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March 9, 2025

“COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY”

Verse 1

Come behold the wondrous mystery
in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven’s praises
robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
took on flesh to ransom us

Verse 2

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great
and sure fulfillment of the law
in Him we stand

Verse 3

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
see the Father’s plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
grace unmeasured love untold

Verse 4

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry
slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e’er restrain Him
praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of de-liv’rance
how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
as we will be when He comes

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CONFESSION OF SINS & ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Through the Confession of Sins, we together confess our sins to God, expressing our need for God's forgiveness. As we hear the Announcement of God's Forgiveness, we see the mercy and love of God through the work of his Son, Jesus, and enjoy forgiveness and peace through faith in him. Today's Confession of Sins & Announcement of God's Forgiveness are based on today's Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 52:13-15.

Pastor Kevin: Gracious and Almighty Father, you sent your Servant, Jesus, to suffer in our place, and to be exalted. Yet too often, we turn from him. We fail to recognize the depth of our own sin and the great work Jesus has done in our place. We come before you in humility, confessing our need for your forgiveness and renewal.

Grace Family: Merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and action. We have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have ignored the sacrifice of your Servant, Jesus, and have sought our own ways instead of yours. We come to you in repentance, relying on your grace, and trusting in the work of Jesus for us that cleanses us from all sin.

Pastor Kevin: The Servant of the Lord, Jesus, suffered and died for our sins. Many nations have been sprinkled with his redeeming blood. Because of Jesus' sacrifice, God declares you clean. As a called servant of Jesus, and by his authority, I announce to you the full forgiveness of all your sins. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING *page 1003 in the red pew Bibles*

Hebrews 4:14-16

GOSPEL READING *page 859 in the red pew Bibles*

Luke 4:1-13

“CHRIST IS WITH ME”

Sung by Grades 3-8 Scholars of Grace Christian Academy

OUR VICTORIOUS SERVANT: THE HUMBLED SERVANT IS EXALTED

message based on Isaiah 52:13-15

page 613 in the pew Bibles

Today we begin a message series that we will follow on the Sundays during Lent—from today through April 13. This message series is based on Isaiah 53, although today we’ll be starting a few verses before Isaiah 53 (more on the reason for that in today’s message!).

The Book of Isaiah is often referred to as having two parts: the first part, Isaiah chapters 1-39; the second part, Isaiah chapters 40-66. What we’ll be looking at in today’s message falls in the middle of the second part, Isaiah 53. This section of Isaiah involves one of Isaiah’s “Servant Songs.” The Servant Songs allow the reader to eavesdrop on communication between God the Father and God the Son—700 years before Jesus was walking and talking on earth!

In the Servant Song that we’ll be exploring during the Sundays of this Lenten Season, we’ll see the Servant of the Lord (Jesus) suffering. However, a very noteworthy thing is that the Servant of the Lord doesn’t stay suffering. Ultimately, the suffering Servant of the Lord is exalted.

The message of the suffering Servant who is exalted offers great encouragement for us. The Servant of the Lord (Jesus) suffered but was lifted up. Through faith in Jesus, we who struggle now (for all kinds of reasons) will ultimately be lifted up.

PRAYER

Following the prayer:

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.

“BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE”

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest
whose name is Love
Whoever lives and pleads for me
My name is grave on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav’n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence de-part
No tongue can bid me thence de-part

Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt with-in
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Verse 3

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

Verse 4

I bow before the cross of Christ
And marvel at this love divine
God’s perfect Son was sacrificed
To make me righteous in God’s eyes
This river’s depths I cannot know
But I can glory in its flood
The Lord Most High
has bowed down low
And poured on me His glorious love
And poured on me His glorious love

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The full calendar can be found at gracefallschurch.org/calendar

- Today** **8:00 a.m. Traditional Service**
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – GCA Gala Kickoff Bake Sale
(Fellowship Room)
9:00 a.m. Grace Choir Rehearsal (Classroom 6)
9:30 a.m. Traditional Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (classrooms)
9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Class (Classroom 6)
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service
12:30 p.m. Servicio de adoración
1:45 p.m. Estudio Biblico (Fellowship Room)
- Tuesday** Bible Café will not meet.
5:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class (Zoom)
- Wednesday** 6:15 p.m. Lenten Supper (Fellowship Room)
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
- Thursday** 12:30 p.m. GCA Early Dismissal
1:00 p.m. Grace Staff Meeting (Classroom 4)
- Friday** GCA will not hold classes on account of Parent-Teacher
Conferences.
7:30 p.m. Wisconsin Lutheran College Choir Concert
(see announcement)
- Saturday** 11:00 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- Next Sunday** **8:00 a.m. Traditional Service with Communion**
9:00 a.m. Grace Choir Rehearsal (Classroom 6)
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Financial Giving with PayPal | If you would like to make a financial gift to Grace's General Fund or the Building Fund you may do so through Grace's PayPal account. You may access that account through the smartphone scan code on the left or by going to gracefallschurch.org/donate.

Midweek Lenten Service this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. | Midweek Lenten services are held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. through April 9. Everyone is invited!

Midweek Lenten Supper this Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. | During Lent, Grace offers suppers at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday evenings prior to Lenten worship. Various individuals, families, or groups provide these meals for others. Everyone is invited!

Wisconsin Lutheran College Concert Choir Concert on Friday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. | Grace will be hosting the Concert Choir of Wisconsin Lutheran College on Friday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. The choir concert will take place in the Sanctuary at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (7426 Idylwood Rd, Falls Church). You are invited to attend—and bring friends!

Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC) is a private liberal arts college affiliated with our denomination (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod). It is located in Milwaukee. For more information about WLC, please see wlc.edu.

SAVE THE DATE: Grace's high school ministry (TORCH – Teens Outwardly Reflecting CHrist - for grades 8-12) will be playing laser tag on Saturday, March 29. The event will start with food, God's Word & prayer at Grace at 5:00 p.m. It will finish by 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per participant. RSVP to either Chaisson Maheu or Tricia Visscher by Wednesday, March 26. Their contact info is on the back page.

SAVE THE DATE: Grace Christian Academy's 2025 Gala will be held on Sunday, April 27TH at the Tysons Corner Marriott | Information on the Gala can be found at gcgala.com. Please keep an eye out for tickets and sponsorships to go on sale soon! If you are interested in volunteering for the Gala, please reach out to Bethany Kazakevicius at development@graceva.org.

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