



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome! Festival of Pentecost, May 23, 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

THE LESSON:

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷

Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, the dove sent from heav - en, Ev - er
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, the fire ce - les - tial, Who on
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, the unc - tion of bless - ing, Sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, the wind of great pow - er, Source of

one with the One who is three, From the
Pen - te - cost came as fore - told To de -
oil of the green ol - ive tree, Giv - ing
strength and of peace and of love, Tru - est

Fa - ther you came, Words of peace to pro - claim, Come and
scend from on high, And the Church oc - cu - py As the
heat, giv - ing light, As the tent lamps ig - nite And as
Com - fort - er, plead As you bring all our need To the

com - fort us, speak ten - der - ly.
cloud filled the tem - ple of old;
Aar - on praised God joy - ful - ly.
throne of God's glo - ry a - bove.

You, the fra-grance of life we are seek - ing; Fill your
 All the bap - tized you seal with your prom - ise, All be-
 Bless-ed liv - ing and life - giv - ing wa - ter, Now pre-
 Be the light that en - light - ens the Scrip - tures; Keep our

tem - ple, your al - tar make clean. Joy-ous shel - ter of
 liev - ers your gift there re - ceive, So that all the e -
 serve us from e - vil with - in; For in Je - sus, God's
 feet from each dev - il - ish snare; On - ly you can make

love, Gra-cious friend from a - bove, In your care we are
 lect— All in Christ—may ex - pect To en - joy what by
 Son, All be - liev - ers are one In this wash - ing that
 whole All that trou - bles our soul; By your chrim, Christ's

rest - ing, se - rene.
 grace they be - lieve.
 cleans - es from sin.
 tri - umph we share.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Gracious Lord, through your Word you have revealed to us again and again the unsearchable riches of Christ, but again and again we confess that we have failed to recognize how richly we have been blessed.

C: ***“To me—even though I am the very least of all the saints—was given this grace: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.”***

-Ephesians 3:8

M: We confess that we have often failed to fully appreciate all you have done for us in Christ, and have failed to share the message of your love and grace with others as we should.

C: ***“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”***

-Romans 10:14

M: We confess that so often we have overlooked the needs of those who live near us and have shown so little concern for those who are far away.

C: ***“Against you, you only, have I sinned, and I have done this evil in your eyes. Be gracious to me, God, according to your mercy.”***

-Psalm 51

ABSOLUTION

M: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

-Ephesians 2:4-9

C: ***For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.***

-Ephesians 2:10

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.

THE HYMN:

CW #183 (1-4) "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

*Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the gloom of night away; Turn the darkness into day.*

*Holy Spirit, Love divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In your mercy pity me; From sin's bondage set me free.*

*Holy Spirit, Joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Fill me with your heav'nly peace; Let it grow and still increase.*

*Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne; Reign supreme and reign alone.*

THE GOSPEL:

John 14:25-27

²⁵ "I have told you these things while staying with you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you. ²⁷ "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid.

APOSTLES' CREED & EXPLANATION TO THE 3RD ARTICLE

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.

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

THE HYMN:

CW #280 (1-3) "Thy Strong Word"

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank thee While thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,

Broke the light of thy salvation, Breathed thine own life-giving breath.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with thine own holiness,

Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hope confess.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

THE SERMON

The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. ² He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Son of man, can these dry bones live?" I answered, "LORD God, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'"

⁵ This is what the LORD God says to these bones.

I am about to make breath^[a] enter you so that you will live. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD. ⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. ⁸ As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the wind. Prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live."

¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army. ¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, 'Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.' ¹² Therefore, prophecy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your

graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. ¹³ Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”

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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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -



ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -



ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

The musical score is written on seven staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: **O Christ, Lamb of**. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: **God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have**. The third staff has lyrics: **mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of**. The fourth staff has lyrics: **God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have**. The fifth staff has lyrics: **mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of**. The sixth staff has lyrics: **God, you take a - way the sin of the world;**. The seventh and final staff has lyrics: **grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

Thank you for honoring our practice of "close" communion. The Bible teaches that participating in the Lord's Supper is an expression of complete unity of faith (1 Cor. 10:17). We lovingly ask, therefore, that before joining in this, the highest act of fellowship, a unity of faith based on the Bible be established through membership in this congregation or in a sister congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy. If you would like to discuss "close" communion or any other spiritual matter with the pastor, please indicate this on the Friendship Register.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Personal Prayer Following Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this, the true body and blood, of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. The Lord Jesus has paid for all your sins.

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.

THE CLOSING HYMN:

CW #346 "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!*

*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!*