

HE  
WHO  
WAS  
SEATED  
ON THE  
THRONE  
SAID

I AM  
making  
EVERYTHING  
NEW

FROM  
REVELATION  
21:5

Saints

triumphant





Serving the Portland Area with the Means of Grace and as a family of believers for over 110 years... as a church, school, preschool, mission, and ministry.

**Church Campus:** 7610 NE Fremont Street, Pastor – Pastor Thad Bitter (503 .290.6316– call /text)  
**School Campus:** 2252 SE 92nd Street, Principal - Justin Eternick (920.988.1999 – call /text)  
**Preschool:** 2252 SE 92nd Street, ECE Director Tammy Godish (503.312.4230 – call /text)

## End Time 3 - Saints Triumphant November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*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 #881: "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

*Sing with all the saints in glory; Sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, To the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking. Soon the storms of time shall cease.  
In God's likeness we awaken, Knowing everlasting peace.*

*Oh, what glory far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts for ages pleading Never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it, There on high our welcome waits.  
Ev'ry humble spirit share it. Christ has passed th' eternal gates.*

*Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.  
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!  
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
When, amid earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne.*

## INVOCATION

**M:** To the church of God, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 1: 2-3)

**C:** **And also with you.**

## HYMN

CW21 Blue #854 (1): Church of God Elect and Glorious

Sung to tune of CWRed #277

AUSTRIA

*Church of God, elect and glorious,  
Holy nation, chosen race;  
Called as God's own special people,  
Royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling,  
Show to all his mighty deeds;  
Tell of love that knows no limits,  
Grace that meets all human needs.*

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, “sinful from the time my mother conceived me”. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. “Yet while we were still sinners and enemies of God Christ died for us.” But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt. (Psalm 51:5; Romans 5)**

### HYMN

CW21 Blue #854 (2): Church of God Elect and Glorious

*God has called you out of darkness,  
into his most marvelous light;  
brought his truth to life within you,  
turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you,  
that God's name is glorified;  
and all find fresh hope and purpose  
in Christ Jesus crucified.*

### ABSOLUTION

**M:** “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool” God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. (Isaiah 1:18).

**C:** **Amen.**

### HYMN

CW21 Blue #854 (3): Church of God Elect and Glorious

*Once you were an alien people,  
strangers to God's heart of love;  
but he brought you home in mercy,  
citizens of heaven above.  
Let his love flow out to others,  
let them feel a Father's care;  
that they too may know his welcome,  
and his countless blessings share.*

# THE WORD

## THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 49:8-16a

This is what the LORD says. In the time of favor, I will answer you. In the day of salvation, I will help you. I will guard you, and I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people, to re-establish the land, to redistribute inheritances that are now deserted, <sup>9</sup> to say to the prisoners, “Go forth!” to those who are in the darkness, “Show yourselves!” They will graze beside roads, and they will find pasture on all the barren heights. <sup>10</sup> They will not hunger, and they will not thirst, and neither scorching wind nor sun will strike them, because the one who shows them mercy will lead them. He will guide them beside springs of water. <sup>11</sup> I will make all my mountains into a smooth road, and my highways will be raised up. <sup>12</sup> Look, people will come from far away. Look, some will come from the north and the west, and some from the land of Sinim. <sup>13</sup> Shout for joy, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth. Let mountains burst forth with shouts of joy, because the LORD is comforting his people, and he is showing mercy to his afflicted ones. <sup>14</sup> But Zion said, “The LORD has abandoned me. The Lord has forgotten me.” <sup>15</sup> Can a woman forget her nursing child and not show mercy to the son from her womb? Even if these women could forget, I will never forget you. <sup>16</sup> Look, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

## HYMN

LAPPY #162 Jesus, Remember Me

*Sung twice. Cantor, Jacob Meyer, will solo first. Congregation will sing together second.*

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me When you come in - to your  
king - dom. Je - sus, re - mem - ber me  
When you come in - to your king - dom.

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” <sup>5</sup>He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup>Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

**THE VERSE OF THE DAY**

Revelation 2:7

Alleluia. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. Alleluia.

**THE CHOIR**

Lord When Your Glory I Shall See

**THE GOSPEL LESSON:**

Luke 23:32-43

<sup>32</sup> Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed.

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

They cast lots to divide his garments among them. <sup>35</sup> The people stood watching. The rulers were ridiculing him, saying, “He saved others. Let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, the Chosen One!”

<sup>36</sup> The soldiers also made fun of him. Coming up to him, they offered him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

<sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription written above him: “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

<sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”

<sup>43</sup> Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise.”

*God's own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free,  
Lasting to eternity!*

*Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me,  
since my baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?*

*Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation;  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled,  
all your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!*

*Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness;  
To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine;  
To make life immortal mine.*

*There is nothing worth comparing,  
To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring:  
Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ;  
I'm a child of paradise!*

**THE SERMON:**

Matthew 20:1-16

“Indeed the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing to pay the workers a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> He also went out about the third hour and saw others standing unemployed in the marketplace. <sup>4</sup> To these he said, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup> Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup> When he went out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing unemployed. He said to them, ‘Why have you stood here all day unemployed?’ <sup>7</sup> ‘They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’

“He told them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup> When it was evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group and ending with the first.’

