



## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 29, 2021

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### Moses' Encouragement to the Israelites

#### As We Gather

Today we consider what it means to be wise and understanding people of God. As we examine the words of encouragement from Moses to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 4, we will see that God's wise and understanding people are given God's Word and keep God's Word. God is near His people with His goodness and grace shown to us today in His Word and Sacraments.

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#### Prelude and Welcome

#### Tower Bell

#### 950 Splendor and Honor

- 1 Splendor and honor, majesty and power  
Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev'ry blessing,  
For by Your bidding was the whole creation  
Called into being.**
- 2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption,  
By whose self-off'ring we are made God's people:  
A priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations,  
Called to God's service.**
- 3 To the Almighty, throned in heav'nly splendor,  
And to the Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,  
Be adoration, praise, and glory given,  
Now and forever.**

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#### Versicles

- L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth shall declare Your praise.

*LSB 235*

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**C** Alleluia, alleluia.

## Psalmody

**L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.

**C** O come, let us worship Him.

## Venite

*LSB 236*

**C** O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to  
the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make  
a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.  
In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the  
mountains are His also.

The sea is His, for He made it; and His hand formed the dry  
land.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the  
Lord, our maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and  
the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.

**C** O come, let us worship Him.

## Psalm

*Psalm 119:129–136*

<sup>129</sup>Your testimonies are wonderful;  
therefore my soul keeps them.

<sup>130</sup>**The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it imparts understanding to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup>I open my mouth and pant,  
because I long for your commandments.

<sup>132</sup>**Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as is your way with those who love your name.**

<sup>133</sup>Keep steady my steps according to your promise,  
and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

<sup>134</sup>**Redeem me from man's oppression,  
that I may keep your precepts.**

<sup>135</sup>Make your face shine upon your servant,  
and teach me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup>**My eyes shed streams of tears,  
because people do not keep your law.**

## 566 By Grace I'm Saved

- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain:  
By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;  
Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer,  
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone,  
And we are saved by grace alone.
- 3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;  
As long as God is true, it stands.  
What saints have penned by inspiration,  
What in His Word our God commands,  
Our faith in what our God has done  
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.
- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
In tribulation's furnace tried,  
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,  
The Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure  
If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.

## Readings

### Reading

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

<sup>1</sup>“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

<sup>6</sup>Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise

and understanding people.’ <sup>7</sup>For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup>And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

<sup>9</sup>“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Reading

*Ephesians 6:10–20*

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

<sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Reading

*Mark 7:14–23*

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” <sup>17</sup>And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup>And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup>since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup>And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup>coveting,

wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.

<sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

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

**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

## Children's Sermon

### 646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

- 1 Church of God, elect and glorious,  
Holy nation, chosen race;  
Called as God's own special people,  
Royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling,  
Show to all His mighty deeds;  
Tell of love that knows no limits,  
Grace that meets all human needs.
  
- 2 God has called you out of darkness  
Into His most marv'lous light;  
Brought His truth to life within you,  
Turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
That God's name is glorified  
And all find fresh hope and purpose  
In Christ Jesus crucified.
  
- 3 Once you were an alien people,  
Strangers to God's heart of love;  
But He brought you home in mercy,  
Citizens of heav'n above.  
Let His love flow out to others,  
Let them feel a Father's care;  
That they too may know His welcome  
And His countless blessings share.
  
- 4 Church of God, elect and holy,  
Be the people He intends;  
Strong in faith and swift to answer  
Each command your Master sends:  
Royal priests, fulfill your calling  
Through your sacrifice and prayer;  
Give your lives in joyful service—  
Sing His praise, His love declare.

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# Canticle Hymn

## 936 Sing Praise to the God of Israel

- 1 Sing praise to the God of Israel!  
Sing praise for His visitation!  
Redeeming His people from their sin,  
Accomplishing their salvation,  
Upraising a mighty horn within  
The house of His servant David!
  
- 2 God spoke by the prophets long ago,  
His promise on oath recalling—  
To Abraham made in former years:  
Of vanquishing foes appalling,  
That those He delivered from their fears  
Might gladly and truly serve Him.
  
- 3 You, child, will go on before the Lord  
As prophet, His way preparing;  
To speak on behalf of God Most High,  
His counsel of truth declaring:  
Rich mercy and grace for all whereby  
Iniquity is forgiven.
  
- 4 O bright, rising Sun, now shine on us  
In need of illumination;  
Come scatter the shades of sin and death  
And shatter their domination.  
Be guiding our footsteps on the path  
Of peace, in Your presence dawning!

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## Organ Offertory and Steward *MINUTE*

- Offering Prayer

## Prayer

### Collect of the Day

**L** Let us pray.  
O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## Additional Prayers

### Collect for Grace

**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 241*

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** 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.

### Benedicamus

*LSB 241*

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

*LSB 242*

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** Amen.

### 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain

ref In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

**2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. Refrain**

**3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain**

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