

# Summer Series in Galatians

Free  
the unfree

Life in the Gospel

i am the revelator

because of the Revealer, the Revealed,

Thurs, June 6<sup>and</sup> Sun, June 9, 2024 and the Revelation

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**GALATIANS LITURGY**

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

**Opening Hymn**

**God Has Spoken by His Prophets**

LSB 583



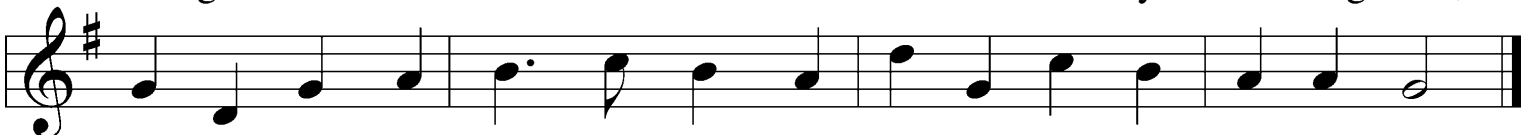
1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;  
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.  
Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;  
In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:  
Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;  
Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.  
Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, He re - veals our God to us.  
God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the last.

**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.**

**Song of Praise**

**Thy Word Is a Lamp**

LSB 973



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,  
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And  
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And



Please be near me to the end. \_\_\_\_\_  
I will love You to the end. \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

**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.**

**Verse of Response (Based on Galatians 2:16,3:11)**

LSB 568 st. 4

4 All righ-teous-ness by works is vain; The Law brings con - dem -  
na - tion. True righ-teous-ness by faith I gain; Christ’s work is  
my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, Has  
paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; In Him my hope is an - chored.

**(Sunday) Children’s Message**

**Galatians Reading: 1:11-24 – pages 2&4 in New English Translation journal booklet**  
 (“Paul’s Vindication of His Apostleship”)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Collect (Prayer of the Day—Gal. 1:1-3,11-12)** 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—which didn't come to us from mere human optimism. We didn't just receive it through the traditions, and we weren't just taught it in some human school. No, we praise You that the Gospel-Good-News has come down to us in Your Word, straight from You, and we have received the Message from Jesus Christ by the work of Holy Spirit. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

C: Amen.

**Summer Series Theme Hymn By Grace I'm Saved**

LSB 566 sts. 1, 4-5



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer-tain; As long as God is  
5 By grace to tim-id hearts that trem-ble, In trib-u-la-tion's



doubt it not. Why stag-ger at this word of prom-ise?  
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in-spi-ra-tion,  
fur-nace tried, By grace, in spite of fear and trou-ble,



Has Scrip-ture ev-er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must  
What in His Word our God com-mands, Our faith in what our  
The Fa-ther's heart is o-pen wide. Where could I help and

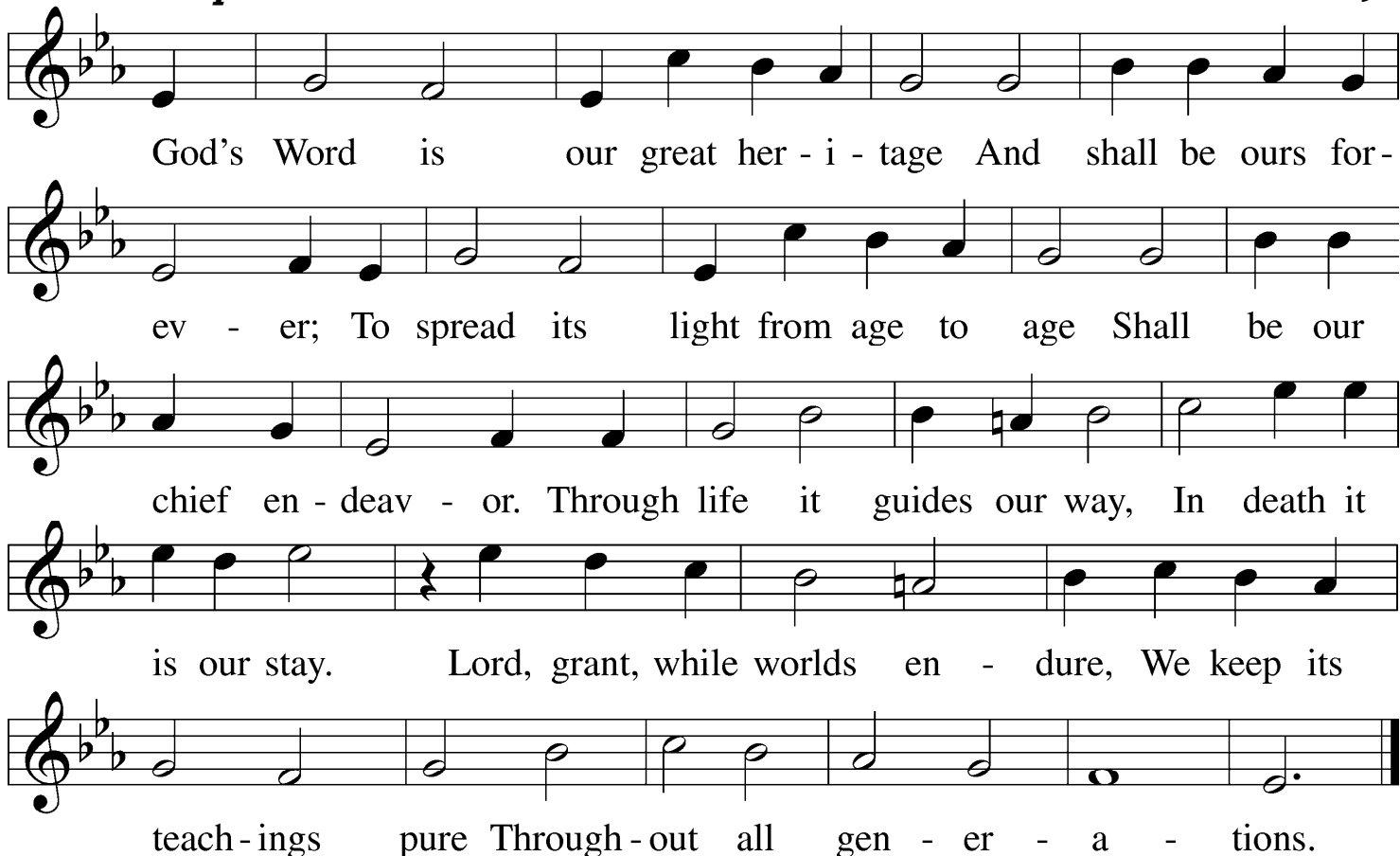


true re-main: By grace you too will life ob-tain.  
God has done De-pends on grace—grace through His Son.  
strength se-cure If grace were not my an-chor sure?

## Sermon

### Sermon Response

LSB 582



God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -  
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our  
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it  
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

### **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.

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## Prayers

### 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.**

### 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.**

## Closing Hymn

### How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728 sts. 1-3



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!