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## Welcome! Pentecost 12, August 23, 2020

**GRACE** ~ *“I am not ashamed of the gospel...”*



When it comes to the truth of Scripture, there is no room for compromise. The Bible is the book we live by... for life now and for life forever. We accept the Bible as the pure Word of God. We believe that our only Savior is Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, who was crucified, died, and was buried but rose again to open the door to heaven for everyone who believes in him.

**GRACE** ~ *“These are written that you may believe...”*



Grace Lutheran Church has served the Portland area for over 100 years by faithfully preaching and teaching the timeless truth of God’s Word. We believe that God uses the timeless message of Word and Sacraments to bring souls into his care. This is a message that we share here and around the world through our affiliation with the WELS.

**GRACE** ~ *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”*



Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God’s grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. **“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen.” 2 Pt. 3:1**

*I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains  
White in his blood most precious Till not a spot remains.*

*I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in him.  
He heals all my diseases; My soul he does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.*

### Invocation

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

### Confession

M: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. (*Psalm 139:1*)

**C: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**  
(*Psalm 139:2*)

M: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. (*Psalm 139:3*)

**C: Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.** (*Psalm 139:4*)

M: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. (*Psalm 139:5-6*)

**C: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?**  
(*Psalm 139:7*)

M: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. (*Psalm 139:8*)

**C: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.**  
(*Psalm 139:24*)

M: See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.  
(*Psalm 139:24*)

*I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine.  
His right hand me embraces; I in his arms recline.  
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.*

### Absolution

**M:** The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. *(Psalm 103:8-12)*

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. Amen.

*I long to be like Jesus: Meek, loving, lowly, mild;  
I long to be like Jesus, The Father's holy child.  
I long to be with Jesus, Amid the heav'nly throng  
To sing with saints his praises, To learn the angels' song.*

### Prayer Of The Day

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:3-9

<sup>3</sup> Listen, O Israel, and be conscientious about doing those things, so it may go well for you and so you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you. <sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God. The LORD is one! <sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> These words that I am commanding you today are to be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> Teach them diligently to your children, and speak about them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as a sign on your wrists, and they will serve as symbols on your forehead. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Ephesians 5:1-2

Alleluia! Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Alleluia!

### PSALM:

Let The Words Of My Mouth – Psalm 19

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### THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-15

Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.<sup>2</sup> By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.<sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. <sup>4</sup> He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand."

<sup>8</sup> Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me."

<sup>9</sup> "Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!"

<sup>10</sup> Jesus told him, “A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you.” <sup>11</sup> Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, “Not all of you are clean.” <sup>12</sup> After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. <sup>13</sup> “You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. <sup>14</sup> Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you.

### **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.**

**HYMN:** CW #452

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

***Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,  
Flee the world which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.  
Ever in his footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead; I follow thee.***

***Let us suffer here with Jesus, To his image e'er conform;  
Heaven's glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.  
Though we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap in heav'nly joy,  
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.  
Christ, I suffer here with thee; There, oh, share thy joy with me.***

***Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,  
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.  
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin,  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here I die to thee, There to live eternally.***

**Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since he's risen from the dead,  
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, thou art now our head.  
We are truly thine own members; Where thou livest, there live we.  
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.  
Jesus, here I live to thee, Also there eternally.**

**SERMON**

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you as we make mention of you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>because we constantly remember before God our Father your work produced by faith, your labor produced by love, and your patient endurance produced by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>Dear brothers, loved by God, we know that God has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel did not come to you with mere words, but with power, with the Holy Spirit, and with deep conviction. You yourselves know very well what kind of people we proved to be for your sake, while we were with you. <sup>6</sup>You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, when you welcomed the word during a time of great affliction with the joy from the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, the word of the Lord has resounded from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith in God has become known. As a result, we do not need to say anything, <sup>9</sup>because they themselves inform us about what kind of reception we received from you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God. <sup>10</sup>They also report how you patiently wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, the one who is going to rescue us from the coming wrath.

**HYMN:** CW #617 (1) #82(4-5)

**Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored**

**Christ, by heav'nly hosts adored, Gracious, mighty, sov'reign Lord,  
God of nations, King of kings, Head of all created things,  
By the Church with joy confessed, God o'er all, forever blest –  
Pleading, at your throne we stand: Save your people, bless our land.**

**Sun and moon shall darkened be; Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee.  
Christ will then like lightning shine; All will see his glorious sign.  
All will then the trumpet hear; All will see the judge appear.  
You by all will be confessed, God in man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mirrored in your holy Word.  
May our lives and all we do Imitate and honor you  
That we all like you may be At your great epiphany  
And may praise you, ever blest, God in man made manifest.**

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 BENEDICTION

*The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over god's people for over 3500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on them, and I will bless them". – Numbers 6:24-26*

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
**C:** Amen.

### HYMN:

All Glory Be To Christ  
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