

# Dear Church...

THE  
LETTERS

## 7 Churches of Revelation



Ephesus



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## The Fifth 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 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed,  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would

Lord, to thee; take my mo - ments and my days, let them  
 of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and  
 for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with  
 I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry

flow in cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.  
 beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine,  
 it shall be no longer mine;  
 take my heart, it is thine own,  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.

## 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:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**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.**

## Hymn

CW21 #696 (5) TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

## Absolution

**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.

## Hymn

CW21 #696 (6) TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

## The Prayer of the Day

O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## THE WORD

### The First Lesson

Revelation 2:18-29

<sup>18</sup> “To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. <sup>19</sup> I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

<sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup> I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. <sup>22</sup> So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. <sup>23</sup> I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. <sup>24</sup> Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan’s so-called deep secrets, ‘I will not impose any other burden on you, <sup>25</sup> except to hold on to what you have until I come.’

<sup>26</sup> To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give power over the nations— <sup>27</sup> that one ‘will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery’—just as I have received authority from my Father. <sup>28</sup> I will also give that one the morning star. <sup>29</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

### Hymn

CW21 #633 (1): SPEAK, O LORD



*Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
To receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory.*

### THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:1; 13-25

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. <sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one

command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

## Hymn

CW21 #633 (2): SPEAK, O LORD



***Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow’r that can never fail,  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.***

## GOSPEL

Matthew 7:24-29

24 “Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. 25 The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was founded on rock. 26 Everyone who hears these words of mine but does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—it was completely destroyed.” 28 When Jesus finished speaking these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught them as one who had authority, and not like their experts in the law.

**Hymn**

CW21 #633 (3): SPEAK, O LORD



*Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built  
And you fill the earth with your glory.*

**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:**

CW21 (BLUE): #856 (1-3) BUILT ON THE ROCK

***Built on the Rock the Church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the soul distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.***

***Surely in temples made with hands  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth his temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above  
Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies his temple.***

*We are God's house of living stones,  
Built for his own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns  
Heirs of his wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two his name to tell,  
Yet he would deign with us to dwell  
With all his grace and his favor.*

## The Sermon

Revelation 2:18-29

## THANKSGIVING

### The Offering

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### Prayer of the Church

- M: O God, through Jesus' sacrifice and triumphant resurrection you have restored us as your forgiven children. In his name we pray:
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven,**
- M: Dear Lord, with these words you tenderly invite us to believe that you are our true Father and that we may pray to you boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father.
- C: Hallowed be thy name.**
- M: Help us to know you through your inspired Word and to live by it as children in your family.
- C: Thy kingdom come.**
- M: Give us your Holy Spirit to rule in our hearts, and use us to extend your kingdom of grace to others.
- C: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**
- M: Make us zealous to carry out your will as gladly as the angels do, and to conform our will to yours.
- C: Give us this day our daily bread.**
- M: Merciful Lord, since you are the provider of all things necessary for our bodies; fill us with trust.
- C: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**
- M: Continue to erase our sins, and help us gladly to forgive and to do good to those who wrong us.
- C: And lead us not into temptation.**



M: We know the devil seeks to destroy our souls and the world lures us to ruin by appealing to the desires of our flesh. Guard us from the poison of misbelief and the trap of unrepented sin.

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

M: *(Include any special prayer requests)* Keep safe our bodies and souls, our property and honor, and above all send the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith in Christ which leads to life everlasting.

**C: For thine is the kingdom,**

M: For all these petitions we look to you as King of Kings and Lord of your church.

**C: and the power,**

M: You alone hold the power to grant our requests.

**C: and the glory forever and ever.**

M: We worship you from whom all blessings flow and relying on Jesus, who paid for all our sins and made us acceptable in your sight, we pray with confidence:

**C: Amen. It shall be so.**

## 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): #856 (4) BUILT ON THE ROCK

*Here stands the font before our eyes,*

*Telling how God has received us.*

*Th' altar recalls Christ's sacrifice*

*And what the sacrament gives us.*

*Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim*

*Christ yesterday, today, the same,*

*And evermore, our Redeemer.*

## 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): #856 (5) BUILT ON THE ROCK

**Grant then, O God, your will be done,  
That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come  
Where Christ his message is bringing:  
"I know my own; my own know me.  
You, not the world, my face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you Amen."**

## 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

*Blest Are They (IMPORTED)*

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*His Robes For Mine*

*Martin Luther College Choir - Music used with permission CCLI License 11209822*

## 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 (BLUE) #872 (1-2,4): STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Ye soldiers of the cross!  
Lift high his royal banner;  
It must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
His army shall he lead  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished  
And Christ is Lord indeed.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus!  
The trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict  
In this his glorious day!  
Ye that are brave, now serve him  
Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger  
And strength to strength oppose.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus!  
The strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle,  
The next, the victor's song.  
To him that overcometh  
A crown of life shall be;  
He with the King of glory  
Shall reign eternally.*

# Worship Notes

## for kids

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



### Songs We Sang

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

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

