

Summer IN THE Psalms

FOR GREAT IS YOUR LOVE,
REACHING TO THE HEAVENS;
YOUR FAITHFULNESS REACHES TO THE SKIES.

Psalm 57:10



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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**

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 whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are covered.
C: **Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**
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.**
M: Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ.
C: **Your great mercy reaches above the heavens, and your faithfulness to the skies.**

HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness - verses 1 & 3

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

ABSOLUTION

M: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to give you peace, not disaster, plans to give you hope and a future.

-Jeremiah 29:11

This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: 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. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- 1 John 1:5-9

Come Oh, Come Let Us Sing To the Lord



Come oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us shout with joy to our sav-ing Rock;



come, en-ter in with our songs of praise, come, en-ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



VERSES

You are a great and a won-drous God, cup-ping in your hands all the
Come, let us wor-ship and bow-ing low, kneel be-fore the One who has



depths of earth. You made the hills and the moun-tains high,
made us all. You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep-herd.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M:** God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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

1 Samuel 24:1-11; 16

When Saul had returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, “Here’s some news. David is in the Wilderness of En Gedi.”² Then Saul took three thousand specially chosen men from all Israel and went to hunt for David and his men along the rocky slopes of the wild goats.

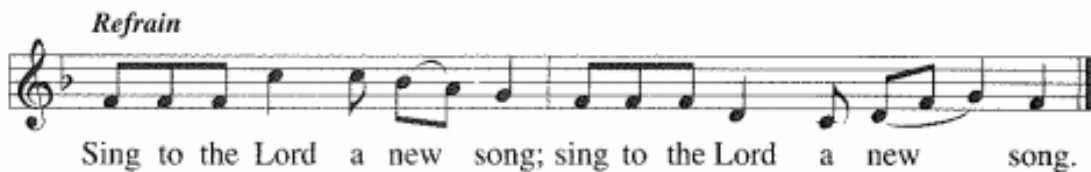
³ Saul came to some sheep pens that were along that route. Saul went into a cave that was there to relieve himself. At that time David and his men were far back in the interior of the cave.

⁴ David’s men said to him, “Look, this is the day the LORD told you about when he said, ‘I will deliver your enemy into your hand, and you will do to him whatever seems good to you.’” So David got up and cut off the edge of Saul’s robe without being noticed.

⁵ Afterward, David had a guilty conscience, because he had cut off the edge of Saul’s robe. ⁶ He said to his men, “May I be cursed if I do something like this to my master, who is the LORD’s anointed—that I would stretch out my hand against him, since he is the LORD’s anointed.” ⁷ With these words David restrained his men and did not allow them to attack Saul.

Saul got up, left the cave, and went on his way. ⁸ David got up and followed him out of the cave and shouted to him, “My lord the king!”

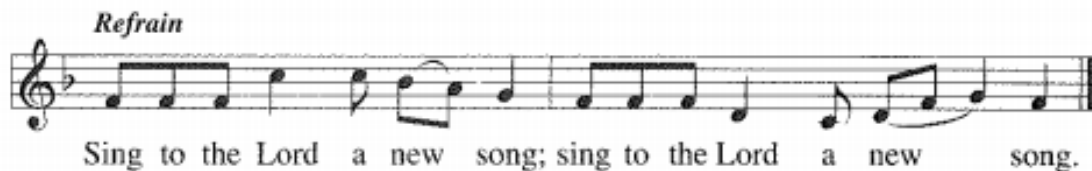
When Saul looked back at him, David bowed facedown to the ground to show respect. ⁹ David said to Saul, “Why do you listen to the words of people who say, ‘Watch out! David is seeking to harm you?’ ¹⁰ This very day you have seen with your own eyes how the LORD delivered you into my hand in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you, because I said, ‘I will not stretch out my hand against my master, because he is the LORD’s anointed.’” Take a look at this! My father, take a good look at the piece of your robe that is here in my hand. Because I cut off the edge of your robe but did not kill you, you can be sure that I do not have any evil intent and I am not rebelling. I have not sinned against you, even though you keep hunting for me to take my life. ¹⁶ When David had finished speaking these words, Saul responded, “Is that your voice, David, my son?” Saul broke down and wept.



THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-21

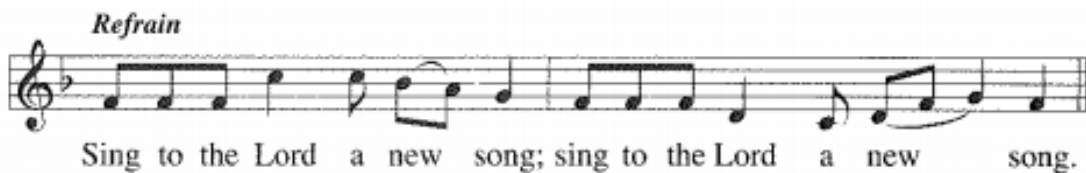
⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. ¹⁰ Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord, ¹¹ and do not participate in fruitless deeds of darkness. Instead, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention the things that are done by people in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes things visible. ¹⁴ Therefore it is said, “Awake, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” ¹⁵ Consider carefully, then, how you walk, not as unwise people, but as wise people. ¹⁶ Make the most of your time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ For this reason, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk on wine, which causes you to lose control. Instead, be filled with the Spirit ¹⁹ by speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (singing and making music with your hearts to the Lord), ²⁰ by always giving thanks for everything to God the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ and by submitting to one another in reverence for Christ.



GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left there and went to his hometown. His disciples followed him. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were amazed. They asked, “Where did this man learn these things? What is this wisdom that has been given to this man? How is it that miracles such as these are performed by his hands? ³ Isn’t this the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴ Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own house.” ⁵ He could not do any miracles there except to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went around the villages teaching.



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 #243: "Oh, Worship the King"

*Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above;
Oh gratefully sing his pow'r and his love,
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

*Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy, space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.*

*This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

*Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!*

SERMON

Psalm 57

- M:** ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me because my soul has taken refuge in you.
- C:** **In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge until destruction has passed by.**
- M:** ² I call to God Most High,
- C:** **to God, who completes his plans for me.**
- M:** ³ He will send from heaven, and he will save me. He puts to shame the one who pants as he pursues me.
- C:** **God will send his mercy and his faithfulness.**
- M:** ⁴ My life is spent among lions.
- C:** **I lie down among ferocious men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongue is a sharp sword.**
- M:** ⁵ Be exalted above the heavens, O God.
- C:** **May your glory be over all the earth.**
- M:** ⁶ They spread a net for my steps. My soul was bowed down.
- C:** **They dug a pit in front of me. They have fallen into it.**
- M:** ⁷ My heart is steadfast, O God. My heart is steadfast.
- C:** **I will sing and I will make music.**
- M:** ⁸ Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre!
- C:** **I will awaken the dawn.**
- M:** ⁹ I will give thanks to you among the peoples, O Lord.
- C:** **I will make music to you among the nations,**
- M:** ¹⁰ because your great mercy reaches above the heavens,
- C:** **and your faithfulness to the skies.**
- M:** ¹¹ Be exalted above the heavens, O God.
- C:** **Let your glory be over all the earth.**

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THE OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

- 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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who has called us to be his own that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

SONG:

Trisagion

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Thank you for honoring our practice of "close" communion. The Bible teaches that participating in the Lord's Supper is an expression of complete unity of faith (1 Cor. 10:17). We lovingly ask, therefore, that before joining in this, the highest act of fellowship, a unity of faith based on the Bible be established through membership in this congregation or in a sister congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy.

THE BLESSING

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: “My God, how great thou art!”
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”

Worship Notes

for kids

Name _____
Date _____



Songs We Sang

The Scripture Text Was: _____

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

