

Sunday Service with Communion

Unbelievable Faith - Go with Peace

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Welcome...

We are so happy that you are here with us today. Our desire is to be like another home for you. We encourage you to register your name on the fellowship pad which you will find at the end of the row where you are sitting. If you are new to Grace or to the area and are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider joining our family here at Grace. A Fellowship Hour is held after the Worship Service, and we invite you to stay for a few minutes so we can get acquainted.

HOLY COMMUNION

is celebrated in our worship service today. This meal is weird and wonderful: weird because we actually believe that the bread and wine are the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ; wonderful because Jesus is with us. We take this meal very seriously here at Grace. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and allow us to answer your questions. **Children** who have not been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament may come to the Lord's Table with their parents for a blessing but are asked to fold their arms across their chests to indicate they are to receive a blessing.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION: The wine is made available in both the individual glasses and the common cup. Following the distribution of the bread, the individual cups will be offered. Then the common cup will be offered to those who do not have an individual cup in their hand. The acolyte will then gather the individual glasses. ***For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored in the individual communion glasses.*** Those who find it difficult to walk to the altar can be communed in the pew. Please inform the usher of your need.

ATTENDANCE BOOKS: PLEASE BE SURE TO PASS ALONG THE RED ATTENDANCE BOOKS IN YOUR ROW AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SIGN IT. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR MINISTRY OF CARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

UNBELIEVABLE FAITH - Elijah and Elisha Confront Unbelief

Times are dark. The kings and people have slowly gone after the gods of the countries around them. But when times are dark, God seems to move. Amazing prophets rise up to confront the bad kings and unbelief. But there is a lingering question behind all of this. Are these great prophets actually changing anything?

TODAY: Go with Peace

Naaman is the best ever. He is second to the king and a virtually undefeated war general, but he just discovered he has leprosy. So he grabs every bit of wealth and power and goes to visit the only one he knows who can heal him. Will Elisha accept his gifts to heal this gentile power?

---- THE OPENING HYMN

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs (LW 204 VS 1-3)

1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.
2. "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,
"To be exalted thus!"
"Worthy the Lamb," our hearts reply,
"For He was slain for us!"
3. Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and pow'r divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, forever Thine.

--RESPONSE OF THE DAY Taken From Psalm 72

*Pastor: Give the rulers your justice,
oh God.*

**PEOPLE: MAY THEY JUDGE ALL PEOPLE
WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

*Pastor: May they judge
the poor with justice.*

**PEOPLE: LET THE CREATION BRING
PROSPERITY TO ALL PEOPLE.**

*Pastor: May he defend
the cause of the poor.*

**PEOPLE: AND GIVE DELIVERANCE TO
THE CHILDREN OF THE NEEDY.**

*Pastor: May they fear the Lord
while the sun endures.*

**PEOPLE: LORD, CONTINUE TO
BRING YOUR PEACE.**

--THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

(We greet one another with the handshake of peace and with the words
"The Peace of the Lord be with you.")

----THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Father, I Adore You"

*Father, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.
Jesus, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.
Spirit, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.*

--- THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Take a moment of silent reflection upon our need for God's forgiveness)

Pastor:  *O Almighty God,*

PEOPLE:

**WE CONFESS THAT
WE ARE IMPATIENT AND STUBBORN.
YOU HAVE CALLED US TO WAIT,
BUT WE HAVE RUN AHEAD.
WE CONFESS THAT WE DO NOT SEE
RIGHTEOUSNESS AS YOU DO.
WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE LOST HOPE,
PUTTING OUR TRUST IN THE THINGS
AND LEADERS OF THIS WORLD,**

**LORD, YOU ARE THE ETERNAL HOPE.
YOU SENT US JESUS
AND PROMISED TO COME AGAIN.
HELP US TO KNOW YOUR FAITHFULNESS,
MERCY, AND STEADFAST LOVE,
AS WE WAIT FOR YOU.
COME, LORD JESUS, COME.
AMEN**

Pastor:  The story of Jesus is about life and forgiveness.

*You are God's beloved; you are a child of the resurrection. Live in the hope of new life. God loves you, and God is the restorer of hope. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN***

--THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

*Lord, in your constant goodness, watch over your family. May we who rely solely on your undeserved love for us always be defended by your power. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.***

THE FIRST LESSON 2 Kings 5:1-14

Elisha did not seek monetary gain for proclaiming the word of the Lord. Naaman was healed solely by divine grace, not by the power of Elisha.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel,

and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I

have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy.” And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me.”

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.” So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.” But Naaman was angry and went away, saying,

“Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage. But his servants came near and said to him, “My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Reader:  *This is the Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE:  THANKS BE TO GOD

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Paul has mentored no one more privately and successfully than Timothy. Now he charges Timothy to pass the faith along to the next generation. Training leaders is priority one.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

This story alludes to the foreigner who was cleansed of leprosy by Elisha.

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were

cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- THE APOSTLES CREED

Choir - Second Service

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

--- THE SERMON

Go with Peace

--THE OFFERTORY

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit with-in me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with Your free Spirit.*

--- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(after each petition)

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the
right hand of God,
the Father, Almighty.

From thence
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.

--- THE LORD'S PRAYER

--- THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: May the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Pastor: The tree of life in the midst of the garden was the tree of our defeat. Christ was lifted up on the tree of victory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored. And so we praise you ..

PEOPLE:
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA, HOSANNA, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

---- THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

--- THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"I Come, O Savior, to Your Table" (LW 242 Vs. 1 - 6)

1. I come, O Savior, to your table, for weak and weary is my soul;
You, Bread of Life, alone are able to satisfy and make me whole.
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!
2. Restless am I and heavy laden, with sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously, and gladden my heart that here is now your guest.
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!
3. Your heart is filled with fervent yearning that I, a sinner, come to you;
I, Lord, to your sure mercy turning, my ancient bond of faith renew.
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heav'n
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heav'n
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

4. In hope I come to your high table, your testament of deepest love;
For by its grace I now am able to know the heart of God above.
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!
5. What greater gift can I inherit? It is faith's bonded solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, the covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!
6. Your body crucified, O Savior, your blood which once for me was shed,
These are my life and strength forever, by them my hungry soul is fed.
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LW 378 (Vs. 1 - 4)

1. My faith looks up to Thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!
2. May Thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart; My zeal
inspire! As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee,
pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!
3. While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.
4. When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in
love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

Jesus! Oh, How Could It Be True (LW 393 Vs. 1-6)

1. Jesus! Oh, how could it be true,
A mortal man ashamed of you?
Ashamed of you, whom angels praise,
Whose glories shine through endless days?
2. Ashamed of Jesus? Sooner far
Let evening blush to own a star.
He sheds the beams of light divine
On this benighted soul of mine.
3. Ashamed of Jesus? Just as soon
Let midnight be ashamed of noon.
There's midnight in my soul till he,
Bright Morning Star, bids darkness flee.
4. Ashamed of Jesus, that dear friend
On whom my hopes of heav'n depend?
No; when I blush, be this my shame,
That I no more revere his name.
5. Ashamed of Jesus? Yes, I may
When I've no guilt to wash away,
No tear to wipe, no good to crave,
No fear to quell, no soul to save.
6. Till then--nor is my boasting vain--
Till then I boast a Savior slain;
And oh, may this my glory be,
That Christ is not ashamed of me

----- NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

----- THE BLESSING

*Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord look upon you with grace and redemption.
May the Lord always walk before you and give you peace.*

PEOPLE: AMEN

----THE CLOSING HYMN

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs (LW 204 VS 4)

The whole creation join in one,
To bless the sacred name
Of Him who sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.

----- SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

---- THIS WEEK AT GRACE

<u>Today</u>	<u>February 9, 2020</u>
Worship	8:30 & 10:15 am
Fellowship Time	After services
Korean Church Worship	1:00 pm
AA	7:30 pm

This Week

Adopt-A-Mile	<u>February 10 - 15, 2020</u>
Olivet Academy	Tuesday, 8:30 am
MOPs	Tuesday 9:00 am- 1:00 pm
Pellin's Home Bible Study	Wednesday 9:00 am
	Wednesday 10:30 am

Mahjong
Valentine's Day
Choir Practice
Korean Prayer Service

Wednesday at Noon
Friday
Friday 10:30 am
Saturday, 6:00 am



For complete calendar information, go to
www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS Jenny Brendlinger & Thomas Roksvold - 2/10, Barbara Sutterfield - 2/11

THE FLOWERS adorning the altar are given to the Glory of God by Micki Tomasch.

OPEN SPACES are available on the **FLOWER CHART** in the Narthex.
Flowers are \$27.00 per Sunday. Please feel free to fill in the open spaces.

Adopt-a-Mile Our monthly clean-up will be this Tuesday, February 11, at 8:30 AM. However, our meeting place will be on the corner of Torino and Chesboro, that is only one street north on Torino. This is due to the construction on the corner of Torino and Cashmere Blvd. If you need information, please contact: Judy Fredrich (561) 315-9555 - pjfred@outlook.com

BACKPACK PROGRAM: A list of needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and a collection box is in the narthex. Cash donations earmarked "Backpack" may be placed in the offering plate as well.
For more information contact Leigh Liagre.



GRACE CHOIR is meeting and practicing on Fridays at 10:30, all voices are welcome.

SARAH'S KITCHEN Are you available on Monday evenings for a few hours to help? Grace volunteers are needed Monday evenings to help out, PLEASE contact Piper Neagles if you would like to know how you can help. (586)212-7626 or janpan18@yahoo.com

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED with two services **we need ushers, readers, greeters and worship assistants.** If you are in the least bit interested or know someone who is, PLEASE, let Patti Williams, Leigh Liagre or Pastor know. Training and overwhelming support is provided.

REMEMBER THOSE ON THE PRAYER LIST In an effort to keep our prayer list up to date and be sure everyone is listed, please make your requests in writing or email.

- **place the** pink completed prayer form into the offering plate or on office desk.
- **or by email** to: www.GraceLutheranPSL.com/pray

Your loved one/ones will remain on the list for three weeks. If you wish someone to remain

longer, you will need to make another request. By doing this, we will also ensure that Pastor Cris is aware of updates to the status of everyone's needs.

***PINK PRAYER REQUEST FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE COUNTER IN THE NARTHEX.**

Questions to ponder this week.

1. Who is the most prideful person you know? What about them makes them prideful?
2. Read 2 Kings 5:1-7. What is Naaman prideful about? What is he trusting in most?
When are times that we trust in similar things?
3. Read 2 Kings 5:8-14. Describe how Naaman is healed. How have you seen God work in the humble and small things?
4. Read 2 Kings 5:15-19. Now that Naaman has seen the true God, what is his problem with his job of serving the foreign king? What does Elisha tell him to do?
5. What is your first response when you find yourself in a situation where someone makes it difficult for you to live out your faith? How can you follow Elisha's advice and simply "go in peace" knowing you are forgiven and God is with you in those times?