



THIS WE BELIEVE

*The Ministry of the Keys*



# 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 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost August 28, 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**

## HYMN

CW21 - BLUE #703: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down Your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, Weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one; Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in him.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto me; your morn shall rise And all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav'ling days are done.*

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- M:** The use of the Ministry of the Keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth, to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but to refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent.
- C:** The holy Evangelist John writes in chapter 20, "Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'"

## HYMN

CW21 - BLUE #656 (1,2): "As Surely as I Live, God Said"

*"As surely as I live," God said,  
"I would not have the sinner dead,  
But that he turn from error's ways,  
Repent, and live through endless days."*

*To us, therefore, Christ gave command:  
"Go forth and preach in ev'ry land;  
Bestow on all my pard'ning grace  
Who will repent of sinful ways.*

- M: A Christian congregation with its called servant of Christ uses the Keys in accordance with Christ's command by forgiving those who repent of their sin and are willing to amend, and by excluding from the congregation those who are plainly impenitent that they may repent. We believe that, when this is done, it is as valid and certain in heaven also, as if Christ, our dear Lord, dealt with us himself.
- C: **Jesus says in Matthew, chapter 18, "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.**
- M: But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'<sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.
- C: **"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.**

**HYMN**

CW21 - BLUE #656 (3,4): **"As Surely as I Live, God Said"**

***"All those whose sins you thus remit  
I truly pardon and acquit,  
And those whose sins you do retain  
Condemned and guilty shall remain.***

***"What you will bind, that bound shall be;  
What you will loose, that shall be free;  
Unto my Church the keys are giv'n  
To op'n and close the gates of heav'n.***

- M: Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven.
- C: **Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of.**
- M: Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, employer or employee? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you hurt anyone by word or deed? Have you been dishonest, careless, wasteful, or done other wrong?

**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 - BLUE #656 (5,6): “As Surely as I Live, God Said”

*The words which absolution give  
Are his who died that we might live;  
The minister whom Christ has sent  
Is but his humble instrument.*

*When ministers lay on their hands,  
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;  
He who by grace the Word believes  
Forgiveness, sure and sweet, receives.*

**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 - BLUE #656 (7): “As Surely as I Live, God Said”

*Praise God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As was, is now, and so shall be  
Forever and eternally!*

**SERMON**

Genesis 45:1-8,14-15

Joseph was unable to control himself in front of all his attendants, so he called out, “Send everyone out from my presence!” When no one else was left with him, Joseph revealed himself to his brothers. 2 He wept out loud. The Egyptians heard him, and the house of Pharaoh heard about it. 3 Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?”

His brothers could not answer him, because they were terrified by his presence. 4 Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me, please.”

They came closer. He said, “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 Now do not be upset or angry with yourselves for selling me to this place, since God sent me ahead of you to preserve life. 6 For two years now the famine has been in the land, and there are still five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 God sent me ahead of you to preserve you as survivors on the earth, and to keep you alive by a great act of deliverance. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God, and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord over his entire household, and ruler over the whole land of Egypt. 14 He threw his arms around his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his shoulder. 15 He kissed all his brothers and wept over them. After that his brothers talked with him.

## THANKSGIVING

### THE OFFERING

An opportunity to give online can also be used at [Paypal.me/GracePortland](https://Paypal.me/GracePortland) or by utilizing this QR code:



Our Gifts of Love to The LORD			
Weekly need to meet Budget: \$9097.47			
Sunday	Offerings	+(-) to Budget	
7/3/2022	\$ 9,235.00	\$	137.53
7/10/2022	\$ 7,195.00	\$	(1,902.47)
7/17/2022	\$ 18,717.01	\$	9,619.54
7/24/2022	\$ 2,591.00	\$	(6,506.47)
7/31/2022	\$ 5,011.27	\$	(4,086.20)
8/7/2022	\$ 8,390.00	\$	(707.47)
8/14/2022	\$ 2,855.00	\$	(6,242.47)
TOTALS	\$ 53,994.28	\$	(9,688.01)

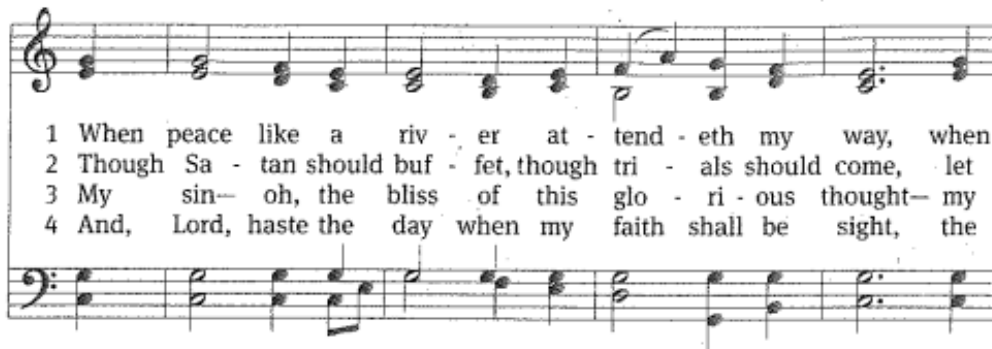
### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

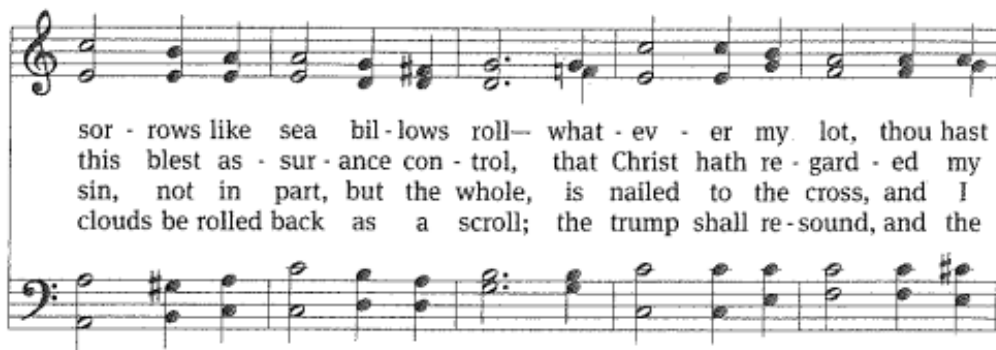
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BENEDICTION

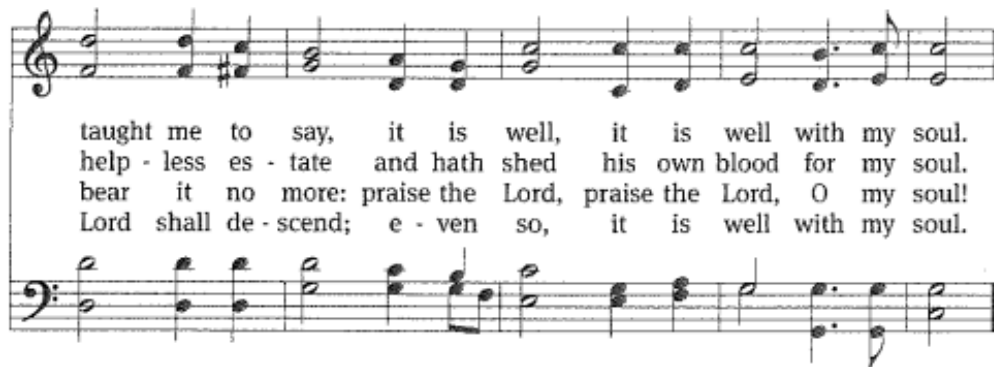
M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.  
C: Amen.



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 My sin - oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought - my  
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll - what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound, and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

# Worship Notes

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## for kids



## 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:



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