<sup>9</sup> “When those who were hired around the eleventh hour came, they each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> When those who were hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But they each received a denarius too. <sup>11</sup> After they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner: <sup>12</sup> ‘Those who were last worked one hour, and you made them equal to us who have endured the burden of the day and the scorching heat!’

<sup>13</sup> “But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not make an agreement with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take what is yours and go. I want to give to the last one hired the same as I also gave to you. <sup>15</sup> Can’t I do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup> In the same way, the last will be first, and the first, last.”



## 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.

## THANKSGIVING

### THE OFFERING

*An opportunity to give online can also be used at [Paypal.me/GracePortland](https://www.paypal.com/GracePortland) or by utilizing this QR code:*



### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**M:** O God, through Jesus' sacrifice and triumphant resurrection you have restored us as your forgiven children. In his name we pray:

**C:** **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**M:** Dear Lord, with these words you tenderly invite us to believe that you are our true Father and that we may pray to you boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father.

**C:** **Hallowed be thy name.**

**M:** Help us to know you through your inspired Word and to live by it as children in your family.

**C: Thy kingdom come.**

M: Give us your Holy Spirit to rule in our hearts, and use us to extend your kingdom of grace to others.

**C: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

M: Make us zealous to carry out your will as gladly as the angels do, and to conform our will to yours.

**C: Give us this day our daily bread.**

M: Merciful Lord, since you are the provider of all things necessary for our bodies; fill us with trust.

**C: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

M: Continue to erase our sins, and help us gladly to forgive and to do good to those who wrong us.

**C: And lead us not into temptation.**

M: We know the devil seeks to destroy our souls and the world lures us to ruin by appealing to the desires of our flesh. Guard us from the poison of misbelief and the trap of unrepented sin.

**C: But deliver us from evil.**

M: *(Include any special prayer requests)* Keep safe our bodies and souls, our property and honor, and above all send the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith in Christ which leads to life everlasting.

**C: For thine is the kingdom,**

M: For all these petitions we look to you as King of Kings and Lord of your church.

**C: and the power,**

M: You alone hold the power to grant our requests.

**C: and the glory forever and ever.**

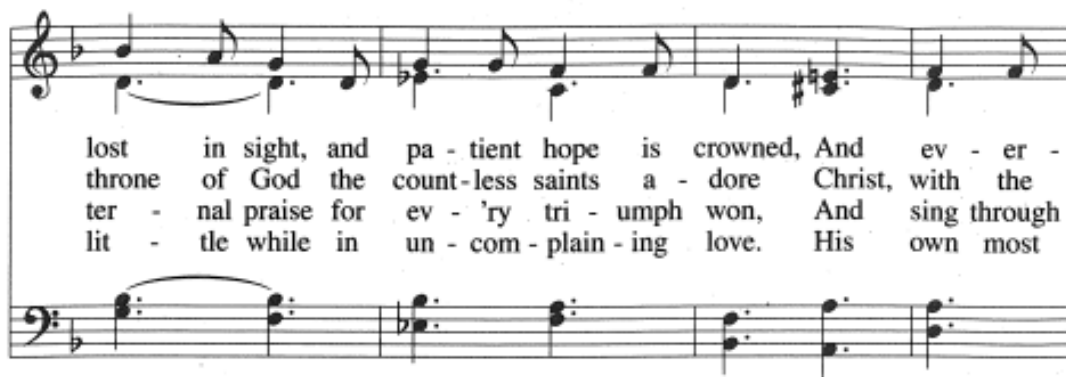
M: We worship you from whom all blessings flow and relying on Jesus, who paid for all our sins and made us acceptable in your sight, we pray with confidence:

**C: Amen. It shall be so.**

1 There is a bless - ed home be - yond this land of  
 2 There is a land of peace, good an - gels know it  
 3 O joy all joys be - yond, to see the Lamb who  
 4 Look up, you saints of God, nor fear to tread be -

woe, Where tri - als nev - er come, nor tears of  
 well; Glad songs that nev - er cease with - in its  
 died, And count each sa - cred wound in hands and  
 low The path your Sa - vior trod of dai - ly

sor - row flow; Where faith is ful - ly  
 por - tals swell. A - round the glo - rious  
 feet and side; To give to him e -  
 toil and woe: Wait on - ly for a



lost in sight, and pa - tient hope is crowned, And ev - er -  
 throne of God the count-less saints a - dore Christ, with the  
 ter - nal praise for ev - 'ry tri - umph won, And sing through  
 lit - tle while in un - com - plain - ing love. His own most



last - ing light its glo - ry casts a - round.  
 Fa - ther one, and Spir - it ev - er - more.  
 end - less days the great things he has done!  
 gra - cious smile will wel - come you a - bove.



Grace  
 LUTHERAN CHURCH