



Summer IN THE Psalms

**BLESS
THE LORD
OF SOULS**
MY
PSALM 103:1

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome! Pentecost 4 – June 20th, 2021

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**

*We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

*We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.*

*With voices united our praises we offer;
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!*

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
M: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: **Who made heaven and earth.**
M: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Silence for self-examination

M: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,
And to you, my brothers and sisters,
That I have sinned in thought, word, and deed
By my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault;
Wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
Forgive me all my sins,
And bring me to everlasting life.
C: **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission
of all your sins.**
M: Amen.

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Hymn

CW #226 (1-3) "To Your Temple I Draw Near"

*To your temple I draw near;
Lord, I love to worship here.
Here are sacrament and Word;
Here believers meet their Lord.*

*I through Christ am reconciled;
I through Christ become your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In your courts to seek your face.*

*While your glorious praise is sung,
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue,
That my joyful soul may bless
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.*

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M:** O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** Amen.

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:11-15

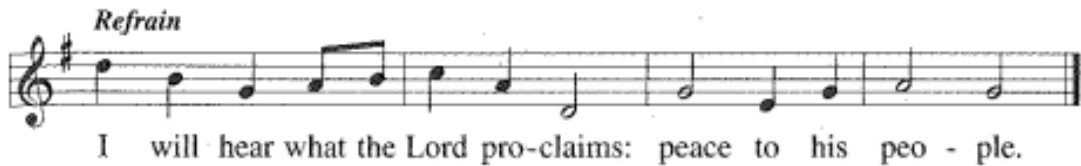
¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

¹² So he said, “I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain.”

¹³ But Moses said to God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I say to them?”

¹⁴ So God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.”^[b] He also said, “You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.”

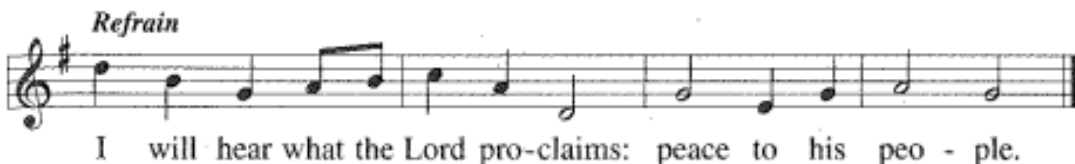
¹⁵ God also told Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.’”



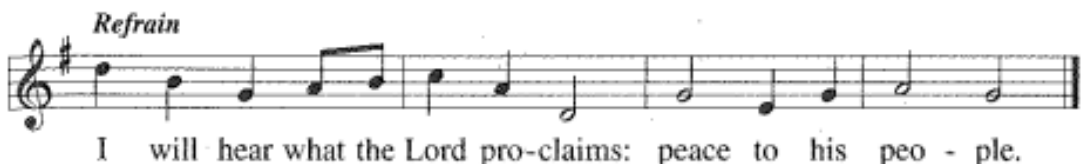
THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 4:1-7

What I am saying is this: As long as the heir is a young child, he is no different from a slave. Although he is owner of everything, ² he is still under guardians and managers until the day set by his father. ³ So also, when we were younger children, we were enslaved under the basic principles of the world. ⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts to shout, “Abba, Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son. And if you are a son, then you are also an heir of God through Christ.



¹¹ Jesus said, “A certain man had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all that he had and traveled to a distant country. There he wasted his wealth with reckless living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ He went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He would have liked to fill his stomach with the carob pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, and I am dying from hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up, go to my father, and tell him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’” ²⁰ “He got up and went to his father. While he was still far away, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, hugged his son, and kissed him. ²¹ The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’” ²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick, bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ because this son of mine was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.’ Then they began to celebrate. ²⁵ “His older son was in the field. As he approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. ²⁷ The servant told him, ‘Your brother is here! Your father killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ The older brother was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ “He answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I’ve been serving you, and I never disobeyed your command, but you never gave me even a young goat so that I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours arrived after wasting your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’” ³¹ “The father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. ³² But it was fitting to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.’”



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 #189 (1-3): "Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore You"

*Jehovah, let me now adore you,
For where is there a God such, Lord, as you?
With joyful songs I come before you;
Oh, let your Spirit teach my heart anew
To praise you in his name through whom alone
Our songs can praise you, through your blessed Son.*

*O Father, draw me to my Savior
That your dear Son may draw me then to you.
Your Spirit guide my whole behavior
And rule both sense and reason in me, too,
That, Lord, your peace from me may ne'er depart
But wake sweet melodies within my heart.*

*Grant that your Spirit prompt my praises;
Then shall my singing surely please your ear.
Sweet are the sounds my heart then raises;
My prayer in truth and spirit you will hear.
Then shall your Spirit lift my heart in love
To sing these psalms to you, my God above.*

- M: ¹ Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- C: ² **Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—**
- M: ³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
- C: ⁴ **who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,**
- M: ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- C: ⁶ **The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**
- M: ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:
- C: ⁸ **The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**
- M: ⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;
- C: ¹⁰ **he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**
- M: ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
- C: ¹² **as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**
- M: ¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
- C: ¹⁴ **for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.**
- M: ¹⁵ The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field;
- C: ¹⁶ **the wind blows over it and it is gone, its place remembers it no more.**
- M: ¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—
- C: ¹⁸ **with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.**
- M: ¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.
- C: ²⁰ **Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.**
- M: ²¹ Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.
- C: ²² **Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, my soul.**

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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.**

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 #449: “Children Of The Heavenly Father”

*Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge ne'er was given.*

*God his own doth tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them.*

*Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.*

*Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.*

Worship Notes

Name _____
Date _____

for kids

Songs We Sang



The Scripture Text Was: _____

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

