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*The Creed*



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## The Ninth 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**

## INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

## HYMN

CW21 - BLUE #624 (1): “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!*

*O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!*

*Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!*

## CONFESSION

M: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed is the one 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.**

M: Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ.

C: **Your great mercy reaches above the heavens, and your faithfulness to the skies.**

## HYMN

CW21 - BLUE #624 (3): “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,*

*Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.*

*What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of his mercy did shade you.*

## ABSOLUTION

M: This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all.

C: **If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice.**

M: But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

C: **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

– 1 John 1:5-9

**M:** Jesus says to his people, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**C:** **Yes, I believe!**

**M:** Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

**HYMN**

CW21 - BLUE #624 (5): **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

***Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!***

***All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!***

***Let the Amen Sound from his people again; Gladly forever adore him!***

**THE WORD**

**THE FIRST LESSON**

**Acts 17:22-29**

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, ‘To an unknown god.’ Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup> “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands. <sup>25</sup> Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have. <sup>26</sup> From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. <sup>27</sup> He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘Indeed, we are also his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup> “Therefore, since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and planning. <sup>30</sup> Although God overlooked the times of ignorance, he is now commanding all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he appointed. He provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

**HYMN:**

CW- RED #473 (1): **Savior, I Follow On**



***Savior, I follow on, guided by thee,***

***Seeing not yet the hand, that leadeth me.***

***Hushed be my heart and still; Fear I no further ill.***

***Only to meet thy will, my will shall be.***

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

<sup>50</sup> Now I say this, brothers: Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, and what is perishable is not going to inherit what is imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Look, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory? <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! <sup>58</sup> Therefore, my dear brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

## HYMN:

CW - RED #473 (2): **Savior, I Follow On**



*Riven the rock for me, thirst to relieve,  
Manna from heaven falls, fresh ev'ry eve.  
Never a want severe, causeth my eye a tear,  
But thou dost whisper near, "Only believe."*

## GOSPEL

John 11 – Selected Verses

Now a certain man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> This Mary, whose brother Lazarus was sick, was the same Mary who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, saying, "Lord, the one you love is sick!" <sup>4</sup> When Jesus heard it, he said, "This sickness is not going to result in death, but it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed in the place where he was two more days. <sup>11</sup> He said this and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to wake him up." <sup>12</sup> Then the disciples said, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will get well." <sup>13</sup> Jesus had been speaking about his death, but they thought he was merely talking about ordinary sleep. <sup>14</sup> So Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> And I am glad for your sake that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house. <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup> Martha replied, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day.”

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. <sup>26</sup> And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?”

<sup>27</sup> “Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

<sup>34</sup> He asked, “Where have you laid him?” They told him, “Lord, come and see.”

<sup>38</sup> Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> “Take away the stone,” he said.

Martha, the dead man’s sister, told him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days.”

<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone.

Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

<sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, “Loose him and let him go.”

### HYMN:

CW –RED #473 (4): **Savior, I Follow On**



*Savior, I long to walk - closer with thee;  
Led by thy guiding hand, ever to be  
Constantly near thy side, quickened and purified,  
Living for him who died, freely for me.*

### THE 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.**



1 Im - mov - a - ble our hope re - mains,      though shift - ing sands be -  
 2 This is e - ter - nal life: to know      the liv - ing God and  
 3 The Lord ac - quits, who can con - demn?      Though Sa - tan's ac - cu -  
 4 Built in - to Christ, se - cure we stand,      for with his Spir - it



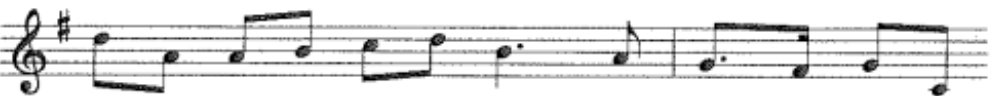
fore us lie;      the One who washed a - way our stains shall  
 Christ, the Son.      The Sav - ior will not let us go un -  
 sa - tions fly,      his pow'r can nev - er reach our names, to  
 we've been sealed;      by grace we'll see the prom - ised land where



bear us safe - ly to the skies.      The floods may rise, the  
 til his sav - ing work is done.      Our debt was great, as  
 blot them from the Book of Life.      The Son has sure - ly  
 ev - 'ry sor - row shall be healed.      To God who gave his



winds may beat,      tor - ren - tial rains de - scend,      yet  
 was our need,      but now the price is paid.      Who  
 made us free,      his Word for - ev - er stands,      and  
 on - ly Son,      to Je - sus Christ, our Lord      to



God his own will not for - get;      he'll love and keep us  
 can be - hold Im - man - uel bleed      and doubt his will - ing -  
 all our joy is know - ing we      are grav - en on his  
 God the Spir - it, Three in One,      be songs of praise for -



till the end.      You'll love and keep us till the end.  
 ness to save?      We trust your will - ing - ness to save.  
 wound - ed hands.      We're grav - en on your wound - ed hands.  
 ev - er - more.      We'll sing your praise for - ev - er - more.

## SERMON

Romans 10:9-11

<sup>9</sup> Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. <sup>11</sup> For Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

## THANKSGIVING

### THE OFFERING

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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

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.

HYMN: CW21 - BLUE #835: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.*

*When the darkness appears, and the night draws near  
And the day is almost gone,  
At the river I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.*