

Graceline

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“For this is how
God **loved** the
world...”

John 3:16

Pastor David’s Message



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Angels

I have got to admit as a pastor, angels are usually the last thing on my mind. In fact, I rarely talk about them. When people share their thoughts about angels I usually listen and step aside. It is a topic that I find myself not to be an authority on. I believe they exist; they have a purpose but, I see them as a bit of God's mystery. At times I appreciate their existence and it is a topic that challenges me, but it almost sounds like a fairytale when we talk about them. I know that this is wrong to view this approach. The Bible shares little information about angels and Moses does not share about the creation of them. The Greek word angel means messenger. One who speaks or carries a letter. Therefore, according to the Greek language anyone who carries or speaks of God's message could be considered to be an angel. We do not consider ourselves as angels, but we may do the work of one. There are many materials to read about angels yet, I feel the best is to read about them in the Bible or to read Martin Luther's explanation of them.

Luther describes angels as spiritual creatures, a person without body. Luther claims that *good angels* fight evil. He claims the princes of heaven are a multitude of host who are at work for the Lord. He writes that they do not act on pride as humans do but, walk in obedience to God. Psalm 103:20-21 says:

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Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. NIV

God created angels to protect us against the designs of the devil, who is considered to be a fallen angel. So, there are bad and good angels. Luther claims that *good angels* grant us protection, so that the world is not in flames or in a heap of ruins. He claims they are more powerful and wise than the evil ones because they have a mirror to God called *facis Patris*, they know the will and face of God.

In his writings, Luther talks about the angels traveling with us even through the shadows of Death. When we sleep or enter the deep sleep in death we can awake to the other side where Angels are our protectors. They can be guides to us in this life or the next and that is why it is okay to pray for their protection.

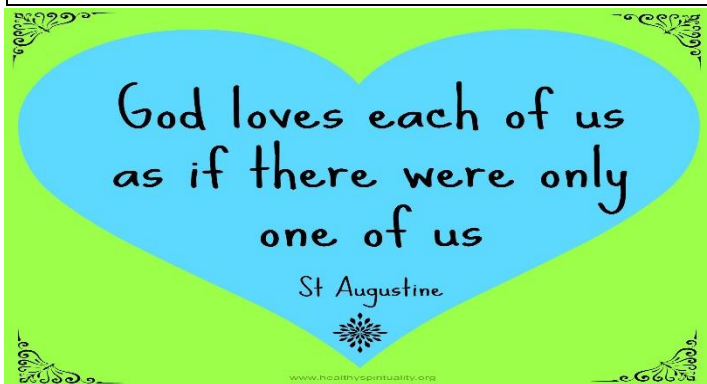
The Bible uses names to define angels like, morning star, angels, seraphim, cherubim and archangels. They do have names and few are mentioned like, Michael and Gabriel. Angels do have similar characteristics to us however we are a little lower than them, as it says in Psalm 8:5... *a little lower than the angels* NKJV. We may not completely understand the mysteries of angels in this earthly realm but, they do exist and we should always take comfort because of this.

In Christ, Pastor David

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Event- Shrove Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 14th 5:00-6:00PM
Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship
Hall - Please contact Pastor David
Wunderlich by text or phone:
250.317.6502



Grace News

“...He has given us
the *Holy Spirit*
to fill our hearts
with His love.”

—Romans 5:5



February brings us a lot of activities and events this year. The Men's Breakfast this month will be on February 10th at 9:00AM. This will be a **Valentine breakfast** so all the men are invited to bring their spouses and the invitation goes out to all the ladies at Grace, married or single, you are all invited to attend the Men's Breakfast this month! On February 14th, we celebrate Valentine's Day, of course, but it is also Ash Wednesday. So, we will have a **Shrove Pancake supper** made by our Grace Youth at 5:00PM, followed by the **Ash Wednesday service at 6:00PM**, on February 14th. On every Tuesday following at 1:00PM during Lent, Pastor Ed will be leading a **Lenten study on, "Reading Through the Bible."** Come out and bring a friend!

Grace Choir is practicing on Thursdays at 7:00PM and we look forward to hearing anthems from Grace Choir on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. Deni invites everyone who has been thinking about joining choir to finally make the move to come out on Thursday nights at 7:00PM. You won't be disappointed because of all the health, social & spiritual benefits you will receive from singing with the choir. Take a moment to read the following article <https://www.healthline.com/health/benefits-of-singing>, and discover the many benefits. Thank you to Full of Grace who has continued to provide a monthly Call to Worship and who are also leading the hymns on Sundays in the 11:00AM service. Full of Grace continues to provide their music ministry at Brookhaven Care Home and Brent Keith gives a short message with Bible readings and prayers to a very enthusiastic audience. We are very blessed to have this music ministry in our church. It is awesome to hear and see more people in the church during the week and on Sundays. There is no time commitment, just a willingness to serve. **We are looking for help in the following areas: Sound Booth, Greeters, Communion Assistance & Choir.** If there is an area where you would like to help out in the church or in the worship services, please contact the pastor or the

office and let us know what you would like to do. If you are still undecided about coming out for Sunday worship, please contact the pastor or the office and let us know what you would like to do. If you are still undecided about coming out for Sunday worship, please consider it, we miss seeing you!

