



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**

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.’

HYMN

CW Red #578: **Saints of God, the Dawn Is Brightening**

*Saints of God, the dawn is bright'ning,
Promise of our coming Lord.
O'er the earth the fields are rip'ning;
Louder rings the Master's word:
Pray for reapers, Pray for reapers
In the harvest of the Lord.*

*Now, O Lord, fulfill your pleasure,
Breathe upon your chosen band,
And with Pentecostal measure
Send forth reapers o'er our land,
Faithful reapers, Faithful reapers,
Gath'ring sheaves for your right hand.*

*Soon shall end the time of weeping;
Soon the reaping time will come,
Heav'n and earth together keeping
God's eternal harvest-home.
Saints and angels, Saints and angels
Shout the world's great harvest-home.*

THE INVOCATION

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

M: “Fellow believers, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him... Therefore, be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” Acts 2:22-24,36

HYMN

CW21 Blue #696: **Take My Life and Let It Be**

*Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.*

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **“What shall I do?” For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake!**

M: **“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins... The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”** Acts 2:38-39

HYMN

CW21 Blue #696: **Take My Life and Let It Be**

*Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.*

*Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.*

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.** John 1:5-7

HYMN

CW21 Blue #696: **Take My Life and Let It Be**

*Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.*

*Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.*

THE LESSON:

1 Corinthians 12: 1, 4-6,11, 12-27

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.

⁴There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. ⁶There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone. ¹¹One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³For by one Spirit we all were baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free people, and we were all caused to drink one Spirit. ¹⁴Furthermore, the body is not one member, but many. ¹⁵If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not part of the body," it does not on that account cease to be part of the body. ¹⁶If the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not part of the body," it does not on that account cease to be part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But now God has arranged the members in the body, each and every one of them, as he desired. ¹⁹If they were all one member, where would the body be? ²⁰But as it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need for you," or again the head to the feet, "I have no need for you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are much more necessary. ²³As for the parts of the body we consider less honorable, these we provide with more honor. We treat our unpresentable parts with more modesty, ²⁴whereas our presentable parts have no such need. But God put the body together in a way that gave more honor to the parts that lack it. ²⁵He did it so that there might not be any division in the body, but that the members might all have the same concern for one another. ²⁶So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it, or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. ²⁷You are the body of Christ, and individually you are members of it.

HYMN

CW21 Blue #696: **Take My Life and Let It Be**

***Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.***

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:21-22

Alleluia! Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

HYMN

CW21 Blue #696: **Take My Life and Let It Be**

*Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.*

THE LESSON:

John 14:12-21

¹²“Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me will do the works that I am doing. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it. ¹⁵“If you love me, hold on to my commands. ¹⁶I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him.”

HYMN

CW21 Blue #696: **Take My Life and Let It Be**

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.*

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.

1. Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing soul;
 2. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
 3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, gi - ving life to all that God has made.

Bring the pre - sence of the Ri - sen Lord, to re - new my heart and make me whole.
 Love e - nough to co - ver ev - ery sin in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
 Show Your pow - er once a - gain on Earth, cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.

Cause Your Word to come a - live in me; give me faith for what I can - not see.
 Kind - ness to the great - est and the least; gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.
 Let the frag - rance of our prayers a - rise; lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice,

Give me pas - sion for Your pu - ri - ty, Hol - y Spi - rit breathe new life in me.
 Turn my striv - ing in - to works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
 that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

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 CLOSING HYMN

CW21 Red #498: **Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire**

*Though I may speak with bravest fire
And have the gift to all inspire
And have not love, my words are vain –
As sounding brass --and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess
And, striving so, my love profess
But not be giv'n by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come; our hearts control.
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed;
By this we worship and are freed.*

Worship Notes

Name _____

Date _____



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Songs We Sang

The Scripture Text Was: _____

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:


