



Following In Jesus' Steps

Grace Lutheran Church
Yorba Linda, California

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With All My Heart!



Following in Jesus' Footsteps

Today: With all my heart!

God allows us to love lots of things in our hearts, but none of them before Him. That means there will be struggles and division and difficulties as those "other things" call for our attention, but the One who loved us first allows to walk with Him with all our heart!



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STAND

The sign of the cross and God's Triune name help us remember our baptism (Matthew 28:19).

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of Life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

For faithless worrying and fear,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called shepherd:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**



This is printed with the music on p. 8.

This song reminds us of how impossible it is to follow our Lord on our own. But it takes us from Mt. Sinai to the cross, where we find the One who does for us what we cannot do ourselves: follow Jesus.

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RESPONSE

I Pray Lord Come

**I pray, Lord, come and please do for me What for myself I cannot do.
When all my sins are laid before me, My only hope is found in you.
My sin outdistances contrition – so cold, complacent, vain am I.
Remind me of my dark condition and of the quaking Si-nai.**

**Again within the struggle rages, my pride against your will, O Lord.
I daily earn but my sin's wages; My faults I hide, my guilt I hoard.
And still there is no condemnation - No guilt to own, no debt to pay!
Christ, raise your cross for my salvation; A price no treasure can repay.**

**Lend me your death and resurrection; breathe life into this hollow frame,
That every thought and word and action display your love, declare your name.
I pray Lord, come and please do for me what for myself I cannot do!
Christ, raise you cross and go before me; Of Spirit born, I follow you.**

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M. Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

This sad account has several connections to our sermon lesson today:

Israel couldn't follow God on their own – they lasted just a short time before they turned away.

Aaron let the pressure from others keep him from following God.

The Levites carried a sword for God.

That sword separated families even.

FIRST READING:

Exodus 32:15-29

¹⁵ Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. ¹⁶ The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

¹⁷ When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, “There is the sound of war in the camp.”

¹⁸ Moses replied: “It is not the sound of victory,
it is not the sound of defeat;
it is the sound of singing that I hear.”

¹⁹ When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

²¹ He said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?”

²² “Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. “You know how prone these people are to evil. ²³ They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’ ²⁴ So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’ Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”

²⁵ Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. ²⁶ So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the LORD, come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him.

²⁷ Then he said to them, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.'" ²⁸ The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. ²⁹ Then Moses said, "You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day."

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:11-16

*Disciples of Christ,
fight the good fight
of the faith.*

¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time— God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Fight the Good Fight (#457)

- 1 Fight the good fight With all your might;
Christ is your strength and Christ your light.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.**
- 2 Run the straight race Through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.**
- 3 Cast care aside, Lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.**
- 4 Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.
He changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is Lord eternally.**

Text: John S. B.
Consell, 1811–75,
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**FOLLOW IN
JESUS'
FOOTSTEPS:**

**With all your
heart!**

SERMON LESSON

Matthew 10:34-42

³⁴ “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn

“a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

³⁶ a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’ ^[Micah 7:6]

³⁷ “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

APOSTLES CREED

Offerings are part of our worship life and our life in the church. Moved by the three fold blessing of God, Christians cheerfully give and give generously so others may know the precious message of Jesus. During this time of social distancing, your offering may be left at the door or mailed or you may give online at www.gracelutheran.church.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD'S PRAYER

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 BLESSING

M: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD makes his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with his favor and give you his peace.

C: Amen.

**CLOSING SONG****Take the World, But Give Me Jesus (#355)**

**1 Take the world, but give me Jesus! All its joys are but a name.
But his love abides forever, Through eternal years the same.**

Refrain:

**Oh, the height and depth of mercy; Oh, the length and breadth of love!
Oh, the fullness of redemption, Pledge of endless life above!**

**2 Take the world, but give me Jesus, Sweetest comfort of my soul.
With the Savior watching o'er me, I can sing, though thunders roll.**

Refrain:

**3 Take the world, but give me Jesus! In his cross my trust shall be
Till with clearer, brighter vision Face to face my Lord I see.**

Refrain:

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915, abr., alt.

PRAYERS

Pastor and Mickie Nitz for 61 years of marriage today!!!

Ed and Dina, Gracelee and Annaless moving to Plano, Texas. God's speed!

Muriel Perkola hospitalized this week

CALENDAR

Thursday Bible Study online – 10 AM or 7 PM

Sunday worship – online (at your convenience)

OR 9:30 here at church with communion.

1. I pray, Lord, come and please do for me What for my -
2. A - gain with - in the strug - gle rag - es, My pride a -
3. Lend me your death and re - sur - rec - tion; Breathe life in -

self I can - not do. When all my sins are laid be -
gainst your will, O Lord. I dail - y earn but my sin's
to this hol - low frame, That ev - 'ry thought and word and

fore me, My on - ly hope is found in
wag - es; My faults I hide, my guilt I
ac - tion Dis - play your love, de - clare your

you. My sin out - dis - tan - ces con - tri - tion- So cold, com -
hoard. And still there is no con - dem - na - tion, No guilt to
name. I pray Lord, come and please do for me. What for my -

plac - ent, vain am I. Re - mind me of my dark con -
own, no debt to pay! Christ was the price for my sal -
self I can - not do! Christ, raise your cross and go be -

di - tion And of the quak - ing Si - na - i.
va - tion, A price no trea - sure can re - pay.
fore me; Of Spir - it born, I fol - low you.