord's glory,  
Other mountaintops appear.  
Peaks in concert sing this story:  
Our salvation has drawn near.  
Shine, O Lord, from every height  
Rays of wisdom, peace, and light!**

**Moses from Mount Sinai preaches  
Words in stone that shatter hearts.  
Down into the depths he reaches,  
Bidding us from sin depart.  
Rise, repent, O Christian, see  
Light and life on Calvary!**

**As Elijah battles evil,  
Truth and lies on Carmel fight,  
Christians strive against the devil;  
Warfare is our daily plight.  
Grant us peace midst war and loss,  
From the mount of our Lord's cross.**

**Jesus from Mount Calv'ry preaches  
Blood-soaked words that heal our hearts.  
Warfare ends, the battle ceases,  
Peace and hope our Lord imparts.  
Christ, transfixed on Calv'ry's tree,  
Grant that we transfigured be!**

**Here we see salvation's story,  
Here the law has been fulfilled,  
Here is Christ in thorn-crowned glory,  
Here our hearts His peace has stilled.  
Here, our Lord, upon that height,  
Shines on us as Light of Light!**

### **SERMON**

EXODUS 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup>and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. <sup>17</sup>To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

## THANKSGIVING

### THE OFFERING

*An opportunity to give online can also be used at [Paypal.me/GracePortland](https://www.paypal.com/GracePortland) or by utilizing this QR code:*



### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### 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 all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HYMN

CW#30 (1): “Rise, Arise”

***Rise, arise! Rise, arise!***

***Christians’ rise to greet your King.***

***Open wide the gates before him;***

***Let the glad hosannas ring;***

***Haste to worship and adore him.***

***Hark! The watchman on the mountain cries:***

***Rise, arise! Rise, arise!***

### 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.

### 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

CW#30 (2): “Rise, Arise”

***Lamb of God! Lamb of God!***



**Christ has come as long foretold,  
The Messiah long-expected,  
The incarnate Word behold!  
Though by earthly kings rejected,  
Hail him Lord of all with mighty voice.  
Lamb of God! Lamb of God!**

### **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 (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 HYMN**

CW#315: "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"

### **THE BENEDICTION**



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

### **CLOSING HYMN:**

CW#588(1-2,4) "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, O Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise!**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Not wanting nor wasting, you rule in your might,  
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,**

*Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight.  
Our praises we render; oh, lead us to see  
The light of your splendor, your love's majesty!*