

Sunday Service

Seventh Sunday of EASTER

May 16, 2021 - 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

Live Broadcast at 10:15 AM

ENTRUSTED

PAUL'S FINAL LETTER TO TIMOTHY

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Welcome...

We are so happy that you are here with us today. Our desire is to be like another home for you. If you are new to Grace or to the area and are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider joining our family here at Grace.

To our many members and friends worshiping at home, whether near or far, we are so happy that you are sharing this worship with us from your homes.

To Everyone: Please check Grace Lutheran's website daily! www.GraceLutheranPSL.com

Seating with social distancing at the church is now available at the Bible Study on Thursday at 11:00 AM and on Sundays at 8:30 AM and 10:15 AM. Please remember, you will need to wear a face mask at Grace.

HOLY COMMUNION

This meal is weird and wonderful: weird because we actually believe that the bread and wine are the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ; wonderful because Jesus is with us. We take this meal very seriously here at Grace. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and allow us to answer your questions. **Children** who have not been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament may come to the Lord's Table with their parents for a blessing but are asked to fold their arms across their chests to indicate they are to receive a blessing.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION: Due to social distancing and everyone's health we have moved Holy Communion to the end of our worship service and will celebrate by family/sitting groups. After the closing hymn pastor will pronounce the sending and then those who wish to share in the celebration of communion shall remain.

The distribution of the bread and wine in individual cups will be by an elder. Please wait for Pastor to proceed with the taking of the elements for your group. ***For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored on the tray.*** Those who find it difficult to walk to the altar can be communed at your seat. Please inform the usher of your need. After Pastor Cris has given your group the blessing at the altar, you may place your cup in the basket and depart from the church.

ENTRUSTED - Paul's Final Letter to Timothy

This is the Message I've been set apart to proclaim as preacher, emissary, and teacher. It's also the cause of all this trouble I'm in. But I have no regrets. I couldn't be more sure of my ground, the One I've trusted in can take care of what He's trusted me to do right to the end. Now go with the faith you have been entrusted into all the world.

TODAY: Corners Cut

Backed up against the wall seeming no other way out, it's tempting to cut corners, to make the task easier, to get to the goal faster. But Paul is encouraging us to remember the faith we have been entrusted with, to follow it though and not cut corners.

---- THE OPENING HYMN

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” (LW 149 Vs 1-5)

1. *A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.*

REFRAIN

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

2. *The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand. Alleluia, alleluia! And with His faithful fol-l'wers see Their Lord ascend in majesty. (REFRAIN)*
3. *To whom two shining angels cry, “Why stand and gaze upon the sky?” Alleluia, alleluia! “This is the Savior,” thus they say; “This is His glorious triumph day!” (REFRAIN)*
4. *“You see Him now, ascending high Up to the portals of the sky.” Alleluia, alleluia! “Here after Jesus you shall see Returning in great majesty.” (REFRAIN)*
5. *O Lord, our homeward pathway bend That our unwearied hearts ascend, Alleluia, alleluia! Where, seated on Your Father’s throne, You reign as King of kings alone. (REFRAIN)*

-- Opening

*God raised Christ from the dead, Alleluia!
and seated him at His right hand in the heavenly places.*

--- THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Take a moment of silent reflection upon our need for God’s forgiveness)

Pastor:  *O Almighty God,*

PEOPLE: GOD, OUR LOVING FATHER,

WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE OFTEN IMPATIENT AND RUSH TO CRITICIZE.

WE TAKE OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR GRANTED.

WE ARE OFTEN UNGRATEFUL AND NOT GRACIOUS.

WE OFTEN EXPECT CHURCH TO MIRROR OUR OWN BIASES.

WE FORGET TO ASK FOR OUR CHURCH TO MIRROR YOU.

WE OFTEN USE YOUR SCRIPTURES TO SUPPORT OUR OPINIONS.

WE FORGET THAT THEY ARE A LAMP TO OUR FEET AND A LIGHT TO OUR PATH.

OUR HOPE IS CENTERED ON OURSELVES AND NOT ON YOU.

RENEW US, LORD, THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL

AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS, TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.

Pastor: The story of Jesus is about life and forgiveness.... You are God's beloved; you are a child of the resurrection. Live in the hope of new life. God loves you, and God is the restorer of hope. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

--THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Thank you, eternal Father, that your Son Jesus ascended to your right hand, to rule over all things as Lord. Keep your church in the unity that the Spirit gives, and bring all creation to submit to Christ as Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

---THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast" (LW pg 161)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and Honor, blessing, and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, al-le-lu-ia.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Rather than resist the empire, the word of the Lord encouraged the exiles to seek the prosperity of Babylon and thus enhance their own prosperity.

(1) These are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders of the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

(4-7) "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Reader: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Paul, here in verse 8, may have been quoting a gospel summary or confession of faith used by Christians all around the Roman empire.

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

(8)Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

Since people are easily distracted, Jesus says that they shouldn't get so caught up in the routines of daily life that they forget to remain faithful to Him.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Will any one of you who has a servant

plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- PROFESSION

THE APOSTLES CREED

--- HYMN OF DAY

"What Is the World to Me" (LW 418 vs 1-4)

- 1. What is the world to me with all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord, my soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me.**
- 2. The world seeks to be praised and honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects that they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me.**
- 3. The world seeks after wealth and all that mammon offers
Yet never is content though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good, content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me.**
- 4. What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all, my bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me.**

The Apostles Creed
I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the
right hand of God,
the Father, Almighty.
From thence
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.

--- THE SERMON

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--THE OFFERTORY

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with-in me.
Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.***

--- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(after each petition)

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

--- THE LORD'S PRAYER

----- THE BLESSING

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord look upon you with grace and redemption.

