



*From The Mount
Of Our Lord's Glory
Other Mountaintops*

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Welcome! Lent 2, March 8th, 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

OPENING HYMN:

CW#382 (1-2) “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;

*I dare to make no other claim, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.*

*His oath, his covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before his throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.*

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

-- Psalm 32:1&2

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

THE ABSOLUTION

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever!

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. “Rejoice in the LORD and celebrate, all you righteous, and shout joyfully, all you upright in heart.” (Psalm 32:11)

GRACE SCHOOL

CWS #748 “LAMB OF GOD”

The students sing v 1 & 2; The congregation joins on vs. 3 as indicated on the screen

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

James 5:13-20

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? He should call the elders of the church, and they should pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ So confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, in order that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is able to do much because it is effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain, and the land produced its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders away from the truth and someone turns him back, ²⁰ let it be known that the one who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

HYMN:

CW#455 (1) “Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You”

***Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,
O Christians, lest the foe destroy you,
For Satan has designed your fall.
Wield God's Word, a weapon glorious;
Against each foe you'll be victorious;
Our God will set you o'er them all.
Fear not the prince of hell
Here is Immanuel! Sing hosanna!
The strong ones yield To Christ, our shield,
And we as conqu'rors hold the field.***

Please rise for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL LESSON

John 4:5-16

⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

⁸ (His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," she said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water?" ¹² You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals."

¹³ Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life."

¹⁵ "Sir, give me this water," the woman said to him, "so I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," the woman answered.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say, 'I have no husband.' ¹⁸ In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman replied, "I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But a time is coming and now is here when the real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for those are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (the one called Christ). "When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I, the one speaking to you, am he."

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"From the Mount of Our Lord's Glory"

***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!***

***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.***

SERMON

1 KINGS 18:16-39

¹⁶ So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and he informed him. Then Ahab came to meet Elijah.¹⁷ When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is that you, the one who brings trouble on Israel?"¹⁸ Elijah said, "It is not I who have brought trouble on Israel, but rather you and your father's house, because you abandoned the LORD's commandments and followed the Baals. ¹⁹ But now gather all Israel before me on Mount Carmel, along with the four hundred fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table." ²⁰ So Ahab sent word to all the people of Israel, and he assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel.

²¹ Then Elijah said to all the people, "How long will you stagger around on two crutches? If the LORD is God, follow him. If Baal is God, follow him." But the people did not answer him a single word.²² Then Elijah said to the people, "I am the only one left of the LORD's prophets, but the prophets of Baal total four hundred fifty men.

²³ Provide two bulls for us. Let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it up and place it on the firewood, but they are not to light the fire. I will prepare the other bull and place it on the firewood, but I will not light the fire. ²⁴ Then you will call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers with fire, he is God."

All the people said, "This proposal is good."

²⁵ Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull, and you go first because there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god. But do not light the fire."

²⁶ So they took the bull which had been given to them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, “Baal! Answer us!” But there was not a sound. No one answered. So they staggered^[b] around the altar which they had made.

²⁷ When noon came, Elijah mocked them: “Shout louder! He is a god, isn’t he? He may be deep in thought or busy or on a journey. Perhaps he is asleep and will wake up!”

²⁸ So they cried out with a loud voice, and according to their practice they cut themselves with daggers and spears until their blood flowed. ²⁹ After noon, they kept up a prophetic frenzy until the time of the evening sacrifice, but there was no sound. No one answered. There was no response.

³⁰ Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” So they came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down. ³¹ Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come and had proclaimed, “Your name shall be Israel.” ³² He built the stones into an altar in the name of the LORD. Around it he made a trench big enough to hold about twenty-five pounds^[c] of seed. ³³ He arranged the wood, cut up the bull, and placed it on the wood.

Then he said, “Fill four jars with water and pour it on the sacrifice and on the wood.”

³⁴ Then he said, “Do it again.” So they did it again. Then he said, “Do it a third time.” So they did it a third time. ³⁵ The water flowed all around the altar. It even filled the trench.

³⁶ When the time of the evening sacrifice had arrived, Elijah the prophet stood up and said, “O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and that I have done all these things by your word. ³⁷ Answer me, LORD! Answer me so that this people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you are turning their hearts back to you.”

³⁸ Fire from the LORD fell on the sacrifice and on the wood, the stones, and the dirt. It even licked up the water in the trench. ³⁹ When all the people saw this, they fell on their knees and said, “The LORD, he is God! The LORD, he is God!”

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.

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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 BENEDICTION



CLOSING HYMN:

CW#419 (1,3,6) "If God Himself Be for Me"

*If God himself be for me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me - My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master, Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster, Can drive me from his love?*

*I build on this foundation: That Jesus and his blood
Alone are my salvation, My true, eternal good.
Without him all that pleases Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus Alone have priceless worth.*

*No danger, thirst, or hunger, No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant's anger Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder, You are my Savior true;
No fire or sword or thunder Shall sever me from you.*