Grace Choir Practice is on Thursdays at 7:00PM. If you have any questions call Deni Skutshek 250.801.9098 or the church office 250.769.5685.

Full of Grace is the singing group leading the 11:00AM worship hymns and who perform an anthem in the 11:00AM service once a month. We could use a bass singer so if you love singing and can sing the bass-line, please contact Miriam in the office at 250.769.5685.

Men's Breakfast Second Saturday of each month 8:30AM in the Fellowship Hall unless otherwise notified. **February breakfast will be at 9:00AM for a special Valentine breakfast! All ladies of Grace are invited to attend!**

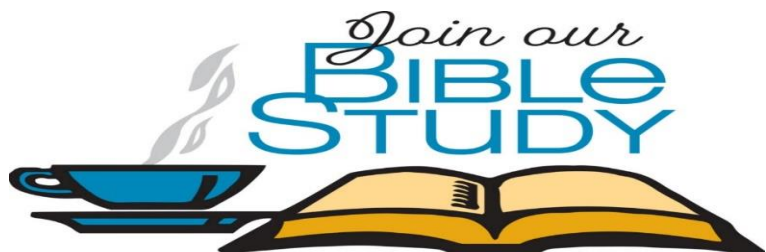
Online Services We continue to record one Sunday worship service each week, and our sound booth team makes it ready for viewing on Sunday afternoon. Here is a quick link to Vimeo so that you may watch it in the afternoon: [Grace Videos on Vimeo](#). If you have provided the Church Office with an email address, the video link will be sent to you on Sunday or Monday. If you do not receive it in your email box, it might have gone into Junk Mail or spam folder.

Special Occasions Are you celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary and would like to share your happy day in a picture that we could include in our monthly newsletter, please send it to info@gracelutheranelowna.com with a brief description of the momentous occasion.



COMPASSION CORNER

Pray for everyone in our church family who mourns including the Vinge, Orsten, Ruff and Fenson families. Pray for those needing prayer at home, including Jim Szabo, Robert Shopland, Ted Schoepp, Louise Shopland, Nedra Schuler, Gerald Schuler, Penny Pfahl, Emily Hughes (Deni Skutshek's mother), Fran Schmidt, Joan Ulmer, Coco Heebner, Brenda Heise, Helene Hack, Lorraine Wentland, Ferne Sather, and Myrna Smith in a nursing home in Alberta. *Come to me, all who are weary and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28*



2024 Lenten Bible Study Series

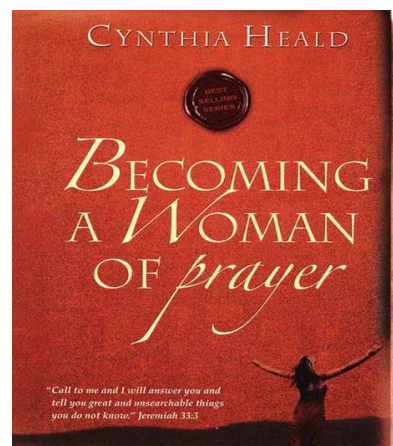
READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Tuesdays at 1PM
led by Pastor Ed
Feb 20th – Mar 19th



Zoom Bible Study Mondays at 7PM

Topic: We will continue our discussion on the life of Jesus at Mark 14:53 which records the trial of Jesus. But why didn't Jesus defend himself? Contact Jim Statham for a Zoom invitation.



Ladies Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:30AM

Topic: Becoming a Woman of Prayer

Congregational Life

Christian Education

Sundays - Sunday School – 10:15AM. Please meet Marilyn in the Quiet Room.

Tuesdays – Starting February 20th at 1:00PM, Pastor Ed will be leading a “Read the Bible,” series for Lent.

Mondays - Bible Study at 7:00PM via ZOOM. Email Jim for an invitation at: jhwstatham@shaw.ca

Wednesdays - Ladies Bible Study at 9:30AM

Thursdays - Choir practice at 7:00PM. Choir will sing an anthem at the 2nd & 4th Sunday service at 11:00AM.

