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# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Welcome! Pentecost 14, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### 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

## INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### HYMN:

CW#382 (1) “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
I dare to make no other claim,  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

## 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#382 (2) “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev’ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.*

**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#382 (3) “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*His oath, his covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

## 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#382 (4) “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before his throne.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Exodus 6:2-8 (EHV)

<sup>2</sup> Then God spoke to Moses, telling him, “I AM the LORD. <sup>3</sup> I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name, the LORD, I was not known to them. <sup>4</sup> I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land where they were residing as aliens. <sup>5</sup> I certainly have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have remembered my covenant. <sup>6</sup> “Therefore, tell the Israelites, ‘I am the LORD. I will bring you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. I will deliver you from being their slaves. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup> I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. You will know that I am the LORD your God, the one who brought you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup> I will bring you to the land which I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.””

## **PSALM OF THE DAY**

PSALM 34:1-9 (EHV)

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1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
His praise will always be in my mouth.  
2 In the Lord my soul will boast.  
The humble will hear and rejoice.

### **An Invitation to Join David in Praise**

3 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.

### **The Story of David's Deliverance**

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me.  
From all my terrors he delivered me.  
5 His people look to him and are radiant,  
and their faces will never blush.  
6 This poor man called, and the Lord heard.  
From all his distress the Lord saved him.  
7 The Angel of the Lord camps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

### **The Application of This Truth to All Believers**

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed is everyone who takes refuge in him.  
9 Fear the Lord, you his saints,  
since those who fear him lack nothing.

*Please rise for the reading of the Gospel*

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 16:13-19 (EHV)

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup>They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But you, who do you say that I am?"

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell<sup>[a]</sup> will not overpower it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be<sup>c</sup> bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

CW #529 "Built On the Rock"

*Built on the Rock the Church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the soul distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.*

*Surely in temples made with hands  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth his temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above  
Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies his temple.*

*We are God's house of living stones,  
Built for his own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns  
Heirs of his wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two his name to tell,  
Yet he would deign with us to dwell  
With all his grace and his favor.*

*Here stands the font before our eyes,  
Telling how God did receive us.  
Th' altar recalls Christ's sacrifice  
And what the sacrament gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim  
Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer.*

*Grant then, O God, your will be done,  
That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come  
Where Christ his message is bringing:  
"I know my own; my own know me.  
You, not the world, my face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you always."*

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.

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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:**

**“O Lord, My Rock And My Redeemer”**

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**1. O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer**

**Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God, like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone.  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need.**

Verse 1 Repeated

**2. O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer**

**Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts  
My song when enemies surround me  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night**

**3. O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer**

**Gracious Savior of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
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**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer**

**May all my days bring glory to Your Name**

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