

Summer Series in Galatians

Free
the unfree

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Sunday, Sept 1, 10:00 AM

Life in the Gospel

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GALATIANS LITURGY

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Paul's letter to the churches in Galatia.

Opening Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB 738



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness,	Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness,	Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness,	Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness,	Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing,	and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors,	and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing,	and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing,	and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts,	Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts,	Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts,	Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts,	Lord, at the end of the day.

Invocation (based on Galatians 1:3-7)

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: who gave himself for our sins

P: to rescue us from this present evil age.

C: To Him be the glory forever and ever!

P: There's really no other Gospel in the world that says:

C: we're saved by grace.

P: No other religion where

C: eternal life is a gift of God.

P: You were unfree, slaves to sin, but now in Jesus Christ,

C: God has freed the unfree. Amen.

Confession and Absolution (based on Galatians 2:16-17,20)

P: No one is justified by the works of the Law.

No one is made righteous by their actions.

C: We are not righteous in God's sight.

We have been found to be sinners.

Pause in silence in remembrance of our sins

P: But you have been crucified with Christ, and you now live and have the hope of life after death through the faithfulness of Christ Jesus who loves you and gave Himself on the cross for you. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Christ has set you free.

C: He has freed the unfree. Alleluia.

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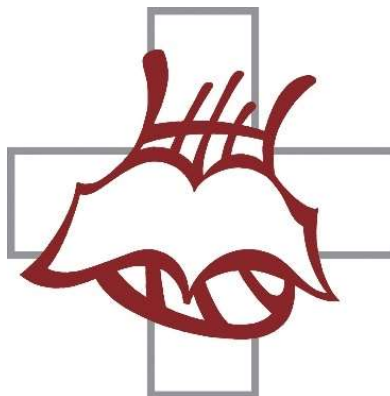
Blake Flattley & Ben Squires

Free the un-free oh, Je-sus our King - free the un-free
Je-sus hear me - your free-dom we seek - Je-sus hear me -
- Sur-round-ed by sin - by in-jus-tice and pain - You showed us grace
No long-er trapped by sin and its shame - we walk in Your name
We've been set free - to show grace and mer-cy - we've been set free -
- Free the un-free oh, Je-sus our King - free the un-free - .

Galatians Reading: 6:1-18—pp.16,18—New English Translation journal booklet
(“Support One Another” and “Final Instructions and Benediction”)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***





For the fruit of the Spir-it is love, joy, peace, pa-tience, kind-ness, good - ness,

6

last time Fine



faith-ful-ness, gen-tle-ness, self - con - trol for such there is no law. 1)Have you
2)Have you
3)Can we

10



seen my Lord on the cross so high? Do you know His name? Do you hear His cry? "Fa-ther,
seen His face and the look He gave To the dy - ing man He a - lone would save? "Sin-ner,
an-swer Him? Can the heart re - ply? How to fol - low Him as we live and die! "Je-sus,

14

del Segno



here's my love. Fa-ther, take my love, as the tree bears fruit for you?" For the
here's my love. Sin-ner, take my love, as the tree bears fruit for you."
here's our love. Je-sus, take our love, as the tree bears fruit for you."

Collect (Prayer of the Day—Gal. 1:1-3,5:16) adapted from Eugene Peterson's translation The Message

P: Let us pray. Praise to You, Father God, who has raised Jesus the Messiah from the dead, and Who has given us this Gospel-Good-News for the sake of our salvation. May Your grace and peace always keep this Gospel-Good-News as our Message. Lord, may we live creatively, live freely, animated and motivated by Your Holy Spirit. If someone falls into sin, help us to forgivingly restore them. Because, Father, we know that we will be needing forgiveness before the day's out. Give us compassion to stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. May we share their burdens, following the Way of Christ. In the Name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray.

C: Amen.

Hymn of the Day **Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels with Refrain** LSB 695; tune 911



1 Not for tongues of heav-en's an - gels, Not for wis - dom to dis - cern,
2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, Love is ten - der, true, and kind;
3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, Love will not re - joice in wrong;
4 In the day this world is fad - ing Faith and hope will play their part;



Not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, For this bet - ter gift we yearn:
Love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, Gen - er - ous of heart and mind:
Nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, Love be - lieves and suf - fers long:
But when Christ is seen in glo - ry Love shall reign in ev - 'ry heart:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



May this love be ours, O Lord.

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Sermon

Confession of Faith (spoken in unison) (based on Galatians 3:6-14,4:4-7)

Our forefather of the faith Abraham believed God,
and it was credited to him as righteousness.

