



GRACE

The Goodness Of God's Grace

Faith Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Kirk Triplett

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Opening Song

(Ephesians 4:19-20; 5:19, Colossians 3:16)

“Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Verse 1

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King the triumphs of His grace

Verse 2

My gracious Master and my God assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name

Verse 3

Jesus the name that charms our fears that bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ear 'tis life and health and peace

Verse 4

He breaks the power of canceled sin He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean His blood availed for me

Verse 5

He speaks and listening to His voice new life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice the humble poor believe

Verse 6

Glory to God and praise and love be ever ever given
By saints below and saints above the church in earth and heaven

Invocation

(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

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

Congregation: Amen

Confession

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *(1 John 1:8)*

Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:9)

Time for Reflection

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what have we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

(Psalm 103:8-12; 1 Timothy 1:15-16)

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Kyrie

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

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Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the
Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and
praise let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Congregation: Amen

“This is the Feast”

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever Amen

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray together:

**All: Faithful God, whose mercies are new to us every morning, we
humbly pray that you look upon us in mercy and renew us by your
Holy Spirit; keep safe our going out and our coming in and let your
blessing remain with us throughout this day; preserve us in your
righteousness and grant us a portion in that eternal life which is in
Christ Jesus; through whom be glory and praise to you and the Holy
Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

The Word of God

(2 Timothy 3:16; Colossians 3:16)

Old Testament Reading Exodus 17:1-7 *Read by Lara Triplett*

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5 *Read by Lara Triplett*

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

¹For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

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⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

All Sing: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Announcement of the Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

¹For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day “Amazing Grace”

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I am found was blind but now I see

Verse 2

Twice grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

Verse 3

Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come
Tis grace that brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home

Verse 4

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun

Sermon

(2 Timothy 3:16, 4:2; Acts 2:42)

Sermon Title

“Grace for All; Anytime...All the Time”

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Nicene Creed

(1 Timothy 1:18-19; 2 Timothy 3:14)

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

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And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the Church

(Galatians 6:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:1)

After each petition: Pastor: Lord, in your mercy

Congregation: Hear our prayer

We Pray for:

- Bryan (friend of Butch & Jean) – recovering from surgery
- Susan – new health complication
- Jerry – in rehab for a broken femur;
- Barb – recovering from fall
- Greg (Barb's son) – recovering from hand surgery
- Robert (Phyllis' grandson) – Cancer free but still having other complications
- Those battling ongoing health issues – Dale, John, Jerry
- Those battling cancer – Tasha, Debbie, Marty, Derek, Ella, Sandra, Alice and Sue's father
- Hawthorne Middle School
- Our Nation

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

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

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, because you have mightily governed and protected your holy Church, which the blessed apostles and evangelists instructed in your divine and saving truth. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us children of men and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive him who comes to us in his body and blood.

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9)

All: 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

Words of Institution *(Matthew 26:26-27; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20)*

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

Congregation: And also with you.

GIVING OF THE PEACE

Agnus Dei

(John 1:29; Luke 17:13)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace

Gather at the Lord's Table

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42)

"Thank the Lord"

Thank the Lord and sing His praise tell everyone what He has done

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen

Benediction

(Numbers 6:22; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

All: Amen

Closing Song “How Great Thou Art”

Verse 1

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands hath made
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe display

CHORUS

Then sings my soul my Savior God to thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art (Repeat)

Verse 2

And when I think that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on that cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

CHORUS

Verse 3

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

CHORUS

Dismissal

(Romans 5:1; Romans 12:1)

Pastor: Now go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Announcements

- **Adult Bible Study 9am** – We are studying the Small Catechism.
- **Kids Sunday School at 9am**
- **TONIGHT - Praise Night at 5:00pm at the church**
- **Mondays - Youth Group Foundations from 5:30 – 6:30pm** – Fifth Grade through high school are welcome as we have fun and learn about the great foundations of our faith. Parents are encouraged and welcomed to participate.
- **Mondays – Women’s Study at 7:00pm at Terri Westphall’s home**
- **Man Monday’s at 7:00pm at the church**
- **Tuesdays - Quilting Ladies at 10:00am at the church**
- **Thursdays – Men’s Coffee from 8 to 9:30am at the church**
- **Lent Begins on Wednesday February 17th with our Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm.**
- **Blood Drive – We will be hosting a blood drive on Friday, March 19th from 10:00am to 3:00pm.** We will need volunteers to help greet people.
- **Easter Sunday is April 4th - We will be having two services: 8:30 am and 10:00am.**
- **You can now give online at tithely.com; Search for Faith Lutheran Evangelical Church.**
- **Last week’s attendance: 45**
- **Church Financial Update for the month of December:**
Offerings: \$6,747 Expenses: \$5,552

If you have a pastoral need you may contact Pastor Kirk Triplett at kirk@faithpocatello.org or 530-306-0712.

Kirk’s office hours this week are:

Monday: 9:00am – 5:30pm

Tuesday: 12:45pm – 5:30pm

Wednesday: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Thursday: 8:00am - 12:45pm

Friday and Saturday: By Appointment