May the Lord always walk before you and give you peace

PEOPLE: AMEN

----THE CLOSING HYMN

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heav'n
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heav'n
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

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" (LW 149 Vs 6-7)

6. Give us Your joy on earth, O Lord, In heav'n to be our great reward, Alleluia, alleluia!
Where, throned with You forever, We shall praise Your name eternally.
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

7. O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to You let earth accord: Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one.
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

----- SENDING

Pastor: Have peace knowing we are all with you.

Serve others knowing God walks before you.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION: Due to social distancing and everyone's health we will celebrate by family/sitting groups. After the "Sending" those who wish to share in the celebration of Holy Communion shall remain for the "Order of Holy Communion."

Pastor will signal groups up to the altar alternating between left and right sides. An elder will distribute the bread and wine for your side. Then Pastor Cris will direct your partaking of the elements, pronounce the blessing for your side, then you may place your cup in the basket on the side and depart in peace.

--- THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: May the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**



Pastor: The tree of life in the midst of the garden was the tree of our defeat. Christ was lifted up on the tree of victory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored. And so we praise you ..

PEOPLE: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA, HOSANNA, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

---- THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

--- ADDITIONAL HYMNS

“Drawn to the Cross, Which You Have Blessed”

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| <p>1. Drawn to the cross which Thou have blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in thee my life, my rest,
Christ Crucified, I come.</p> <p>2. Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,
Christ Crucified, I come.</p> | <p>3. Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain,
Christ Crucified, I come.</p> <p>4. And then for work to do for Thee,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,.
Christ Crucified, I come.</p> |
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“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (Time Ver 2:24)

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- 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**
- 2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee!**
- 3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are thine!**

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

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1. Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee. O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. Just as I am; Thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

--- **THIS WEEK AT GRACE - Today** **May 16, 2021**

Worship Services	8:30 AM & 10:15 AM
Live-streamed on www.gracelutheranpsl.com	10:15 AM
Zoom into Fellowship	12:00 - Noon
Korean Church Worship	1:00 PM

Rest of the week **May 17 - May 22, 2021**

Grace B.O.D.	Tuesday, 5:30 PM
Heatherwood HOA	Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Individual - Small Group Communion	Wednesday, 11:00 AM - Noon
Bible Study at church and live streamed	Thursday, 11:00 AM
Foster Grandparents	Friday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Korean Church Prayer Gathering	Saturday, 6:00 AM
LWML Zone Rally	Saturday, Meet at Church 7:00 AM

For complete calendar information, go to www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Raquel & James Thomson - 5/21/1976 (45 Years)

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Victoria Thomason, Diane Heinz, Glenn Swiston - 5/16,
Joyce Matte - 5/18, Allison Schultz - 5/19.

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given in Memory of Laura Sutterfield

LADIES - LWML ZONE RALLY: Our first in-person, with social distancing included, Zone Rally, will be held next Saturday, May 22nd at Trinity Lutheran down in Boca Raton. Ladies, we will meet here at Grace at 7:00 AM and travel together for a fun-filled, Christ centered, fellowship time with other ladies from our zone! If you have any questions please contact Shirley Mullins (719) 482-6058 or smullins64@comcast.net

GRACE SHIRTS: We are now selling and taking orders for a “Grace Lutheran” blue golf shirt. Cost will be \$25.00. email, text or call Ed Bock or Kevin Garbers for information.

PLEASE CALL PEOPLE: The COVID quarantines began over a year ago and many of our members have health conditions which have kept them isolated at home. So that we all don’t descend into madness, let’s call and talk to each other regularly as well as sending cards or notes through the mail. Phone and address directories are available for your convenience on the counter by the office door.

COMMUNION ON WEDNESDAY: If you, or someone you know, would like to celebrate Holy Communion but prefer a small group or unable to attend Sunday service, Pastor Cris has set aside Wednesday’s to celebrate the meal in small/family groups. Please come by on Wednesday at: 11:00, 11:20, 11:40 or 12:00 (noon) and partake of this wonderful meal.

BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL! Pastor Cris is conducting a Bible Study on Thursday’s at 11 AM and you are welcome to attend in person! Seating is with social distancing along with wearing a mask. The Bible Study is also “live streamed” through ZOOM as well for you to participate from home. (www.GracelutheranPSL.com) Also, recorded for your future viewing if you would like.

SEE YOUR GRACE FAMILY ON ZOOM: Coli, along with Pastor, will be hosting Zoom to Coffee at NOON, TODAY, for those who would like to join in fellowship “virtually” to see and chat with Grace members and friends. All are welcome! www.GraceLutheranPSL.com

GIVING: We are here to provide “Grace and Peace in this Chaotic and Lonely Time” to those in our church and community. Thank you for your past and continual prayers and financial support to Grace and your community. We have added Paypal for online donations. If you would like to give through Paypal, please go to: www.GraceLutheranPSL.com and click the “GIVE” button on the upper right side of the page.

CAUTION!!! The safety alarm will be active between 7 AM and 6 PM, WEEKDAYS, in the new building! To enter you will need to **FIRST press the GREEN button** outside the door, **THEN pull on the door handle** to enter. To exit the building the secretary or pastor will provide you with a number to enter onto the keypad.

Questions to Ponder This Week - Corners Cut

1. What is something that has been “entrusted” to you? How do you treat that thing that is “entrusted” to you?
2. Read 2 Timothy 1:1-13. Paul uses examples of soldiers, athletes and farmers to show us not to cut corners. In what ways have you tried to cut corners in your life and faith? What has been the result of cutting those corners?
3. How does the promise that “the word of God is not bound” enable you to live out your faith?

Action Item: When you are stressed this week, don’t try to cut corners and fix it. Pause and notice how Jesus is working.