



**Grace Alone**

**Faith Alone.**

**Scripture Alone.**

**Grace Lutheran Church**

Yorba Linda, California

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## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Gathering around Grace – Growing in Grace – Going with Grace  
in Yorba Linda, California, the land of gracious living*

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### *Welcome*

- † If you would like to know more about Grace, visit our **website** at [gracelutheran.church](http://gracelutheran.church). A **membership** class, a class that covers the basic teachings of the Bible and what it means to be a Christian is beginning soon. Contact Pastor Sievert for more information. We would also love to share information with you about our Sunday worship services, our weekly Bible Classes, and our youth programs.
- † Restrooms are across the breezeway, in our Grace Hall... a cry room is available in the back left corner of our church.
- † Coffee and treats are available after church. We would love to visit with you and answer your questions.



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is a member of the  
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod  
and California Lutheran High School*





Worship

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost  
October 24, 2021

## Here I Stand

This year marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther's famous statement of faith, "Here I stand." The emperor, Charles V, ordered Luther to recant or take back all his writings or be branded a heretic and risk his life. But he couldn't. Not when the truth of the Gospel was a stake. When asked if he would recant, his simple, bold answer, was, "I cannot... Here I stand."

By God's Spirit we stand with Martin Lutheran 500 years later and make a bold confession of our faith as well. As we approach the celebration of our Reformation heritage (October 31), God's Word directs us to Christ and allows us, with Luther, to say:

### HEAR I STAND – By faith Alone



#### LORD, HAVE MERCY

**M:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

**M:** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

#### THE WORD

##### FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 31:7-9**

<sup>7</sup>This is what the LORD says:

“Sing with joy for Jacob;  
shout for the foremost of the nations.  
Make your praises heard, and say,  
‘LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’  
<sup>8</sup>See, I will bring them from the land of the north  
and gather them from the ends of the earth.  
Among them will be the blind and the lame,  
expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return.  
<sup>9</sup>They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back.  
I will lead them beside streams of water  
on a level path where they will not stumble,  
because I am Israel’s father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

## SECOND READING

## Revelation 3:14-22

<sup>14</sup>“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. <sup>15</sup>I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! <sup>16</sup>So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. <sup>18</sup>I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

<sup>19</sup>Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. <sup>20</sup>Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

<sup>21</sup>To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

## SERMON based on the Gospel for today

## Mark 10:46-52

<sup>46</sup>Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of

Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

<sup>48</sup> Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

<sup>49</sup> Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” <sup>50</sup> Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

<sup>51</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

<sup>52</sup> “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD’S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**C: 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.**

## **BLESSING**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**