



THIS WE BELIEVE

*The Ten Commandments*



Grace  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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*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 Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

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



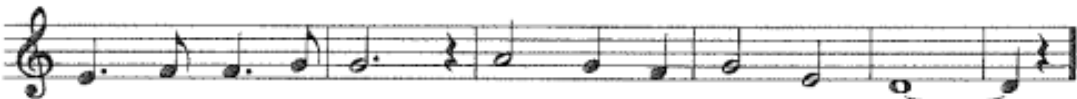
Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God’s grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. **“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen.” 2 Pt. 3:18**



1 Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day: Christ on the  
 2 Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face, bear - ing the  
 3 Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath quakes as its  
 4 Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for thro' your



road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,  
 awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,  
 mak - er bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two,  
 suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death;



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.  
 ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing your blood - stained brow.  
 dead are raised to life; "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.  
 life is mine to live, won thro' your self - less love!

*Refrain*

1-3 This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be -  
 4 This the pow'r of the cross: Son of



came sin for us. Took the blame,  
 God - slain for us. What a love,



bore the wrath; we stand for - giv - en at the cross.  
 what a cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

## 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

**M:** Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**C:** **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

**M:** Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C:** **Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

## Absolution

**M:** God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever! “Rejoice in the LORD and celebrate, all you righteous, and shout joyfully, all you upright in heart.” (Psalm 32:11)

## Hymn:

CW21 (BLUE): #705 OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS



***Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do his will!***

***Order my footsteps by your Word,  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.***

## THE WORD

### The First Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain. Wait there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commands that I have written, so that you can teach them.”

<sup>13</sup> Moses set out with his assistant Joshua and went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> He said to the elders, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, here are Aaron and Hur. They will be with you. Whoever is involved in a dispute can go to them.”

<sup>15</sup> Moses went up onto the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The Glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered the mountain for six days. On the seventh day the LORD called to Moses out of the middle of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> The appearance of the Glory of the LORD looked like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered into the middle of the cloud and climbed up the mountain. Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

### Hymn:

CW21 (BLUE): #705 OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS



*Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget your way,  
Restore your wand'ring sheep.*

### The Second Lesson

Hebrews 24:18-29

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to burning fire, to darkness, to gloom, to a raging storm, <sup>19</sup> to the sound of a trumpet, and to a voice that spoke. Those who heard the voice asked that not one more word be added, <sup>20</sup> because they could not endure what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned.” <sup>21</sup> The sight was so terrifying that even Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”

<sup>22</sup> Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God; to the heavenly Jerusalem; to tens of thousands of angels in joyful assembly; <sup>23</sup> to the church of the firstborn whose names are written in heaven; to God, who is the judge of all; to the spirits of righteous people who have been made perfect; <sup>24</sup> to Jesus, the mediator of a new testament; and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better message than the blood of Abel.<sup>n25</sup> See to it that you do not refuse to listen to the one who is speaking. For if those people did not escape when they refused to listen to the one who spoke God’s message on earth, how much less likely is it that we will escape, if we turn away from the one who spoke God’s message to us from heaven? <sup>26</sup> At that time his

voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also heaven.”

<sup>27</sup>The words “once more” clearly indicate the removal of the things that are being shaken, that is, the things that have been made, so that the things that cannot be shaken remain permanently. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are going to receive an unshakeable kingdom, let us be thankful. This is how we serve God in an acceptable way, with reverence and awe. <sup>29</sup>For our God is a consuming fire.

**Hymn:**

CW21 (BLUE): #705 OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS



*Make me to walk in your commands  
'Tis a delightful road  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.*

**The Gospel Lesson**

Luke 13:22-30

<sup>34</sup>Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. <sup>35</sup>One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

<sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Hymn:**

FROM THE MOUNT

TUNE: CW21 (BLUE): #912 Tune: Unser Herrscher

*Moses from Mount Sinai preaches  
Words in stone that shatter hearts.  
Down into the depths he reaches,  
Bidding us from sin depart.  
Rise, repent, O Christian, see  
Light and life on Calvary!*

*Jesus from Mount Calv'ry preaches  
Blood-soaked words that heal our hearts.  
Warfare ends, the battle ceases,  
Peace and hope our Lord imparts.  
Christ, transfixed on Calv'ry's tree,  
Grant that we transfigured be!*

*Here we see salvation's story,  
Here the law has been fulfilled,  
Here is Christ in thorn-crowned glory,  
Here our hearts His peace has stilled.  
Here, our Lord, upon that height,  
Shines on us as Light of Light!*

## **The Sermon**

Hebrews 24:18-29

## **THANKSGIVING**

### **The Offering**

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me the Lord's Prayer as Christ our Lord taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

M: Here we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all his children on earth. We ask him to give us grace that we might proclaim his Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that his name is precious to us. We also pray that he would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor his name.

**C: Your kingdom come.**

M: We pray that his kingdom and the rule of his grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan's kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, his Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.

**C: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

M: We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our own sinful will and its desires.

**C: Give us today our daily bread.**

M: We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.

**C: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

M: We ask that God would forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

**C: Lead us not into temptation.**

M: We pray here that God would protect us from all temptations and help us by his Spirit to put down our sinful flesh, to despise the world and its vices, and to overcome the devil and all his trickery.

*Special Intercession Prayers*

**C: But deliver us from evil.**

M: And finally we pray that God would deliver us from all evils of body and soul now and forever.



**C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**M:** All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts "Amen," trusting without doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you will received it, and it will be yours."

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Preface**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**C: It is good and right so to do**

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who has called us to be his own that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

### **Hymn:**

CW21 (BLUE): #912 (1) OPEN, LOVELY DOORS

***Open, lovely doors, and let me***

***Come into God's house today!***

***This is where great joys beset me,***

***More than I can sing or say.***

***Here I view God's glorious face,***

***See his light, receive his grace.***

### **The 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."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## **Hymn:**

CW21 (BLUE): #912 (2) OPEN, LOVELY DOORS

***With a song I've come to greet you;  
Come to me, dear Lord, I pray.  
Where you let your people meet you,  
Heaven's light is bright as day.  
Let my heart your heaven be;  
Savior, make your home in me!***

## **The Distribution**

Thank you for honoring our practice of "close" communion. The Bible teaches that participating in the Lord's Supper is an expression of complete unity of faith (1 Cor. 10:17). We lovingly ask, therefore, that before joining in this, the highest act of fellowship, a unity of faith based on the Bible be established through membership in this congregation or in a sister congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy. If you would like to discuss "close" communion or any other spiritual matter with the pastor, please indicate this on the Friendship Register.

## **The Distribution Hymns**

***Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*** BLUECW21: #535 (IMPORTED)

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***"Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love"*** BLUECW21 #577 (IMPORTED)

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## **The Benediction**

**M:** 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.

## **Closing Hymn:**

CW21 #640 (BLUE): GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE

***God's Word is our great heritage  
And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way;  
In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.***

# Worship Notes

## for kids

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Songs We Sang

The Scripture Text Was: \_\_\_\_\_

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

