

# Sunday Service

God's Greater Story - Transformed for Service

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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 worshipping at home, whether near or far:  
We are so happy that you are sharing our worship with us from your homes today.

To Everyone: Please check Grace Lutheran's website daily! [www.GraceLutheranPSL.com](http://www.GraceLutheranPSL.com)

**PASTOR CRIS** is enjoying some time off this week and will return on Wednesday, July 22. If you have any needs or concerns please call the church office at 772-871-6599 and leave a message.

**HOLY COMMUNION** will not be celebrated this morning due to Pastor's absence. However, Pastor Cris will be providing communion on Wednesday, July 22, in small group settings from 11:00 AM till 12:00 PM, every 20 minutes.

## **God's Greater Story**

Paul in Romans is not speaking of a belief that is only for himself, a personal theology or a record of his personal spiritual journey. Paul is speaking of God and God's work among his people, a saving work that includes all nations and that extends throughout all time. Paul's words of faith are not for himself alone but for all peoples. Paul tells the Romans and us God's greater story.

## **TODAY: Rev. Victor Belton**

Reverend Belton served 12 years on the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod National Board of Directors and is a sought-after public speaker. He helped begin a ministry in South Sudan along with Sudanese Pastor Bafel Paul Deng. He is a certified coach through the Center for United States Missions and has worked with other pastors and leaders to plan and implement prayer initiatives.

He was the Pastor at Peace Lutheran in Decatur, Georgia for 27 years.

He is an incredible gift to the church, and Grace is fortunate to have him speak for us.

## ---- THE OPENING HYMN

### “God Himself is Present”

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1. **God himself is present; let us now adore Him and with awe appear before Him.  
God is in His temple; all within keep silence, humbly kneel in deepest rev'ence.  
He alone on His throne is our God and Savior; Praise His name for ever!**
2. **God himself is present; hear the harps resounding; see the hosts the throne surrounding!  
“Holy, holy, holy!” Hear the hymn ascending, songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow your ear to us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises that Your Church now raises.**
3. **Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit, Trusting only in your merit.  
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before you, May I ceaselessly adore You.  
Let Your will ever still rule Your Church terrestrial as the host celestial.**

## --RESPONSE OF THE DAY

*Jesus said, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened,  
and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.*

## --- 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. I announce to you that 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.*

*Almighty and merciful God, you have made your loving purpose known to us through the good news of your salvation in Christ. Make us faithful witnesses to the truth, so that those who hear may believe and be united with all the saints in glory. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.*

## ---THE HYMN OF PRAISE

### “Father, I Adore You”

- 1. Father, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.**
- 2. Jesus, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.**
- 3. Spirit, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.**

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## THE FIRST LESSON

### Isaiah 51:1-6

The exiled people of God will be freed from Babylon, and God will smooth out and level off the perilous desert highway that leads from Mesopotamia to the promised land.

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,

you who seek the Lord:  
look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
that I might bless him and multiply him.

For the Lord comforts Zion;  
he comforts all her waste places  
and makes her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

“Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

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

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD**

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## THE SECOND LESSON

### Romans 11:33-12:8

Paul urges those who read and hear his letter to respond to the good news by offering their bodies—eyes, ears, mouths, hands, feet—to God as a “living sacrifice.”

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him  
are all things. To him be glory forever.  
Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the  
mercies of God, to present your bodies as a  
living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,  
which is your spiritual worship. Do not be  
conformed to this world, but be

transformed by the renewal of your mind,  
that by testing you may discern what is the  
will of God, what is good and acceptable  
and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to  
everyone among you not to think of himself  
more highly than he ought to think, but to  
think with sober judgment, each according  
to the measure of faith that God has  
assigned. For as in one body we have many  
members, and the members do not all have  
the same function, so we, though many, are  
one body in Christ, and individually  
members one of another. Having gifts that  
differ according to the grace given to us, let  
us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to  
our faith; if service, in our serving; the one  
who teaches, in his teaching; the one who  
exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who  
contributes, in generosity; the one who  
leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of  
mercy, with cheerfulness.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD**

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

### Matthew 16:13-20

With Peter’s confession that Jesus is the  
Anointed One, the foundation of the  
church is laid. In the days ahead, the  
church will storm the gates of hell and  
nothing will be able to stop it. No  
darkness, no doubt, no deception—not  
even death will be able to stand against it.

