

*Conversations*  
with God  

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*Where Were You?*



Grace  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Serving the Portland Area with the Means of Grace and as a family of believers for over 110 years... as a church, school, preschool, mission, and ministry.

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## The Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*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**

## Hymn

CW21 BLUE #507 LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

*Let all things now living, A song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished, and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.*

*His law he enforces; The stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.  
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing.  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"*

## 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.

## Hymn

CW21 BLUE #522 (1-2) BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

*Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.*

## 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 #522 (3-4) BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

*Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels in the sky.*

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!*

## The Prayer of the Day

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# THE WORD

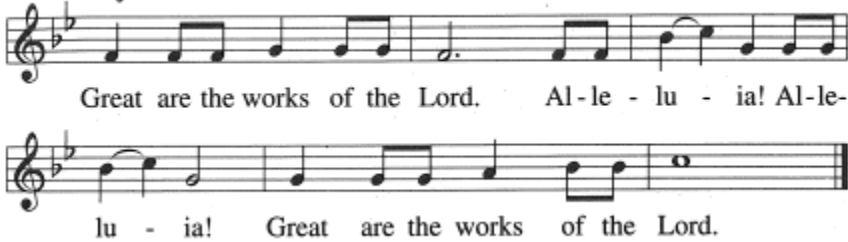
## The First Lesson

Job 38:1-7

Then the LORD responded to Job out of a violent storm. He said: <sup>2</sup> Who is this who spreads darkness over my plans with his ignorant words? <sup>3</sup> Get ready for action like a man! Then I will ask you questions, and you will inform me. <sup>4</sup> Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you understand anything about it. <sup>5</sup> Who determined its dimensions? I am sure you know. Who stretched out the surveying line over it? <sup>6</sup> What supports its foundation? Who set its cornerstone in place, <sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang loud songs together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

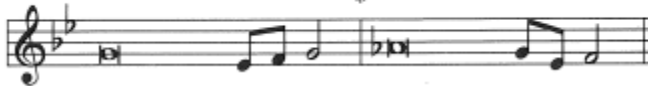
## The Psalm - 2

### *Refrain*



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

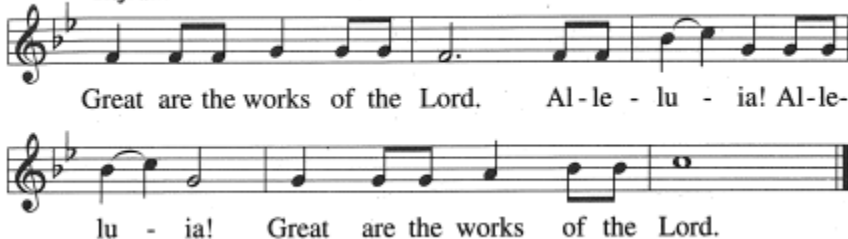
### *Psalm tone*



Why do the nations *con*spire\*  
and the peoples *plot* in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers  
gather together *ag*ainst the LORD\*  
and against his *An*ointed One.

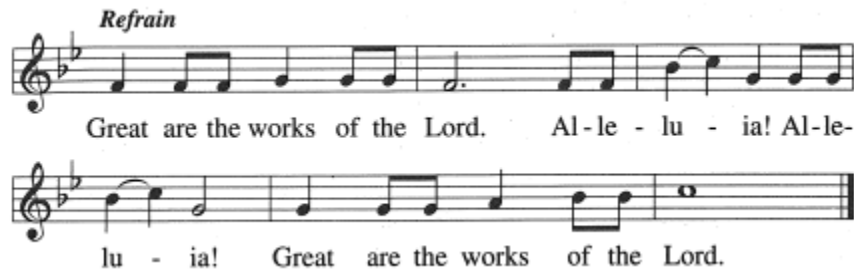
### *Refrain*



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.



Alleluia. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Alleluia.



GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him everything was made, and without him not one thing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light is shining in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man, sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as an eyewitness to testify about the light so that everyone would believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light.

<sup>9</sup> The real light that shines on everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, yet his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup> They were born, not of blood, or of the desire of the flesh, or of a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and dwelled among us. We have seen his glory, the glory he has as the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup> John testified about him. He cried out, "This was the one I spoke about when I said, 'The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.'" <sup>16</sup> For out of his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. The only-begotten Son, who is close to the Father's side, has made him known.

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 (RED): #237 LORD OF LORDS, THE SPARKLING HEAVENS

*Lord of lords, the sparkling heavens  
Show the greatness of your hand,  
Brilliant galaxies unfolding,  
Distant suns your wisdom planned,  
Morning stars in concert singing  
Praise the one whose pow'r we see:  
Lord of might and majesty.*

*Lord of light, your gift of beauty  
Fills our planet here below.  
Crystal snow and silver moonlight,  
Forest green with life aglow,  
Sapphire ocean, flaming sunset  
Your creative joy proclaim!  
Lord of all, we praise your name!*

*Lord of love, we bow before you,  
Humbled by your constant grace.  
Word incarnate, sent from heaven,  
On the cross you took our place.  
By your death and resurrection  
We shall live through endless days!  
Lord of life, we sing your praise.*

*Lord of nations, by your Spirit  
Cause our fear and greed to cease;  
Restless hearts and lives refashion  
By the entrance of your peace.  
May we now with firm commitment  
Follow in obedience true:  
Lord of lords, we worship you!*



## WHERE WERE YOU?

### 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 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 #805: ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE  
ALTERNATE LYRICS VERSE 2-3 (NAVY HYMN)

*Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep,  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea!*

*O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard  
And hushed their raging at thy word,  
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep,  
O hear us when we cry to thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!*

*Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace,  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea!*

*O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
Your people shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them all where'er they go;  
Thus ever more to you shall be  
Glad praise from air and land and sea.*

# 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:

