



Summer
IN THE
Psalms

be still

AND KNOW

I am God

PSALM 46:10



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**

BE STILL – PSALM 46

WELCOME

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SONGS:

Come/From All That Dwell Below the Skies
Come - Written by Mike Westendorf

*Come all ye who mourn
Come all ye who fear
Come all ye who Hope
Come all ye who sing for joy*

Come, Come

*Come to me who seek for peace
Come to me and peace you'll know
Come and lay your burdens down
For I give rest for your soul*

*Bring to me your troubles and your worries
Share with me your laughter and your joy
Weak and weary soul find your deliverance
When you come to me*

*Bring to me your troubles and your worries
Share with me your laughter and your joy
Weak and weary soul find your deliverance
When you come to me
When you come to me*

*From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise Arise
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue - Hallelujah x 4*

*Eternal are your mercies Lord
Eternal is your glorious word
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Your Praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more - Hallelujah x 4*

*From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise Arise
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue - Hallelujah x 4*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.**

CONFESSION – GENESIS 3

Let us experience again, the grace that has been poured out to us and the peace we find in the wounds of our Savior.

When mankind first fell into sin, God moved immediately toward his tarnished treasure. Knowing that perfection was lost, God still moved in love and purpose. When Adam and Eve heard the sound of God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, God called out to Adam with these words. “Where are you?” Throughout scripture that voice is one filled with love as he invites his broken people to confess their sin. When Adam replied “I heard you in the garden and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid”, Adam spoke for all of us too. We use Adam’s response to God’s invitation as part of our own confession today.

M: “I heard you” -

C: **Father, I know your commandments. By nature, my heart and mind are rebellious against you. While my conscience and your word remind me of how selfish I have been I have often failed to connect the dots, or outright refused to listen to your word. Father forgive me.**

M: “ I was afraid” –

C: **I confess that all too often I have made decisions based more on my fear of missing out than of the joy of following your word. I have seen, said, thought and done things because I was afraid that you weren't a good God. I believed the lie that you aren't a good Father. I was afraid that if I applied God's patience and wisdom, that I would miss out on building my kingdom, instead of your kingdom that brings true peace and joy. Father forgive me.**

M: “because I was naked” -

C: **Because of my selfish decisions, I have made myself vulnerable. I am too often naked to the lies of Satan, vulnerable to the shame of comparison, and to the worries and anxieties of tomorrow. All too often I have taken off the identity you gave me as a child of God, fashioning instead false versions of myself in an effort to hide my own sin. Father forgive me.**

M: “So I hid” –

C: **Lastly Father, I have so often run in the wrong direction for my healing. Instead of trusting that your grace is sufficient for me, I ran away from your open arms, choosing self-pity and numbing behaviors instead of repentance. Father forgive me for hiding from you.**

PRAYER

ALL: **Triune God, thank you for coming for me. Thank you for sending your son to die in my place, that I might receive mercy and forgiveness. I come to you trusting in Jesus Christ and the sacrifice he made to atone for my sin and the sin of the world. Lord God, have mercy on me a sinner.**

ABSOLUTION – 1 JOHN 4:9-10

M: **You Are Forgiven! Brothers and Sisters in Christ – God himself says to us, “This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”**

Through the finished work of Christ, hear the heart our God has for relationship with you, restored by his grace alone. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE:

O Sinner Hear My Voice
Written by Mike and Adam Westendorf

*Seek the Lord while He may be found
Call on Him while He is near
Let the wicked one forsake their selfish ways
And turn their mind from evil thoughts*

*Let them turn to the Saving God
Pardon and mercy freely flow
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor my ways your ways
As the heavens soar above the earth, so are my thoughts, my ways*

*Refrain O sinner hear my voice,
 let the dying soul rejoice
 In your dry and weary land, let my word bring life
 All the dead inside, your darkest night, I alone... make you alive*

*As the rain and the snow fall down
Bringing water to the earth
The land turns green again, all creation sings
Bringing seed and bread to all in their seasons*

*So it is with all my word
As it's sent throughout the earth
It will not return to me empty handed
Accomplishing the reason I have sent it!*

*Refrain O sinner hear my voice,
 let the dying soul rejoice
 In your dry and weary land, let my word bring life
 All the dead inside, your darkest night, I alone... make you alive*

Bridge 1

*You will go out in Joy, For you have been set free
All the mountain hills, they will sing of peace
All the trees will clap, All creation sings
For the Lord's renown, the God of everything – repeat x 2*

Bridge 2

*You are Savior, Jehovah, Almighty, the Healer
The righteous, provider, the Blessed, Redeemer
All Blessing and Honor, to Him who is Holy
Both now and forever, to you be the Glory*

Final Refrain

*O sinner hear my voice,
let the dying soul rejoice
In your dry and weary land, let my word bring life
All the dead inside, your darkest night, I make you alive
In your dry and weary land, let my word bring life
All the dead inside, your darkest night, I alone... make you alive*

PSALM 46

M: God is our refuge and strength,
C: **an ever-present help in trouble.**
M: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
C: **and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**
M: though its waters roar and foam
C: **and the mountains quake with their surging.**
M: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
C: **the holy place where the Most High dwells.**
M: God is within her, she will not fall;
C: **God will help her at break of day.**
M: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
C: **he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**
M: The LORD Almighty is with us;
C: **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
M: Come and see what the LORD has done,
C: **the desolations he has brought on the earth.**

M: He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.
C: **He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.**
M: He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
C: **I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**
M: The LORD Almighty is with us;
C: **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

SONG

“Be Still”

1. ***Be Still, and know that I am God
I will, be exalted in the earth
Be Still, and know that I am God
I will, be above the nations***

2. ***I am, your shelter and your strength
I am, your help in trouble
No fear, though the earth give way
No fear, know that I am God

Be Still, I will***

3. ***I am here, you will not fall
I am here, at the break of day
I lift, my voice and kingdoms fall
Come and see, the works of the Lord

Be Still, I will,
No fear, Be Still... Be Still***

THE SERMON:

Psalm 46

The sermon will include various readings from scripture to support the theme: “Be Still”

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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 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.

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.

1. *From before time began, By your design and hand
The author of life, Gave breath to me
Formed in the secret place, You smiled upon my face
Called me your child, what a mystery
And it's all because of Grace*

Refrain *You made a place for me, opened up my eyes to see
The wonder of my Father's love
And from eternity, placed me in a family
With all the saints bought by the Saviors Blood
You made a place for me*

2. *Facing this world alone, when darkness was all I'd known
You were my hope in the dead of night
Strength of a Father's love, Warmth of a mother's touch
Foreshadows the love and joy of Christ
Jesus your arms are open wide*

Refrain *You made a place for me, opened up my eyes to see
The wonder of my Father's love
And from eternity, placed me in a family
With all the saints bought by the Saviors Blood
You made a place for me*

*O Lord forgive us, Jesus Restore us
Call us your children once again
O Lord forgive us, Jesus Restore us
Call us your children once again
As you renew us, Give us a boldness
So that the lonely,
Would find rejoicing,
built on the Rock of Christ a-lone*

*You made a place for me, opened up my eyes to see
The wonder of my Father's love
And for eternity, we are all your family
With all the saints bought by the Saviors Blood
We are Sons and Daughters of our God
You made a place for me
a place for me*

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!”

THE BLESSING

SENDING SONG

You Are Amazing

Oh Lord, thank you for what you've given me... let the people sing
Oh Lord, Thank You for what you've given me!

1. *From the rising of the son, your glory comes to everyone*
And in the light of this new day we see you are amazing
From the life that you have made and the voice that sings your praise
To the eyes that see your face, we see you are amazing -
YOU ARE AMAZING

Oh Lord, thank you for what you've given me... let the people sing
Oh Lord, Thank You for what you've given me!

2. *For the Blessing that you give, the time of Grace in which we live*
For the joy of simple things, we see you are amazing
For the Day you made me new, when you called me back to you
And all the times you've seen me through - oh you are amazing -
YOU ARE AMAZING

Oh Lord, thank you for what you've given me... let the people sing
Oh Lord, Thank You for what you've given me!

3. *For the cross, the crucified. For Jesus perfect Sacrifice*
The empty grave that gives us life - oh you are amazing
That you have come to take our place, to show us mercy love and grace
With joyful hearts we sing your praise, you are Amazing -
YOU ARE AMAZING

Oh Lord, thank you for what you've given me... let the people sing
Oh Lord, Thank You for what you've given me!

Oh Lord, thank you for what you've given me...
Oh Lord, Thank You for what you've given me!