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# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Welcome! Pentecost 15, September 13<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 Pt. 3:1**

C:  **God loved the world so that he gave  
His only Son the lost to save  
That all who would in him believe  
Should everlasting life receive** (CW 391 v. 1)


INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father  
C: **whose glory is declared by the heavens,**  
M: and of the Son  
C: **who calls us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth,**  
M: and of the Holy Spirit  
C: **who empowers us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Amen.**

C:  **Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!** (CW 391 v. 6)


CONFESSION OF SIN

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

C:  **Christ is the solid rock of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death.  
All who confide in him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.** (CW 391 v. 2)

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

C:  **God would not have the sinner die  
His Son with saving grace is nigh.  
His Spirit in the Word does teach  
How we the blessed goal may reach.** (CW 391 v. 3)

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

C:  **When you are sick, when death draws near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death  
This is the anchor of my faith!** (CW 391 vs. 5)

### 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.

C:  **Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives the sins that you have done.  
You're justified by Jesus' blood;  
Baptized, you are a child of God.** (CW 391 vs. 6)

## Prayer of the Day

M: Heavenly Father, You have called us from many races and tongues to be witnesses of the Good News of Your Son to every nation, tribe, language and people. Help us to share your precious Gospel with all who have not heard of your great love for them; 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

Jonah 3:1-5,10; 4:1-4, 11a

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

<sup>3</sup>Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” <sup>5</sup>The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD, “Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. <sup>3</sup>Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>4</sup>But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?” And should I not have concern for this great city of Nineveh?”

### HYMN

CW #573 (1): Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying

*Hark! the voice of Jesus crying,  
"Who will go and work today?  
Fields are ripe and harvests waiting;  
Who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the Master calleth;  
Rich reward he offers thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying,  
"Here am I --send me, send me?"*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:36-41

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Gentlemen, brothers, what should we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter answered them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup> He testified solemnly with many other words and was appealing to them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”

<sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

### HYMN

CW #573 (2): Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying

*If you cannot speak like angels,  
If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus;  
You can say he died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked  
With the Judgment's dread alarms,  
You can lead the little children  
To the Savior's waiting arms.*

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 43:1-2

Alleuia! But now this is what the LORD says, the LORD who created you, O Jacob, the LORD who formed you, O Israel. Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine. When you cross through the waters, I will be with you. When you cross the rivers, they will not sweep you away. When you walk through fire, you will not be burned, and the flame will not set you on fire. Alleluia!

### HYMN

CW #573 (3): Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying

*If you cannot be a watchman,  
Standing high on Zion's wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven,  
Off'ring life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your off'rings  
You can do what God demands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron,  
Holding up the prophet's hands.*

## **GOD'S WORD FROM THE GOSPEL**

John 1:1-20

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him everything was made, and without him not one thing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light is shining in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man, sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as an eyewitness to testify about the light so that everyone would believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light.

<sup>9</sup> The real light that shines on everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, yet his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup> They were born, not of blood, or of the desire of the flesh, or of a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and dwelled among us. We have seen his glory, the glory he has as the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup> John testified about him. He cried out, "This was the one I spoke about when I said, 'The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.'" <sup>16</sup> For out of his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. The only-begotten Son, who is close to the Father's side, has made him known.

<sup>19</sup> This is the testimony John gave when the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, "Who are you?"

<sup>20</sup> He confessed and did not deny. He confessed, "I am not the Christ."

## **HYMN**

CW #573 (4): Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying

***Let none hear you idly saying,  
"There is nothing I can do,"  
While the multitudes are dying,  
And the Master calls for you.  
Take the task he gives you gladly;  
Let his work your pleasure be.  
Answer quickly when he calleth,  
"Here am I --send me, send me!"***

## 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

CW #280: 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!*

*From the cross thy wisdom shining*

*Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;*

*From the cross forever beameth*

*All thy bright redeeming light.*

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

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!*



*Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats to shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak thy holy name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!*

*God the Father, light-creator,  
To thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light from Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!*

THE SERMON

Acts 2:36-41

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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.

## HYMN:

Facing A Task Unfinished

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# 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:

