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## The Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost October 23rd, 2022

*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**

## WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

CW21 BLUE: #919: Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

*Blessed Jesus, at your Word  
We are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear you,  
By your teachings, sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love you solely.*

*All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till your Spirit breaks our night  
With the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us;  
You must work all good within us.*

*Gracious Savior, good and kind,  
Light from Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind;  
Help us by your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry your people raises;  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.*

*Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Praise to you and adoration!  
Grant that we your Word may trust,  
Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing your praises yonder.*

### 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 OF SINS

- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

CW21 BLUE: #370 (5): How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

*O mighty Father, in your Son  
You loved me ere you had begun  
This ancient world's foundation.  
Your Son has made a friend of me,  
And when in spirit him I see, I joy in tribulation.  
What bliss is this! He is living,  
To me giving - Life forever;  
Nothing me from him can sever.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

## THE WORD

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

### FIRST LESSON

<sup>12</sup> So now, Israel, what is the LORD your God asking of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> to keep the commandments of the LORD and his statutes that I am commanding you today for your own good.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the heavens and the heaven of heavens,<sup>[a]</sup> the earth and everything that is on it—these belong to the LORD your God. <sup>15</sup> Still, the LORD attached himself to your fathers, loved them, and he chose their descendants after them (that’s you!) from all peoples, as it is today.

<sup>16</sup> So cut away the tough shell of your sinful nature, and do not be stubborn any longer.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is God of Gods and Lord of Lords, the great God, the mighty one and the awesome one, who does not show favoritism and does not take a bribe. <sup>18</sup> He carries out justice for the fatherless and widows. He loves the alien who dwells among you and gives him food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> So you are to love the alien, because you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

<sup>20</sup> Fear the LORD your God, serve him, cling to him, and take your oaths in his name.

<sup>21</sup> He is your glory. He is your God, who performed for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

<sup>22</sup> When your fathers went down to Egypt, they numbered seventy people, but now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of the sky.

### HYMN VERSE

CW21 #881 (1): “Sing With All the Saints in Glory”

***Sing with all the saints in glory; Sing the resurrection song!***

***Death and sorrow, earth’s dark story, To the former days belong.***

***All around the clouds are breaking. Soon the storms of time shall cease.***

***In God’s likeness we awaken, Knowing everlasting peace.***

### SECOND LESSON

1 John 2:15-17

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, boasting about material possessions—is not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever.

**HYMN VERSE**

CW21 #881 (2): “Sing With All the Saints in Glory”

***Oh, what glory far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!  
Holy hearts for ages pleading Never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it, There on high our welcome waits.  
Ev’ry humble spirit share it. Christ has passed th’ eternal gates.***

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 10:17-27

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus was setting out on a journey, one man ran up to him and knelt in front of him. He asked, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>18</sup> Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except one— God. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments. ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>20</sup> The man replied, “Teacher, I have kept all these since I was a child.”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

<sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he looked sad and went away grieving, because he had great wealth. <sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!”

<sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus told them again, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in their riches to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup> They were even more astonished and said to one another, “Who then can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “For people, it is impossible, but not for God, because all things are possible for God.”

**HYMN VERSE**

CW21 #881 (3): “Sing With All the Saints in Glory”

***Life eternal! Heav’n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.  
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!  
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders, Crowd on faith, what joy unknown,  
When amid earth’s closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne.***

## 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.

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY      CW21 - BLUE #679 (1): "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

*God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, Gave me full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!*

*Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me, since my baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?*

*Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled, all your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!*

*Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness; To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine; To make life immortal mine.*

*There is nothing worth comparing, To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!*

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9/4/2022	\$ 6,456.00	\$	(2,641.47)
9/11/2022	\$ 4,836.25	\$	(4,261.22)
9/18/2022	\$ 5,795.00	\$	(3,302.47)
9/25/2022	\$ 3,353.00	\$	(5,744.47)
10/2/2022	\$ 10,678.00	\$	1,580.53
10/9/2022	\$ 2,301.00	\$	(6,796.47)

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 CLOSING HYMN

CW21 BLUE: #370 (5): How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

*Lift up the voice and strike the string,  
Let all glad sounds of music ring  
In God's high praises blended.  
Christ will be with me all the way,  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day  
Till trav'ling days are ended.  
Sing out, Ring out,  
Triumph glorious, O victorious, Chosen nation;  
Praise the God of your salvation!*

