



# Summer IN THE Psalms

For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because  
I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.

Psalm 139:13-14

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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.” II Peter 3:1**

## OPENING HYMN

CW #222 (1-4) "Songs of Praise the Angels Sang"

*Songs of praise the angels sang,  
Heav'n with alleluias rang,  
When creation was begun,  
When God spoke and it was done.*

*Songs of praise awoke the morn  
When the Prince of Peace was born.  
Songs of praise arose when he  
Captive led captivity.*

*Heav'n and earth must pass away;  
Songs of praise shall crown that day.  
God will make new heav'ns and earth;  
Songs of praise shall hail their birth.*

*And shall man alone be still?  
Has he neither breath nor skill?  
No, the Church delights to raise  
Psalms and hymns and songs of praise.*

## INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION

M: You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

C: **You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

M: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

C: **Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.**

M: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

C: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**

M: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

C: **See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

## ABSOLUTION

M: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

**C: If I go up to the heavens, you are there;**

M: if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

**C: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,**

M: even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

**C: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"**

M: even the darkness will not be dark to you; night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

**C: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

M: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 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.

## HYMN

CW #222 (5-6) "Songs of Praise the Angels Sang"

*Saints below, with heart and voice,  
Still in songs of praise rejoice,  
Learning here, by faith and love,  
Songs of praise to sing above.*

*Whispered with their final breath,  
Songs of praise shall conquer death.  
Then, amidst eternal joy,  
Songs of praise their pow'rs employ.*

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-5a

But now, this is what the LORD says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. <sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. <sup>4</sup>Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

### THE PSALM OF THE DAY

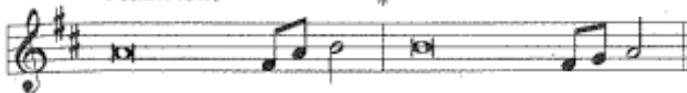
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#### *Refrain*



I will praise you, O Lord, for I am won - der - ful - ly made.

#### *Psalm tone*



O LORD, you created my inmost being;\*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;\*  
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you;\*  
your eyes saw my unformed body.

#### *Refrain*

All the days ordained for me\*  
were written in your book before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!\*  
How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them,\*  
they would outnumber the grains of sand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Refrain*

### **THE SECOND LESSON**

Ephesians 2:4-10

<sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

### **THE VERSE OF THE DAY**

2 Peter 2:9

Alleluia! But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL**

John 1:9-14

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. <sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## 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.  
look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## HYMN

CW #234: "Praise to The Lord, The Almighty"

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear, Now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen, all that is needful has been  
Sent, by his gracious ordaining?*

*Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief, ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of his mercy did shade you.*

*Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew, What the Almighty can do  
As with his love he befriends you.*

*Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen, Sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him!*

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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 BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN**

CW #260: "Let All Things Now Living"

*Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.*

*His law he enforces; The stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.  
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing.  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"*