



**Behold!**  
I stand at the door  
and knock...



# Grace

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Third 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**

*To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory --great things he has done!*

*Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory --great things he has done!*

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): #916 (1) TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US

***Today your mercy calls us to wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass, whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us and make us clean today.***

## 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): #916 (2) TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US

***Today your gate is open, and all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome and pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten, a present joy be giv'n,  
A future grace be promised: A glorious crown in heav'n.***

## The Prayer of the Day

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **THE WORD**

### The First Lesson

Revelation 3:14-22

<sup>14</sup> To the messenger of the church in Laodicea write:

The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation, says this:

<sup>15</sup> I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. If only you were cold or

hot! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm and not hot or cold, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> You say, “I am rich. I have become very wealthy and need nothing.”

But you do not know that you are miserable, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup> I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments, so that you may be clothed and the shame of your nakedness may not become public, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

<sup>19</sup> I rebuke and discipline those whom I love. So take this seriously and repent.

<sup>20</sup> Look, I stand at the door and I am knocking. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will go in with him and dine with him, and he with me. <sup>21</sup> To the one who is victorious I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

<sup>22</sup> Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

### Hymn

CW21 (BLUE): #916 (3) TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US

*Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits.*

*His blessed angels gather Around the heav'nly gates.*

*No question will be asked us How often we have come;*

*Although we oft have wandered, it is our Father's home.*

### The Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup> Do not just pretend to love others. Hate what is evil. Cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another with brotherly love. Think of others as deserving more honor than yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Do not be lagging behind in zeal, but be fervent in spirit, as you continue to serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope. Endure trials patiently. Persist in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the saints who are in need. Be hospitable - quick to welcome strangers as guests. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who are rejoicing; weep with those who are weeping. <sup>16</sup> Have the same respect for one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the humble. Do not think too highly of yourselves. <sup>17</sup> Do not pay anyone back evil for evil. Focus on those things that everyone considers noble. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, maintain peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. For it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> But:

If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him a drink.

For by doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### The Verse of the Day

Revelation 3:8

Alleluia. know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. Alleluia.

*O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,  
 What should we do without you When heart and eye run o'er?  
 When all things seem against us, to drive us to despair,  
 We know one gate is open, one ear will hear our prayer.*

### The Gospel Lesson

John 10:1-9

“Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the door, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this illustration in speaking to the people, but they did not understand what he was telling them. <sup>7</sup> So Jesus said again, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me<sup>(a)</sup> were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

### 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.**

*Now I have found the firm foundation  
 Which holds my life forever sure;  
 'Twas laid before the world's creation  
 In Christ my Savior's wounds secure,  
 Foundation which unmoved shall stay  
 When heav'n and earth will pass away.  
 It is that mercy never ending,*

*Which human wisdom far transcends,  
Of him who, loving arms extending,  
To wretched sinners condescends.  
His heart with pity still will break  
Whether we seek him or forsake.*

*Our ruin God has not intended;  
For our salvation he has yearned.  
For this his Son to earth descended  
And then again to heav'n returned;  
For this so patient evermore  
He's knocking at our heart's closed door.*

*O depth of love, to me revealing  
The sea where my sins disappear!  
In Christ my wounds find perfect healing;  
There is no condemnation here!  
For Jesus' blood through earth and skies  
Forever "Mercy! Mercy!" cries.*

## The Sermon

Revelation 3:14-22

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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.

**Closing Hymn:**

CW21 (BLUE) #931: SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE

*Savior, again to thy dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.  
Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace.*

*Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With thee began, with thee shall end the day.  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon thy name.*

*Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
Turn thou for us its darkness into light.  
From harm and danger keep thy people free,  
For dark and light are both alike to thee.*

*Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife.  
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.*