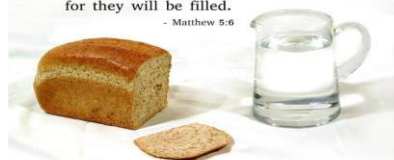
SO VERY
grateful
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UNBELIEVABLY
blessed

Serving Others

Volunteer at the Kelowna Gospel Mission
251 Leon Ave, Kelowna, BC

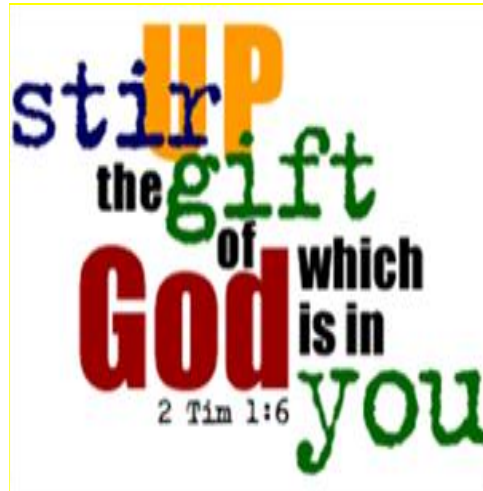
On the 4th Tuesday of every month a team from Grace Lutheran goes to the Kelowna Gospel Mission. They help in the kitchen with lunch preparation and serving. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Corinn Lutz at 250.869.8092 or by email: timcorlutz@gmail.com

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- Matthew 5:6



Grace Dine & Chat

Are you interested in meeting more people from Grace Lutheran Church and enjoying Christian fellowship and good food? Grace singles & couples are invited out after church on the 3rd Sunday of each month for lunch and discussion at one of our local restaurants. Contact Karen Arend at: arendek@shaw.ca.

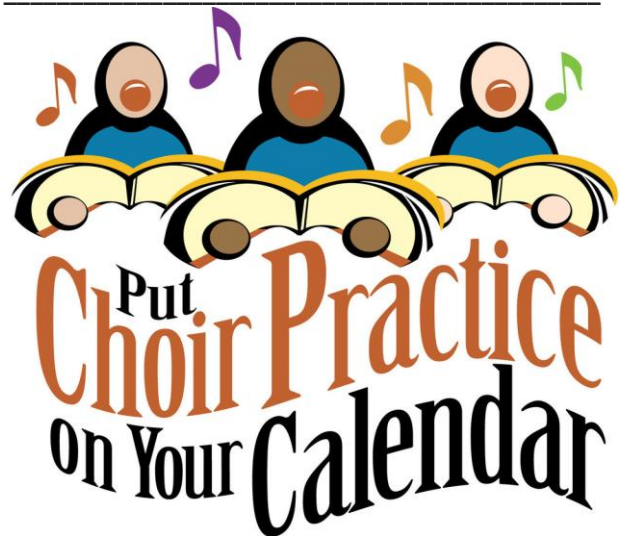


GRACE COFFEE SOCIAL

People of Grace are encouraged and welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays between 10:10-10:50AM for coffee, a snack and fellowship with other Grace members. This is a great opportunity to reach out and meet with one another. We chose this time slot in order for people from both services to attend. If you would like to help out with the coffee, minimal setup and cleanup is involved, so please contact Erika Burt for more information at 250.768.5912.

Council Meeting

February 20th at 7:00PM



God's love
is PERFECT
and
unconditional



Jesus Loves ME!

The Bible tells me so!

Remember to come to Sunday School at 10:15AM! See You There!

The Transfiguration

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Luke 9:29 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 9:28-36 (NIV).

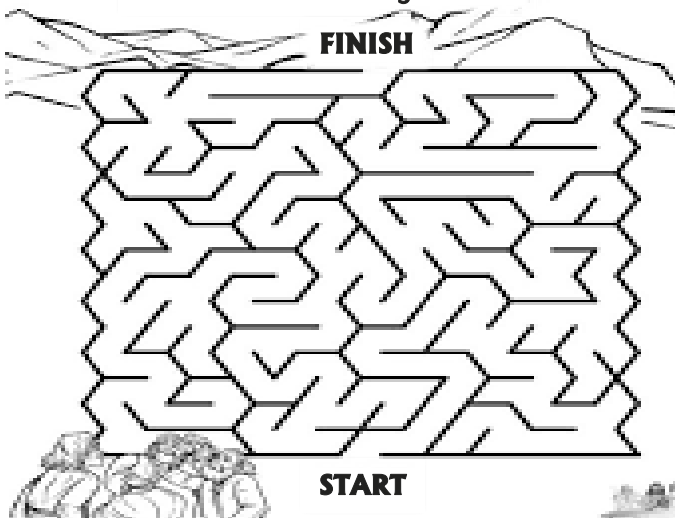


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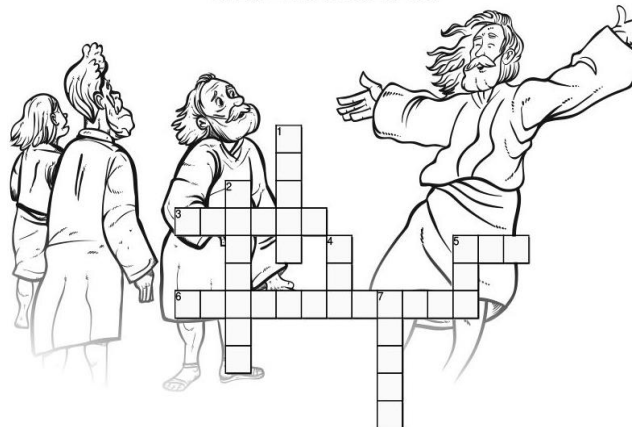
JESUS TRANSFIGURED