Now when Jesus came into the district of  
Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,  
“Who do people say that the Son of Man

is?” And they said, “Some say John the  
Baptist, others say Elijah, and others  
Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to  
them, “But who do you say that I am?”  
Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the  
Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered  
him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For  
flesh and blood has not revealed this to you,  
but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell  
you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will  
build my church, and the gates of hell shall  
not prevail against it. I will give you the keys  
of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever  
you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,

and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

## --- THE APOSTLES CREED

## --- THE SERMON - God's Greater Story

Guest Preacher Victor Belton  
**Transformed for Service**

## --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 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 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

## ----THE CLOSING HYMN

### **“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”** (Ver. 1)

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- 1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son, And bring to nought all He has done.**
- 2. Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise triumphantly.**
- 3. O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.**

## ----- SENDING

*Pastor: Have peace knowing we are all with you.*

*Serve others knowing God walks before you.*

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## --- ADDITIONAL HYMNS

### **“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”**

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- 1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.**
- 2. It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the heart’s unrest;  
“Tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest.**
- 3. Dear name! The rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place;  
My never failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.**
- 4. O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.**
- 5. How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I’ll praise Thee as I ought.**
- 6. Till then I would Thy love proclaim with ev’ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name refresh my soul in death!**

### **“Jesus Shall Reign”**

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- 1. Jesus shall reign wher-e’er the sun does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

- 2.To him shall endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev-ry morning sacrifice.
- 3.People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners leap unloose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
- 5.Let ev'ry creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

## O Perfect Life of Love

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| <p>1. O Perfect Life of Love!<br/>All, all, is finished now,<br/>All that He left His throne above<br/>To do for us below.</p> <p>2. No work is left undone<br/>Of all the Father willed;<br/>His toil, His sorrows, one by one,<br/>The Scriptures have now fulfilled.</p> <p>3. No pain that we can share<br/>But He has felt it smart;<br/>All forms of human grief and care<br/>Have pierced that tender heart.</p> <p>4. All on His thorn-crowned head<br/>And on His sinless soul<br/>Our sins in all that guilt were laid<br/>That He might make us whole.</p> | <p>5. In perfect love He dies;<br/>For me He dies, for me.<br/>O all-atoning Sacrifice,<br/>I cling by faith to Thee.</p> <p>6. In every time of need,<br/>Before the judgement throne,<br/>Thy works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,<br/>Thy merits, not mine own.</p> <p>7. Yet work, O Lord, in me<br/>As Thou for me hast wrought,<br/>And let my love the answer be<br/>To grace Thy love has brought.</p> |
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### ---- **THIS WEEK AT GRACE - Today** **July 19, 2020**

Worship Service	8:30 AM
Second Worship Service and video service <a href="http://www.gracelutheranpsl.com">www.gracelutheranpsl.com</a>	10:15 AM
Korean Church Worship	1:00 PM
AA	7:30 PM

### **Rest of the week** **July 20 - July 25**

Crafters	Monday, 10:30 AM
Heatherwood HOA	Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Korean Church Prayer	Saturday, 6:00 AM



**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:** Wilanne Kimball - 7/21, Kimberly Becker-Mattox - 7/23

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Chuck & Janice Kamrath - 7/20 (64 Yrs)

**THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR** are given by Barbara Scheer in memory of her wedding anniversary with Ron on July 17th.

**AWESOME SUPPORT!** **\$386.53** has been collected so far from the CareNet baby bottles over the past month! A huge thank you for all who have participated. We will continue collecting them and Judy Fredrich has a few bottles if someone still would like to contribute.

**PLEASE CALL PEOPLE** I realize I take for granted that people just come to the church on a regular basis. So that we all don't descend into madness, let's call and talk to each other regularly. Phone directories are available for your convenience.

**CRAFTERS' GROUP** Will meet **Tomorrow**, Monday, July 20, from 10:30 AM till 2:00 PM (Lunch provided!). Please wear your mask and we will keep safe distance while enjoying fellowship and will "craft" new and enjoyable items. Contact Judy Fredrick [pjfred@outlook.com](mailto:pjfred@outlook.com) for info.

**GIVING** - Changing over to a social distance model of ministry has been quite challenging. We needed to purchase new equipment and the overall church's expenses did not go down even though we were not meeting in person. 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.

**Online Giving** We have now added Paypal for online donations. We have been approved as a trusted non profit organization. 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.

**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 "live" Bible study online for you to participate in on Thursdays at 11:00 AM. Directions for participating can be found on the web page [www.GracelutheranPSL.com](http://www.GracelutheranPSL.com). Check it out, and if you need assistance, please call the phone number listed.

**AND....** even if you are not computer savvy or do not have computer access, you can participate over your phone.