

# Sunday Service

May 30, 2021 - 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM  
Live Broadcast at 10:15 AM

# ENTRUSTED

PAUL'S FINAL LETTER TO TIMOTHY

Today:  
-Itching Ears-  
2 Timothy 4

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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](http://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: **Itching Ears**

With so many folks all around listening and believing so many toxic ideas and untruths, it can seem like the world is just heading to the bad place. But, what if it is me that stretches my itching ears?

## ---- THE OPENING HYMN

### “O HOLY BLESSED TRINITY” (LW 479 vs. 1-3)

1. O Holy blessed Trinity,  
Divine, eternal U-ni-ty,  
O Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
This day your name be up-per-most.
2. My soul and body keep from harm,  
And over all have ex-tend your arm,  
Let Satan cause me no distress  
Nor bring me shame and wretch-ed-ness.
3. The Father’s love shield me this day,  
The Son’s pure wisdom cheer my way,  
The Holy Spirit’s joy and light  
Drive from my heart the shades of night.

## -- Opening

*Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God /Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.*

## --- 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.*

*Eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and you live in the perfect unity of love. Give us a sure faith in you, so that we share in your holy fellowship and life as three Persons in one God, now and forever. AMEN*

# ----THE HYMN OF PRAISE

## Father I Adore You

*Father, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.*

*Jesus, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.*

*Spirit, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love you.*

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### THE FIRST LESSON

#### Jeremiah 31:27-34

God's message of consolation is not only a hope of restoration for one rebellious nation but a promise for all people.

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast. And it shall come to pass that as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring harm, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, declares the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But everyone shall die for his own iniquity. Each man who eats sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Reader:        This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:**        **THANKS BE TO GOD**

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### THE SECOND LESSON

#### 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Paul's message: stay focused, suffer hardships, be confident, do the work. The church has always progressed by the faithfulness of her saints.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in

season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the

righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD**

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

Jesus emphasizes that the kingdom of God will not come through valiant efforts but as people pray, "May Your kingdom come," with persistence and with humility.

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my

adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST**

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## --- PROFESSION 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.

--- HYMN OF DAY

**“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”** LW 368 (VS 1-4)

1. *My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

**(CHORUS)**

**ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK, I STAND;  
ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND.**

2. *When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. (CHORUS)*
3. *His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;  
When all supports are washed away, He then is all my hope and stay. (CHORUS)*
4. *When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! (CHORUS)*

--- THE SERMON

**ENTRUSTED - Itching Ears**

--THE OFFERTORY

**“We Give You But Your Own”** (LW 405 vs 1,2,6)

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| <p>1. <i>We give you but your own,<br/>In any gifts we bring;<br/>All that we have is yours alone,<br/>A trust from you our King.</i></p>       | <p>2. <i>May we your bounties thus<br/>As stewards true receive,<br/>And gladly, Lord as you bless us,<br/>To you our first-fruits give.</i></p> |
| <p>6. <i>And we believe Your Word,<br/>Though dim our faith, it's true;<br/>What we do for your people, Lord,<br/>We do it all for you.</i></p> |  |

--- 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

## “O HOLY BLESSED TRINITY” (LW 479 vs. 4 & 5)

4. **My Maker, hold me in your hand,  
O Christ, for-giv-en let me stand;  
Blest Comforter, do not de-part,  
With faith and love en-rich my heart.**

5. **Lord, bless and keep me as your own;  
Lord, look in kindness from your throne;  
Lord, shine unfailing peace on me  
By grace surrounded; set me free.**

## ----- SENDING

*Pastor: Have peace knowing we are all with you.  
Serve others knowing God walks before you.*

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**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

### “Lord God, To Thee We Give All Praise”

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- 1. Lord God, to Thee we give all praise,  
With grateful hearts our voices raise,  
That angel hosts thou didst create  
Around Thy glorious throne to wait.**
- 2. They shine with light and heav'nly grace  
And constantly behold Thy face.  
They heed Thy voice, they know it well,  
In Godly wisdom they excel.**
- 3. They never rest nor sleep as we;  
Their whole delight is but to be  
With Thee, Lord Jesus, and to keep  
Thy little flock, Thy lambs and sheep.**
- 4. The ancient dragon is their foe;  
His envy and his wrath they know.  
It always is his aim and pride  
Thy Christian people to divide.**
- 5. As he of old deceived the world  
And into sin and death was hurled,  
So now he subtly lies in wait  
To undermine both Church and state.**
- 6. A roaring lion, round he goes,  
No halt nor rest he ever knows;  
He seeks the Christians to devour  
And slay them by his dreadful pow'r.**
- 7. But watchful is the angel band  
That follows Christ on ev'ry hand  
To guard His people where they go  
And break the counsel of the foe.**
- 8. For this, now and in days to be,  
Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee  
Whom all the angel host adore  
With grateful songs forevermore.**

### “Abide with Me”

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- 1. Abide with me, fast falls the even tide, The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**
- 2. I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.**
- 3. Come not in terrors, as the King of kings, But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;**



Tears for all woes, a heart for eve'ry plea. Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

4. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.

5. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if thou abide with me!

## "Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul"

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1. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!  
Let all within me join  
To aid my tongue to bless His name  
Whose favors are divine.
2. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul,  
Nor let His mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness  
And without praises die.
3. 'Tis He forgives thy sins;  
'Tis he relieves thy pain;  
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses  
And makes thee young again.
4. He crowns thy life with love,  
When ransomed from the grave;  
He that redeemed my soul from hell  
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.
5. He fills the poor with good;  
He gives the suff'ers rest;  
The Lord hath judgments for the proud,  
And justice for the oppressed.
6. His wondrous works and ways  
He made by Moses known  
But sent the world His truth and grace  
By His beloved Son.

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### ---- **THIS WEEK AT GRACE - Today** **May 30, 2021**

Worship Services	8:30 AM & 10:15 AM
Live-streamed on <a href="http://www.gracelutheranpsl.com">www.gracelutheranpsl.com</a>	10:15 AM
Zoom into Fellowship	12:00 - Noon
Korean Church Worship	1:00 PM

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### **Rest of the week** **May 31 - June 5, 2021**

Memorial Day	Monday
Korean Church Prayer Gathering	Saturday, 6:00 AM

**VOTER'S MEETING!** Next Sunday, June 6, from 9:20 - 10:05 AM, we will hold our first Quarterly Voter's Meeting in over a year. Please attend if you can.

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:** None listed for this week.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:** Al Cluroe - 5/31, Marlys Pellin - 6/3, Cris Escher & Melville Mills - 6/4, Barbara Ruzicka - 6/5

**THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR** are given to the Glory of God by Ed Bock in memory of his wife Barbara.

**GRACE SHIRTS - NEW** 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:** Pastor will be out of town this Wednesday

**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](http://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](http://www.GraceLutheranPSL.com) and click the "GIVE" button on the upper right side of the page.

## **Questions to Ponder This Week - [ENTRUSTED - Itching Ears](#)**

1. Who are your itching ears listening to that could lead you away from following Jesus?
2. Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8. What attributes does Paul encourage Timothy to have as he "preaches the word?" What does it look like for you to share your faith with "patience and teaching?"
3. How does knowing that "the crown of righteousness" in Jesus is laid up for you help you have perseverance in the faith?

**Action Item:** [When you are tempted to get frustrated with someone who believes differently than you, stop and listen. Be patient with them. Remember that Jesus has already won.](#)