

Dear Church...

THE
LETTERS

7 Churches of Revelation



Ephesus



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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 Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 17th, 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**

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.**

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

Hymn

CW21BLUE #527 (1) I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER

1 I will sing of my Re - deem - er, and his
2 I will tell the won - drous sto - ry, how, my
3 I will praise my dear Re - deem - er, his tri -

won - drous love to me; on the cru - el cross he
lost es - tate to save, in his bound - less love and
um - phant pow'r I'll tell, how the vic - to - ry he

suf - fered, from the curse to set me free.
mer - cy, he the ran - som free - ly gave.
giv - eth o - ver sin and death and hell.

Refrain

Sing, O sing of my Re-deem - er, with his
 blood, he pur - chased me. On the
 cross he sealed my par - don, paid the
 debt, and made me free.

Confession

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

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

CW21BLUE #527 (2) I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER

Absolution

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 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

CW21BLUE #527 (3) I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER

HOLY BAPTISM – WILL JOSEPH RAIL, OLIVIA GRACE RAIL, ZANE MICHAEL RAIL

Martin Luther said that confessing sins and receiving forgiveness is nothing else than a reliving of Baptism. Thus this order provides opportunity not only to baptize but also to recall the lasting blessings of Baptism... forgiveness of sins, new life and salvation

The Rite of Holy Baptism continues at the font.

M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought these children to be baptized, and you Will, have come to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in Baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

M: Do you believe that you were born in sin and in need of a Savior?

R: ***Yes, I believe.***

M: Do you believe that the Triune God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – planned and carried out your salvation?

R: ***Yes, I believe.***

M: Do you believe that in His Word and Sacraments God grants forgiveness of sins, new life and salvation?

R: ***Yes, I believe.***

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

R: ***Yes, I do.***

M: Do you desire to be baptized?

R: ***Yes, I do.***

M: *William Joseph Rail* receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

M: *Olivia Grace Rail* receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

- M:** *Zane Michael Rail* receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.
- M:** *William Joseph Rail* - I baptize you...
In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- M:** *Olivia Grace Rail* - I baptize you...
In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- M:** *Zane Michael Rail* - I baptize you...
In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- M:** The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Exhortation – Parents, Sponsors, Congregation

- M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us and continue to grow in faith. I therefore ask you: Do you, William promise to remain faithful even unto the point of death so that you may inherit the crown of eternal life, and do you, Will & Amber, sponsors, and members of Grace Church sincerely intend to continue to bring up *Olivia and Zane* in the way of the Lord and to instruct *them* in the truths of God’s saving Word so that *they* may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in *their baptismal* grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.
- R/C:** **Yes, and we ask God to help us.**

Baptismal Candle

- M:** Jesus said: *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”* Light this candle again and again in years to come on anniversaries of this day, and recall what God has done for you, *William, Olivia, and Zane*, through the gift of his Son and through Baptism which unites *him* with Jesus in his death to sin and resurrection to new life.
- M:** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord † Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in you by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings. Go in peace.

Hymn

CW21BLUE #527 (1) I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER

Please repeat singing verse 1 following the baptisms.

THE WORD

The First Lesson

Revelation 3:1-6

To the messenger of the church in Sardis write:

The one who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars says this:

I know your works. You have a reputation for being alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up, and strengthen what is left, which is about to die, for I have found that your works are not complete in the sight of my God. ³Therefore remember what you received and heard. Hold on to it and repent! If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come upon you.

⁴Yet you have a few names in Sardis, people who have not defiled their clothes. They will walk with me in white clothing, for they are worthy.

⁵The one who is victorious in this way^a will be clothed in white clothing. I certainly will not erase his name from the Book of Life, and I will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.

⁶Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Hymn

CW21BLUE #513 (1): IN YOU IS GLADNESS



*In you is gladness, Amid all sadness,
Jesus, Sunshine of my heart.
By you are given The gifts of heaven;
You the true Redeemer are.
Our souls are waking; Our bonds are breaking.
Who trusts you surely, Has built securely
And stands forever. Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining, To see your shining,
Dying or living To you are clinging
Now and forever. Alleluia!*

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-17

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹²It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.

Hymn

CW21 BLUE #513 (2): IN YOU IS GLADNESS



***If he is ours, We fear no powers,
Not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story Tell of his glory
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices
In him forever. Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, Win over sadness,
Love him and praise him And still shall raise him
Glad hymns forever. Alleluia!***

GOSPEL

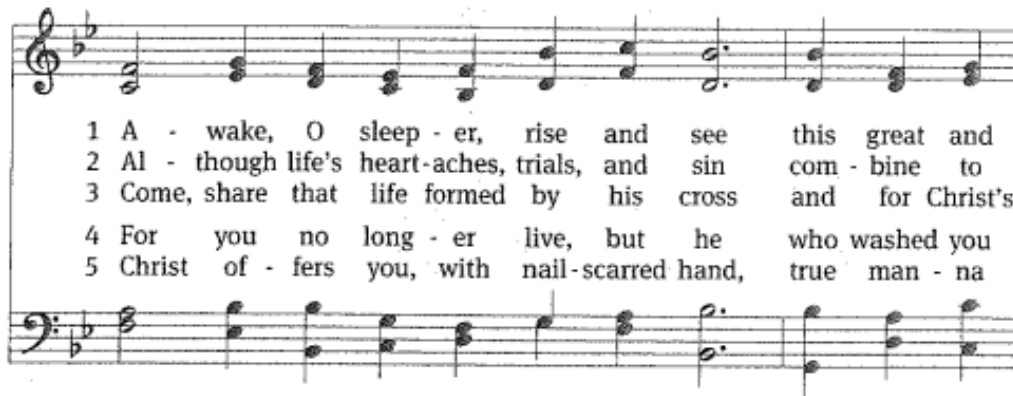
Mark 5:21-24; 35-42

²¹ When Jesus had again crossed over in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him near the sea. ²² Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet ²³ and repeatedly pleaded with him, “My little daughter is near death. Please come and place your hands on her so that she may be healed and live.”

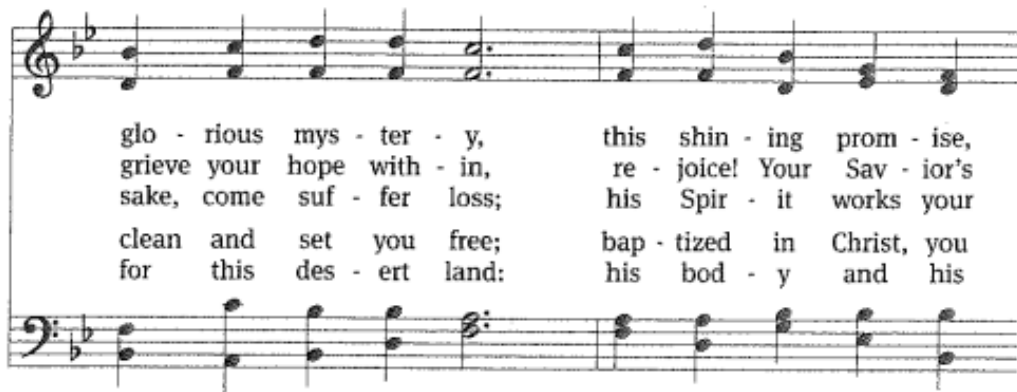
²⁴ Jesus went with him, and a large crowd was following him, pressing tightly against him. ³⁵ While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue ruler’s house arrived, saying, “Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher anymore?”

³⁶ But when Jesus heard this report, he told the synagogue ruler, “Don’t be afraid. Only believe.” ³⁷ He did not allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They went into the house of the synagogue ruler, and Jesus saw a commotion with people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.”

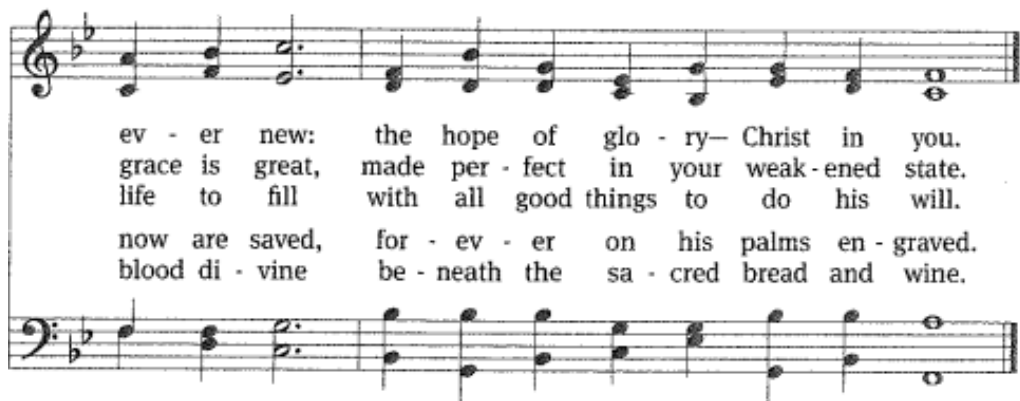
⁴⁰ They laughed at him. But after he put everyone out, he took the father of the child, her mother, and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Grasping the hand of the child, he said to her, “*Talitha, koum!*” (When translated, that means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!”) ⁴² Immediately the little girl stood up and began to walk around. (She was twelve years old.) They were completely and utterly amazed.



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise and see this great and
 2 Al - though life's heart-aches, trials, and sin com - bine to
 3 Come, share that life formed by his cross and for Christ's
 4 For you no long - er live, but he who washed you
 5 Christ of - fers you, with nail - scarred hand, true man - na



glo - rious mys - ter - y, this shin - ing prom - ise,
 grieve your hope with - in, re - joice! Your Sav - ior's
 sake, come suf - fer loss; his Spir - it works your
 clean and set you free; bap - tized in Christ, you
 for this des - ert land: his bod - y and his



ev - er new: the hope of glo - ry—Christ in you.
 grace is great, made per - fect in your weak - ened state.
 life to fill with all good things to do his will.
 now are saved, for - ev - er on his palms en - graved.
 blood di - vine be - neath the sa - cred bread and wine.

6 Our Savior never leaves his own
 as orphans, hungry and alone;
 he promises with certainty:
 "I am in you and you in me."

7 Such precious gifts do not disdain;
 do not receive God's grace in vain,
 but cherish, as his children true,
 the hope of glory—Christ in you.

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.

THANKSGIVING

The Offering

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The WELS Connection Video – played during offering



Noelle Leitzke Installation

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

*Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.*

*See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.*

*Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them on their way.*

*Savior, since of Zion's city
I thro' grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,
all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.*

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:

