



Summer
IN THE
Psalms

I was glad when they said
unto me,
Let us go into the house of the
Lord.
PSALM 122:1

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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With the Means of Grace
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For 110 years...

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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**

*God himself is present --Let us now adore him
And with awe appear before him.
God is in his temple --All within keep silence,
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
He alone. On his throne.
Is our God and Savior; Praise his name forever!*

*God himself is present --Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding.
"Holy, holy, holy" --Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow your ear. To us here:
Hear, O Christ, the praises That your Church now raises.*

*Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before you,
May I ceaselessly adore you.
Let your will. Ever still.
Rule your church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.*

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION

M: Blessed is the one who transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are covered.
C: **Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**
-- Psalm 32:1&2
M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
C: **Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

ABSOLUTION

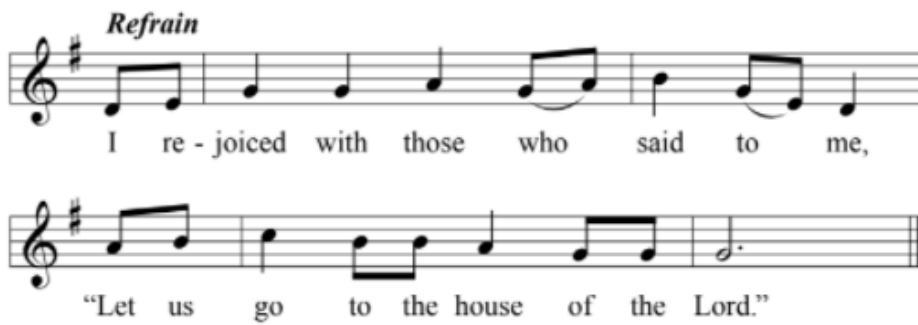
M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever!

C: **O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. "Rejoice in the LORD and celebrate, all you righteous, and shout joyfully, all you upright in heart."**
-- Psalm 32:11

RESPONSE:

Psalm 122 – Refrain

Refrain



I re - joiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; 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

Genesis 3:8-15

⁸ They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹ The LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ The man said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."

¹¹ God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?"


¹² The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³ The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?”


The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all the livestock, and more than every wild animal. You shall crawl on your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel.

Refrain



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“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

THE SECOND LESSON


2 Corinthians 4:13-18

¹³ Since we have that same spirit of faith, which corresponds to what is written: “I believed; therefore, I have spoken,” we also believe, and therefore we speak. ¹⁴ For we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and bring us (together with you) into his presence. ¹⁵ In fact, all this is for your benefit, so that as grace increases, it will overflow to the glory of God, as more and more people give thanks. ¹⁶ Therefore we are not discouraged. But even if our outer self is wasting away, yet our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ Yes, our momentary, light trouble produces for us an eternal weight of glory that is far beyond any comparison. ¹⁸ We are not focusing on what is seen, but on what is not seen. For the things that are seen are temporary, but the things that are not seen are eternal.

Refrain



I re - joiced with those who said to me,



“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

²⁰ They went into a house. A crowd gathered again so that they were not even able to eat a meal. ²¹ When his own people heard this, they went out to take control of him, because they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

²² The experts in the law who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “He drives out demons by the ruler of demons.”

²³ Jesus called them together and spoke to them in parables. “How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand but is finished. ²⁷ On the other hand, no one can enter a strong man’s house to steal his possessions unless he ties up the strong man first. Then he can plunder his house. ²⁸ Amen^[c] I tell you: Everything will be forgiven people, their sins and whatever blasphemies they may speak. ²⁹ But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin.” ³⁰ Jesus said this because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers arrived. While they were standing outside, they sent word to Jesus, calling for him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him. They began to tell him, “Look, your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you.”

³³ He replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴ He looked at those who sat around him in a circle and he said, “Look, my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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.

HYMN

CW #228: “Come Rejoice Before Your Maker”
(Using tune 345 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”)

*Come, rejoice before your Maker,
All you peoples of the earth.
Serve the Lord your God with gladness;
Come before him with a song.*

*Know for certain our Creator
Is the true and only God.
We are his, for he has made us;
We are sheep within his fold.*

*Come with grateful hearts before him;
Enter now his courts with praise.
Show your thankfulness in worship;
Give due honor to his name.*

*For the Lord our God is gracious,
Everlasting in his love,
And to ev'ry generation
His great faithfulness endures.*

SERMON

Psalm 122

¹ I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

² Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is a well-built city that is firmly joined together,

⁴ a city to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as a testimony to Israel,
to give praise to the name of the LORD.

⁵ That is where the thrones for judgment sit, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May those who love you prosper.

⁷ May there be peace within your fortifications, prosperity within your citadels.”

⁸ For the sake of my brothers and my friends, now I will say, “Peace be within you.”

⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek good for you.

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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.

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.

CLOSING 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!*