

A landscape photograph featuring a vibrant rainbow arching across a dark, stormy sky. Below the rainbow is a lush green field with rolling hills in the distance. The overall mood is one of hope and divine intervention.

The  
**righteous**  
cry, and  
**the LORD**  
hears,

and  
**delivers**  
them out  
**of all**  
their troubles.

Psalm 34:17

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## Welcome! Epiphany 5, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**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 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 Peter 3:18

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

CW #193 “Come, Now, Almighty King”

**Come, now, almighty King; Help us your name to sing;**

**Help us to praise!**

**Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.**

**Come, now, incarnate Word; Put on your mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend!**

**Come and your people bless, And give your Word success; Grant us your righteousness,  
Savior and Friend.**

**Come, holy Comforter; Your sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour!**

**Your sev'nfold gifts impart; Now rule in ev'ry heart; Never from us depart,  
Spirit of Pow'r.**

### Invocation

M: In the name of the Father

C: **Almighty King; All-glorious, O'er all victorious, Ancient of Days.**

M: and of the Son

C: **Incarnate Word; Put on your mighty sword; Savior and Friend.**

M: and of the Holy Spirit

C: **Holy Comforter; Now rule in every heart; Spirit of Power.**

M: I rejoiced with those who said to me,

C: **Let us go to the house of the LORD.**

### HYMN:

CW#226 (1,3) "To Your Temple I Draw Near"

**To your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here.**

**Here are sacrament and Word; Here believers meet their Lord.**

**While your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue,  
That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righteousness.**

### CONFESSION

M: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

-- Psalm 32:1&2

### HYMN:

CW#226 (4) "To Your Temple I Draw Near"

**While I listen to your law, Fill my soul with holy awe**

*Till your gospel brings to me Life and immortality.*

**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:** CW#226 (6) “To Your Temple I Draw Near”

*While your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear you speaking from the sky.*

### **THE 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:** CW#226 (2,4) “To Your Temple I Draw Near”

*I through Christ am reconciled; I through Christ become your child.  
Abba, Father, give me grace In your courts to seek your face.*

*While the prayers of saints ascend, God of love, to mine attend.  
Hear me, for your Spirit pleads; Hear, for Jesus intercedes.*

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**HYMN:** CW#226 (7) “To Your Temple I Draw Near”

*From your house, when I return, May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."*

### **THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON**

Hebrews 4:1-12 (EHV)

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be fearful that any one of you may be judged to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup> In fact, we have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did. But the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united in faith with those who did listen. <sup>3</sup> Indeed, we who believe are going to enter his rest. It happened just as he vowed when he said: So I swore an oath in my wrath, “They will never enter my rest.”

And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. <sup>4</sup> For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in this way: And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.

<sup>5</sup> And again in this statement: They will never enter my rest.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, since it is still the case that some do enter this rest, and yet those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> God again set a certain day, namely, “today,” when he later said through David, as quoted before:

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.

<sup>8</sup> For, if Joshua had given them rest, then God would not have spoken later about another day.

<sup>9</sup> So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. <sup>10</sup> For the one who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God rested from his work. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, let us make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the same pattern of disobedience. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And there is no creature hidden from him, but everything is uncovered and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we will give an account.

### **THE VERSE OF THE DAY**

John 6:35 (EHV)

35 “I am the Bread of Life,” Jesus told them. “The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty.”

*Please rise for the reading of the Gospel*

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 2:23-28

<sup>23</sup> Once on a Sabbath day, Jesus was passing through the grain fields, and his disciples began to pick heads of grain as they walked along. <sup>24</sup> The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath day?”  
<sup>25</sup> He replied to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry (he and his companions)? <sup>26</sup> He entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest and ate the Bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for anyone to eat, except for the priests. He also gave some to his companions.”  
<sup>27</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> So the Son of Man is the Lord even of the Sabbath.”

### **THE 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 OF THE DAY:**

CW #314 “O Living Bread From Heaven”

(Tune AURELIA – CW #538 “The Church’s On Foundation”)

***O living Bread from heaven, How well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.***

***My Lord, you here have led me Within your holiest place  
And here have kindly fed me With treasures of your grace,  
For you have freely given What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.***

***You gave me all I wanted -This food can death destroy  
And you have freely granted The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit The favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before your throne.***

***Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.  
And when you call my spirit To leave this world below,  
I enter, through your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.***

### **SERMON**

1 SAMUEL 21:1-10

David went to Nob, to Ahimelek the priest (son of Abiathar the high priest). Ahimelek trembled when he met him, and asked, “Why are you alone? Why is no one with you?”

<sup>2</sup> David answered Ahimelek the priest, “The king sent me on a mission and said to me, ‘No one is to know anything about the mission I am sending you on.’ As for my men, I have told them to meet me at a certain place. <sup>3</sup> Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever you can find.”

<sup>4</sup> But the priest answered David, “I don’t have any ordinary bread on hand; however, there is some consecrated bread here—provided the men have kept themselves from women.”

<sup>5</sup> David replied, “Indeed women have been kept from us, as usual whenever<sup>[b]</sup> I set out. The men’s bodies are holy even on missions that are not holy. How much more so today!” <sup>6</sup> So the priest gave him the consecrated bread, since there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence that had been removed from before the LORD and replaced by hot bread on the day it was taken away.

<sup>7</sup> Now one of Saul’s servants was there that day, detained before the LORD; he was Doeg the Edomite, Saul’s chief shepherd.

<sup>8</sup> David asked Ahimelek, “Don’t you have a spear or a sword here? I haven’t brought my sword or any other weapon, because the king’s mission was urgent.”

<sup>9</sup> The priest replied, “The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah, is here; it is wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you want it, take it; there is no sword here but that one.”

David said, “There is none like it; give it to me.”

## **PSALM OF THE DAY**

PSALM 34:1-9 (EHV)

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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.

### **THE BENEDICTION**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine upon and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

### **CLOSING HYMN:**

**CW #368: O Savior, Precious Savior**

*O Savior, precious Savior, Whom, yet unseen, we love,  
O name of might and favor, All other names above,  
We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee, Our holy Lord and King.*

*O Bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought,  
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,  
We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee, Our gracious Lord and King.*

*In thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine;  
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine.  
We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee, Our glorious Lord and King.*

*Oh, grant the consummation Of this our song above  
In endless adoration And everlasting love!  
Then shall we praise and bless thee Where perfect praises ring  
And evermore confess thee, Our Savior and our King.*