Lead Jesus and the Disciples to The Mount of Transfiguration



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Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-13, and Luke 9:28-36

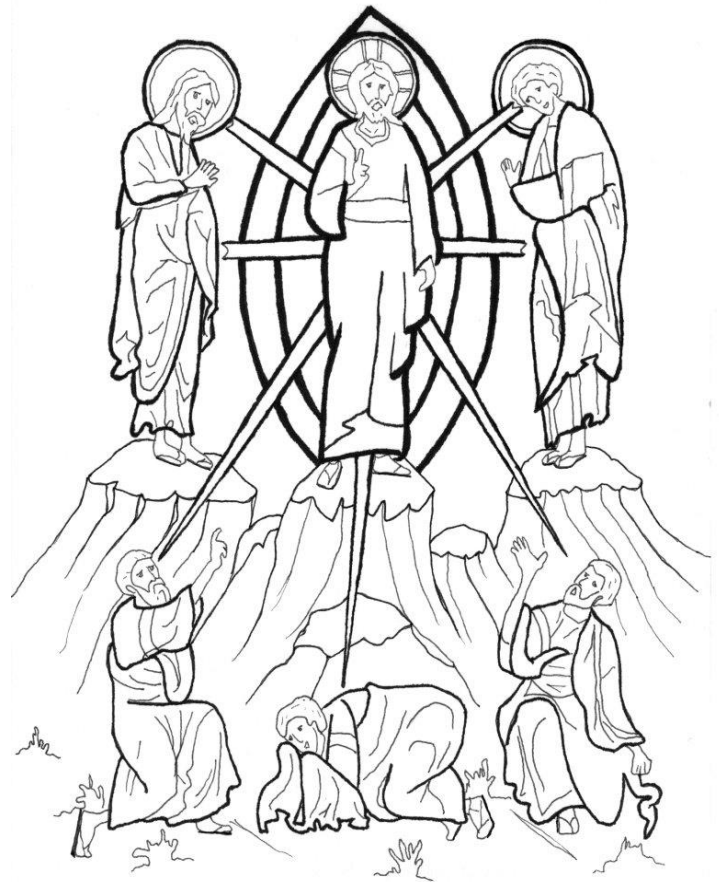


Across

- When prayer was needed the most, the disciples fell _____.
- In the transfiguration of Jesus, He appeared before the three disciples as bright as the _____.
- After the transfiguration, Jesus warned the disciples to not tell anyone about the event until after His _____.

Down

- "The law was given by _____; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." (John 1:17).
- God interrupted Peter with the words, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well _____. Hear Him!".
- Jesus began to explain the plan of salvation to his disciples, that He must first suffer and _____.
- Without the shedding of Christ's blood, there would be no forgiveness of _____.
- Peter suggested to Jesus that he and the other disciples build _____ tents.



FEBRUARY 2024 - GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:00PM Choir	2	3
4 Epiphany 5 9AM Contemporary w/Holy Communion 10:10AM Coffee Social Fellowship Hall 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional w/Holy Communion	5 7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham	6 2:00PM Lakeview Lodge Chapel PD	7 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study with Liliias Statham 2:00PM Brookhaven Chapel PD	8 7:00PM Choir	9	10 8:30AM Men's Breakfast 1:00PM Emmaus Finnish Service 1:00PM 4-H Fireside Rm
11 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social Fellowship Hall 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional	12 7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham	13	14 ♥ 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 5:00PM Shrove Pancake Supper Youth will be making pancakes 6:00PM Ash Wednesday Service	15 7:00PM Choir	16	17
18 First Sunday in LENT 9AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social Fellowship Hall 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional w/Holy Communion	19 -Family Day-	20 1:00PM Lenten Reading the Bible with Pastor Ed	21 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven Chapel FOG	22 7:00PM Choir	23	24 1:00PM 4-H Fireside Rm
25 LENT 2 9AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social Fellowship Hall 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional with Pastor Ed	26 7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham	27 1:00PM Lenten Reading the Bible with Pastor Ed	28 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study With Liliias Statham	29 7:00PM Choir		



May the LORD direct
your hearts to the
LOVE of God and to
the steadfastness
of Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:5 NAS