



Grace Alone  
Faith Alone  
Scripture Alone

**'GRACE, FAITH, & SCRIPTURE ALONE'**

**HYMN:** CW 203

**Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

**Please stand.**

**THE INVOCATION**

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**WORD OF FORGIVENESS:**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

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**This Week at St. Mark**

- Sunday - Worship Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
- Sunday School & Bible Class 9:20 am
- Monday - Worship Service 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm
- Thursday - Bible Class 6:30 am  
- 6:30 pm Ladies Aid  
- BIC 7:00 pm
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Wilkinson Sec. 2 Workentine  
Sec. 3 Witt
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### St. Mark News and Notes

**Nursery** At St. Mark, we love children and encourage their worship, too! In the foyer, we have some children's busy bags hanging from hooks that you are most welcome to use in church. If your child becomes restless during the service and you feel you both could just use a little break, you're welcome to use our nursery. Ask an usher to lead you to the nursery. If you need a private place to feed your baby, there is a chair downstairs in the women's restroom along with a changing table. Most of us have or have had young children, so you're with caring people who understand what it's like to have little ones.

**Birthday**—Ben Hoefler 11/2, Nate Workentine 11/3, Alta Beltz 11/5, Lois Weise 11/6

### THANK YOU FOR SERVING

**Elders:** Nate Workentine, Ben Schroeder

**Ushers:** Rainer Gartzke, Rich Beltz (E), Brian & Trevor Wiles (L)

**Greeters:** Mel & Sue Soyk (E), Lisa Duffield / Lori Meyer (L)

**Organist:** Eva Van Egmond

### Coming Events:

**Nov. 21** — Annual Fall Cleanup 8:00 am

**Nov. 25** —Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 pm

**Poinsettias** The Ladies' Aid will be purchasing Christmas poinsettias for the church altar. If you wish to give a donation toward the purchase of the poinsettias to help cover the cost, please make your check out to Elfi Lee and put your donation in her mailbox by Dec. 6.

**Vacation:** Pastor Vogel will be on vacation November 4 through November 10. If you need pastoral assistance, call Pastor Kemnitz (402) 440-8145.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Gracious Lord God, we come before your throne today with hearts filled with gratitude and thanksgiving for having been made heirs of your glory through your gifts of grace, faith, and Holy Scripture. Be with our worship today as we refresh our minds, souls, and hearts with the saving grace of your love, the faith we have been given through the Holy Spirit, and the Scripture we treasure as our daily guide and comfort. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Friend and Redeemer. Amen.

Please be seated.

## PART 1 GRACE ALONE

### RESPONSIVE READING

**M:** Grace! 'Tis a charming sound, harmonious to the ear;  
**C:** **Heaven with the echo shall resound, and all the earth shall hear.**  
**M:** Grace first inscribed my name in God's eternal book;  
**C:** **'Twas grace that gave me to the Lamb, who all my sorrows took.**  
**M:** Grace led my wandering feet to tread the heavenly road;  
**C:** **And new supplies each hour I meet while pressing on to God.**  
**M:** Grace taught my soul to pray and made my eyes o'erflow;  
**C:** **'Twas grace that kept me to this day and will not let me go.**  
**M:** Grace all the work shall crown through everlasting days;  
**C:** **It lays in heaven the topmost stone and well deserves the praise.**

**M:** Five hundred years ago, during the time of the protestant Reformation, Martin Luther and his fellow reformers fought to restore a wandering church to the basic truths of Christianity. They believed that sinners are justified by grace alone, through faith alone, on the basis of Scripture alone. Today we will lead you on a journey through all three of these "alones" or as they are often referred to in Latin, Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, and Sola Scriptura.

What is does it mean that we are saved by grace alone? Grace is a word we often hear in church. It is used in the Bible over 120 times. In fact the book of Romans mentions grace 20 times. But what is grace?

Grace is God’s kindness that we don’t deserve. Luke wrote in Acts 15:11, “We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved.” Grace is the first step on our road to heaven. We deserved nothing from God but punishment and damnation. God had every right to condemn us to everlasting death. But he didn’t. He showed us his grace. He freely gave us the opportunity to be saved through the death of his own son, Jesus Christ. How loving our God is. And he gave this grace not only to us, but to everyone. That means there is no other way to heaven but through the door of God’s free grace. It doesn’t seem fair. We might think we should have to do something to work for it, but that is not in God’s plan.

We read in Romans 11:6, “If by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.” We can easily understand grace if we just remember how it is spelled!  
 G-R-A-C-E is God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense

**ADDRESS**

**Ephesians 2:5**

“It is by grace you have been saved.”

**CONGREGATION HYMN:**

**Amazing Grace**

*By John Newton*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound!  
 That saved a wretch like me!  
 I once was lost, but now am found;  
 Was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
 And grace my fears relieved.  
 How precious did that grace appear,  
 The hour I first believed.

Thro’ many dangers, toils and snares  
 I have already come.  
 ’Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
 And grace will lead me home.

With might of ours can naught be done; soon were our loss effected.  
 But for us fights the valiant one whom God himself elected.  
 “You ask, who is this?” Jesus Christ it is,  
 The almighty Lord.  
 And there’s no other God;  
 He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us,  
 We tremble not, we fear no ill; they shall not overpower us.  
 This world’s prince may still scowl fierce as he will,  
 He can harm us none.  
 He’s judged; the deed is done!  
 One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain, nor any thanks have for it;  
 He’s by our side upon the plain with his good gifts and Spirit.  
 And do what they will—hate, steal, hurt, or kill,  
 Though all may be gone,  
 Our victory is won;  
 The kingdom’s ours forever!

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**Please remember in your prayers...**



- Sarah Brauer, Margaret Booth’s daughter
- Jacob Kander, Jean & Denny Riegsecker’s nephew
- Alida Freese, Julie Nelson’s mother

*During the distribution of Holy Communion, the following hymns will be sung.*

**HYMN: CW 280**

**Thy Strong Word**

## THANKSGIVING

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**C:** Amen.

## THE BLESSING

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

**CONGREGATION HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

*By Martin Luther*

A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need that has us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

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'd first begun.

## PART 2 FAITH ALONE

**M:** Isn't the grace of God a wonderful blessing? But if it is given to everyone, why won't everyone be saved? That takes us to the next of the three Solas: by Faith Alone. But what is faith? Faith is believing that Jesus is our Savior.

God did some wonderful things for us. Sin began in the Garden of Eden, and it has infected everyone since then. But God found a way to take away the sin. He sent his Son Jesus to die on the cross. There he forgave the sins of everyone. But the suffering and dying of Jesus means very little if people don't believe it. Faith in Jesus as our Savior is the next step we take on God's journey.

Martin Luther saw that the people were being taught that one could get to heaven by adding works and buying one's way. They didn't rely only on faith. Luther knew that wasn't what the Bible said. Ephesians 2:8,9 says, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

The Bible is filled with examples of God's people who truly believed that God would rescue them from their sins. They looked forward to the coming Messiah. We look back to see that Jesus was that hope they were looking for, and we look ahead to the time he will come back to take us to heaven. Hebrews 11 names many of those great heroes of faith.

## RESPONSIVE READING

**M:** Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. (Heb. 11:1)

- C:** By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. (Heb. 11:4)
- M:** By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death. (Heb. 11:5)
- C:** By faith Noah, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. (Heb. 11:7)
- M:** By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. (Heb. 11:17)
- C:** By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. (Heb. 11: 20)
- M:** By faith Jacob blessed each of Joseph's sons. (Heb. 11:21)
- C:** By faith Joseph spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. (Heb. 11:22)
- M:** By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. (Heb. 11:23)
- C:** By faith Moses regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasure of Egypt. (Heb. 11:25)
- M:** By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land. (Heb. 11:29)
- C:** By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people marched around them for seven days. (Heb. 11:30)
- M:** And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, and Samuel. (Heb. 11:32)
- C:** [These people] did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. (Heb. 11:13)

## 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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



**C:** O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*Please be seated.*

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

### CONGREGATION SONG: Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink

*By William Bathurst*

Oh, for a faith that will not shrink,  
Though pressed by many a foe,  
That will not tremble on the brink  
Of poverty or woe.

A faith that shines more bright and clear  
When tempests rage without,  
That, when in danger knows no fear,  
In darkness feels no doubt.

A faith that keeps the narrow way  
Till life's last spark is fled  
And with a pure and heav'nly ray  
Lights up the dying bed.

Lord, give me such a faith as this,  
And then, whate'er may come,  
I'll taste, e'en now, the hallowed bliss  
Of an eternal home.

ADDRESS

Romans 5:1

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH: Luther's explanation to the Third Article

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Chris-

tian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

## PART 3

### SCRIPTURE ALONE

**M:** We now come to the third Sola that Martin Luther treasured. We remember that Grace Alone shows us the undeserved blessing that God has given to all people. We also know that only by Faith Alone will that grace bear fruit. But how does that faith come to us? It is through the Holy Bible, or by Scripture Alone. But what is the Scripture? The Scripture is God's Word that we have in the Bible.

Our Bible is a very special book. It is the only book that was written by God, and it's the only book that we need to learn about our loving Savior. We don't need any manmade books or writings. We don't need any traditions or edicts from church fathers. We don't need any brilliant reasoning or scientific proof. The only thing anyone really needs to find heaven is God's guidebook, The Holy Bible.

God's Word is known by many names, but they all refer to God's revelation to us. Here are some of them:

The Law of the Lord  
The Book of the Law  
The Words of God  
My Words  
The Living Word  
The Word of Christ  
The Word of Life  
The Word of Truth  
The Book of Truth  
The Gospel  
The Scroll of the Lord  
The Sword of the Spirit

The Promises  
The Scriptures  
The Holy Scriptures

Interestingly the one name it never calls itself is The Holy Bible. But no matter how you name it, it is a precious jewel to the believer, one that should be kept safe and pure so that it can be shared from generation to generation.

#### ADDRESS

**1 Peter 1:25**

“... but the word of the Lord stands forever. And this is the word that was preached to you.”

#### OFFERING

*Please stand.*

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

##### The Lord's Prayer

**M:** O Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**C:** **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

We follow the historic Christian practice of *close communion*. We ask that only members of Saint Mark Lutheran or one of our sister congregations partake of the sacrament. If you are not a member, please speak to the pastor before communing.