We who believe are the descendants of Abraham,
just as God told Abraham:

“All the nations will be blessed in you.”

No one is justified before God by the law,
because the righteous one will live by faith.

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us,

so that the blessing promised to Abraham would come to us,
 and by faith, we could receive the promise of the Spirit.
 Because when the appropriate time had come,
 God sent out his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
 to redeem those who were under the law,
 so that we may be adopted as children with full rights.
 And because we are His children,
 God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts,
 so that we call to God saying, “Abba! Father!”
 So we are no longer slaves but His children,
 who will inherit the gift of eternal life through God. Amen.

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory (Connected to Galatians 5:13-14)

LSB 894 st. 3,2

(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.



For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the
 In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our



won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con-found us,
 world-wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair-ing,



Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.
 In the har-vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.

Prayers

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

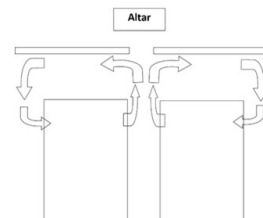
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited

to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.

Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preface of the Lord's Supper (based on Galatians 2:16-17,20; 3:27-28)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: No one is justified by the works of the Law.

No one is made righteous by their actions.

C: We are not righteous in God's sight.

We have been found to be sinners.

P: But you have been crucified with Christ;

it is no longer you who live, but Christ lives in you.

C: We live because of the faithfulness of the Son of God.

P: For all of you who were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female. For even as we all take of the one communion:

C: We are all one in Jesus Christ.

P: Christ has set you free.

C: He has freed the unfree. Amen.

Sanctus (based on Galatians 5:1)

LSB 540 st. 5



5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing To the Fa - ther's
home on high, Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive,
Christ, the life that can - not die. Me - di - a - tor
to the Fa - ther, Sac - ri - fice and great High Priest: Lead us
to Your heav'n - ly man - sions, There to share Your wed - ding feast.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

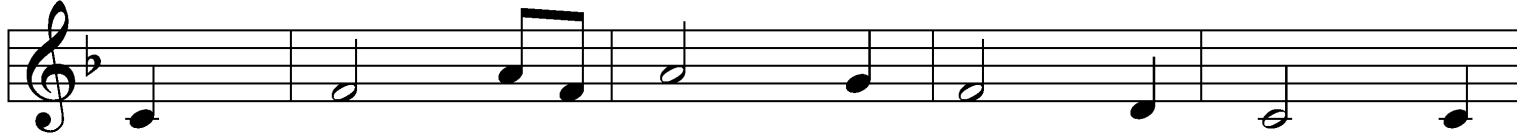
(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")



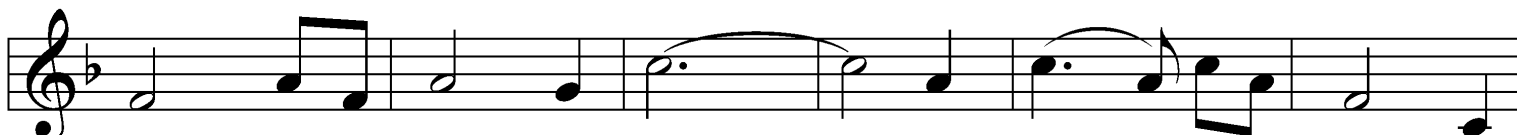
Distribution Hymn

Amazing Grace

LSB 744 sts. 1-5



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer (based on Galatians 5:22-25)

adapted from LSB 1059

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father, for freedom You have set us free through Christ's liberating death and resurrection. In response to this freedom that You have given to us through Your Son's body and blood, may we live by the Spirit and display the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—the overflow of Your love for us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction (Blessing) (based on Galatians 5:1,6:18)

P: Christ has set you free.

C: *He has freed the unfree.*

P: Stand firm and don't be enslaved by a religion of works.

C: *He has freed the unfree.*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters.

C: *Amen.*

Summer Series Theme Hymn By Grace I'm Saved

566 sts. 1, 5-6



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
5 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble, In trib - u - la - tion's
6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; In Je - sus' prom - ise



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
fur - nace tried, By grace, in spite of fear and trou - ble,
I re - joice; For though I know my heart's con - di - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
The Fa - ther's heart is o - pen wide. Where could I help and
I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is glad, all



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
strength se - cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?
grief has flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

Announcements

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY W/COMMUNION) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY W/COMMUNION) – 9AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE. USHERS, READERS, AND VARIOUS OTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND COMMUNION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OF THOSE ROLES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT OFFICE@BETHELGURNEE.ORG.