



*Conversations*  
with God

*Who Would You Die For?*



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## The Fourth Sunday of 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**

## Opening Hymn

CW21 Blue #602 (1,3): Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

## Invocation

- M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**  
M: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.  
C: **I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever.**

## The Hymn:

CW21 Blue #566 (1): Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

*Father, God of grace, you knew us,  
Chose us, named us as your own,  
Through eternal ages planning  
To redeem us in your Son.  
Praise the Father, God who loved us  
Ere creation was begun!*

## Confession of Sin

- M: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C: **But with you there is forgiveness; Therefore, you are feared.**  
M: He forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;  
C: **He redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.**  
M: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.  
C: **The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**  
M: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.  
C: **As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

The Hymn: CW21 Blue #566 (2): Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

*We, your creatures, sinned against you,  
And our guilt was crimson red.  
Son of God, you came incarnate,  
Crushed the crafty serpent's head,  
Died our death, now live triumphant:  
Praise the firstborn from the dead!*

## Absolution

- M: The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.  
C: **As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him.**  
M: Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the Lord, O my soul.  
C: **My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever.**

The Hymn: CW21 Blue #566 (3): Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

*Counselor, you bring as promised  
From the Father and the Son  
Righteousness fulfilled, accomplished,  
Free forgiveness, heaven won.  
Praise the Spirit! He assures us  
Our salvation's work is done!*

## The Prayer of the Day

M: O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## The Word

### The First Lesson

Jeremiah 20:11-13

<sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior.

So my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not gain the upper hand.

They will be put to shame completely,  
because they have not been successful.

Their eternal disgrace will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup> LORD of Armies, you test the righteous.

You see the heart and the mind.

Let me see your vengeance on them,  
for I have laid out my case before you.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD! Praise the LORD,  
for he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hand of the wicked.

### The Hymn:

CW21 Blue #566 (4): Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

***Lord, your changeless Word has fed us,***

***Spanning time, transcending space.***

***Water, bread, and wine sustained us***

***When the darkness hid your face.***

***Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd,***

***By your saving means of grace!***

### The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 10:5a,21-33

<sup>5</sup> Jesus sent these twelve out and said, <sup>21</sup>“Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup>You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor is a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher and the servant like his master. If the master of the house was called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So do not be afraid of them, because there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, fear the one who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

<sup>29</sup> “Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?<sup>[a]</sup> Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without the knowledge and consent of your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> “Everyone who confesses me before others, I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Two extra measures of interlude precede stanza 3.

The refrain for stanza 3 is sung three times (twice, with no break between, then a final time).



1 What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?  
 2 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam,  
 3 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us;



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum;  
 what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home!  
 his blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.



thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,  
 He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;  
 We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.  
 our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord!  
 our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.



His mer - cy is more! Strong - er than dark - ness,



new ev - 'ry morn; our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

6 For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. 8 But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. 10 For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. 11 And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

## Our Thanksgiving

### THE OFFERING

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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

## Preface

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.**

## The Hymn:

CW21 Blue #519 (1): There Is a Redeemer

*There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God,  
Messiah, Holy One.  
Thank, you, O my Father,  
for giving us your Son  
and leaving your Spirit till  
the work on earth is done.*

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

**C: By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.**

M: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting. Amen.

## **The Hymn:**

CW21 Blue #519 (2): There Is a Redeemer

*Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Hope for sinners slain.  
Thank, you, O my Father,  
for giving us your Son  
and leaving your Spirit till  
the work on earth is done.*

## **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.

## **The Hymn:**

CW21 Blue #519 (3): There Is a Redeemer

*When I stand in glory,  
I will see his face;  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place.  
Thank, you, O my Father,  
for giving us your Son  
and leaving your Spirit till  
the work on earth is done.*

## **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. We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy.*

## **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 upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**The Hymn:** CW21 Blue #566 (5) & CWS #753 (6): Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

*Forward lead us; Christ, we follow,  
Drawn by Word and promise true:  
“To all nations preach the gospel;  
I am evermore with you.”  
Keep us faithful! Then, Lord Jesus,  
Quickly come! Make all things new!*

*Praise the Father, great Creator.  
Praise the Son, who took our place.  
Praise the Spirit, Sanctifier,  
God of free and faithful grace!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.*

# Worship Notes

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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:

