

Summer IN THE Psalms

THY WORD
is a lamp unto my feet
and
a light unto my path
Psalm 119:105

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 – PSALM 119:145-147

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

C: I call with all my heart.

M: Answer me, O LORD.

C: I will guard your statutes.

M: I call to you. Save me,

C: and I will keep your testimonies.

M: I get up before dawn, and I cry for help.

C: I wait confidently for your word.

C:  CW368 (1):

*O Savior, precious Savior, Whom, yet unseen, we love,
O name of might and favor, All other names above,
We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee, Our holy Lord and King.*

CONFESSION – PSALM 119:25-29

M: My soul is stuck in the dust.

C: Revive my life according to your words.

M: I told you about my ways and you answered me.

C: Teach me your statutes.

M: Make me understand the meaning of your precepts.

C: Then I will meditate on your wonders.

M: My soul melts with sorrow.

C: By your words make me stand firm.

M: Turn me away from false ways,

C: and be gracious to me through your law.


C:  CW368 (2):

*O Bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,
We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee, Our gracious Lord and King.*

ABSOLUTION – PSALM 119” 103, 105

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: **How sweet are your sayings to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Your words are a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.**

C:  CW368 (3):

*In thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine.
We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee, Our glorious Lord and King.*

PRAYER & PRAISE – PSALM 119:171-175


M: May my lips overflow with praise, because you teach me your statutes.

C: **May my tongue sing of your saying, because all your commandments are righteousness.**

M: May your hand be ready to help me, because I have chosen your precepts.

C: I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight.

M: Let my soul live and praise you, and may your judgments help me.

C:  CW368 (4):

*Oh, grant the consummation Of this our song above
In endless adoration And everlasting love!
Then shall we praise and bless thee Where perfect praises ring
And evermore confess thee, Our Savior and our King.*

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

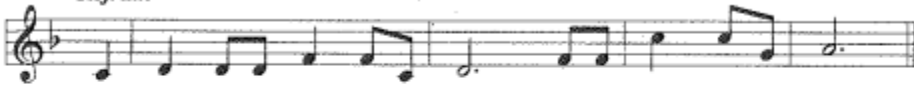
1 John 1:1-9

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life— ²the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We write these things to you so that our^[a] joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷But 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. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

THE PSALM

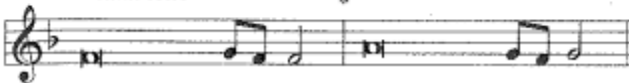
Psalm 119

Refrain



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm tone



Teach me, O LORD, to follow ^ˈyour decrees; *
then I will keep them ^ˈto the end.

Give me understanding, and I will ^ˈkeep your law *
and obey it with ^ˈall my heart.

Direct me in the path of ^ˈyour commands, *
for there I ^ˈfind delight.

Refrain

Turn my eyes away from worthless things; *
preserve my life according to your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
so that you may be feared.

How I long for your precepts! *
Preserve my life in your righteousness.

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

GOSPEL

John 8:12-19

¹²When Jesus spoke to them again, he said, "I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

¹³So the Pharisees said to him, "You testify about yourself. Your testimony is not valid."

¹⁴"Even if I testify about myself," Jesus replied, "my testimony is valid, because I know where I came from and where I am going. But you do not know where I came from or where I am going. ¹⁵You judge according to the flesh. I am not judging anyone. ¹⁶But even if I were to judge, my judgment would be true, because I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent me. ¹⁷Even in your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is valid. ¹⁸I am one who testifies about myself, and the Father who sent me testifies about me."

¹⁹Then they asked him, "Where is your Father?"

"You do not know me or my Father," Jesus answered. "If you knew me, you would also know my Father."

HYMN OF THE DAY

CW #369: Beautiful Savior

*Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.*

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!*

SERMON

Psalm 119:145-147, 105

I call with all my heart. Answer me, O LORD. I will guard your statutes. I call to you. Save me, and I will keep your testimonies. I get up before dawn, and I cry for help. I wait confidently for your word. Your words are a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.

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.

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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.

CLOSING HYMN:

CWS #747: There Is a Redeemer

*There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank, you, O my Father, for giving us your Son
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

*Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.
Thank, you, O my Father, for giving us your Son
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

*When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.
Thank, you, O my Father, for giving us your Son
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*