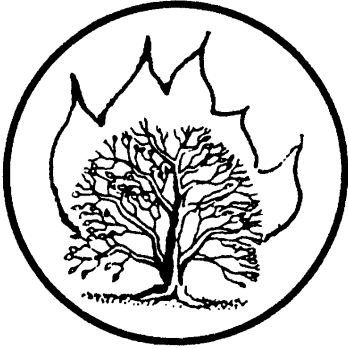


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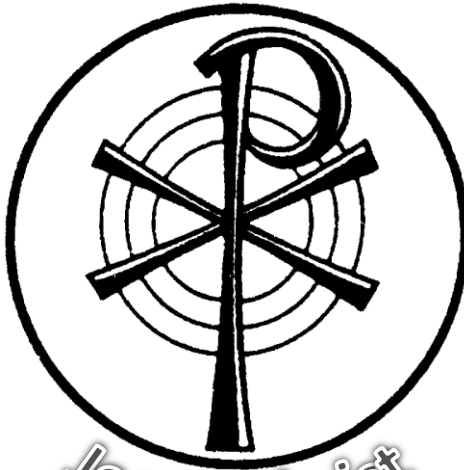
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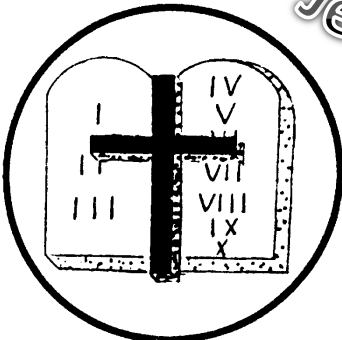
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Jesus Christ



Isaiah



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“Thus Says the Lord”

Welcome to worship service this morning. Today we will be reviewing the lessons from this week's Vacation Bible School. Our children learned about five different prophets from the Bible: Moses, Elijah, Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Jesus. From the lessons we learn that God has called these prophets to do His work on earth. Instead of calling angels to preach His Word (other than on very rare occasions), He uses human beings who themselves as sinners have been impacted by God's plan of salvation. Prophets share God's Word realizing that the message is His, not their own. As Christians we are to recognize that when the Lord speaks, we should listen. God speaks to us, after all, because He has something important for us to hear. This is why we are undertaking the theme this morning: "Thus Says the Lord." Our children will be participating throughout the service. May your worship be blessed!



Martin Luther: *This is the manner and method common to all prophets: they teach and rebuke the people of their own time, promise the coming of Christ and His kingdom, and lead people to Christ as the Savior of all, of those who have lived and of those who are to live.*

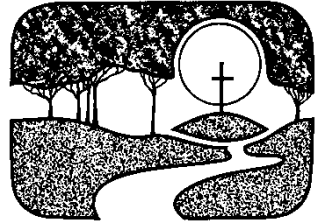
Order of Worship



Opening Prayer:..... Luther's Morning Prayer

P: We begin our service in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us join together in Luther's Morning Prayer:

C: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. We thank You, our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept all harm and danger away from us last



night; and we pray that You would also protect us today from sin and every evil, that our lives and all our behavior may please You. Into Your hands we entrust our bodies and souls and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with us, that the devil may have no power over us. Amen.

Hymn:.....WS 780: Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

1. Dear Lord to Thy true servants give
The grace to Thee alone to live.
Once bound by sin, but saved by Thee,
They go to set the prisoners free,
The Gospel message to proclaim
That men may call upon Thy name.
2. They gladly go at Thy command
To spread Thy Word o'er sea and land.
Be Thou with them and make them strong
To heal sin's ills, to right the wrong.
Thou rulest over wind and wave,
And mighty is Thine arm to save.
3. When all their labor seems in vain,
Revive their sinking hopes again;
And when success crowns what they do,
Oh, keep them humble, Lord, and true
Until before Thy judgment seat
They lay their trophies at Thy feet.

Responsive Psalm:Psalm 96

P: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!

C: Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

P: Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

C: Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

P: Declare His glory among the nations,

C: His wonders among all peoples.

P: For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised;

C: He is to be feared above all gods.

P: For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

C: But the LORD made the heavens.

P: Honor and majesty are before Him;

C: Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

P: Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples,

C: Give to the LORD glory and strength.

P: Give to the LORD the glory due His name;

C: Bring an offering, and come into His courts.

P: Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!

C: Tremble before Him, all the earth.

P: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns;

**C: The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved;
He shall judge the peoples righteously."**

P: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

C: Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;

P: Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it.

C: Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.

P: For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth.

**C: He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the
peoples with His truth.**



1. Moses: A Prophet Is Called by God

Sermonette:Exodus 3:2-4

Our Confession:Third Commandment

P: What is the Third Commandment?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not despise His word and the preaching of it; but we should regard God's word as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

VBS Recitation:Mark 16:15

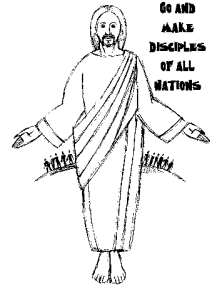
Children (Preschool): And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all people."

VBS Hymn:.....TLH 496: Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying

Note: Congregation is asked to join the children on stanza 4:

1. Hark! the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting, Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth, Rich reward He offers thee;
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me?"
2. If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the Judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.
3. If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, Offering life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.

4. **Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"**



Hymn:.....TLH 483: God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons

1. **God of the prophets, bless the prophet's sons;
Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast.
Each age its solemn task may claim by once;
Make each one nobler, stronger, than the last.**
2. **Anoint them prophets. Make their ears attent
To Thy divinest speech, their hearts awake
To human need, their lips make eloquent
To gird the right and every evil break.**
5. **Make them apostles, heralds of Thy Cross;
Forth may they go to tell all realms Thy grace.
Inspired of Thee, may they count all but loss
And stand at last with joy before Thy face.**

2. Elijah: A Prophet Honors the True God

Sermonette:..... I Kings 18:20-24

Our Confession:..... First Commandment

P: What is the First Commandment?

C: You shall have no other gods.

P: What does this mean?

C: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

VBS Recitation:..... Matthew 7:15

Children (Grades 1-3): "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves."

Hymn:..... TLH 13: Before Jehovah's Awe-ful Throne

1. Before Jehovah's awe-full throne,
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy.
Know that the Lord is God alone;
He can create and He destroy.
2. His sov'reign power, without our aid,
Made us of clay and formed us men;
And when like wandering sheep we strayed,
He brought us to His fold again.
3. We are His people, we His care,
Our souls and all our mortal frame.
What lasting honors shall we rear,
Almighty Maker, to Thy name?

3. Isaiah: A Prophet Preaches Law and Gospel

Sermonette:..... Isaiah 53:4-6

Our Confession:..... Ministry of the Keys (Parts 1 & 2)

P: What is the Office of the Keys?

C: The office of the keys is the special power Christ gave to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of penitent sinners and to retain the sins of the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

P: Where is this written?

C: The holy evangelist John writes in chapter twenty, "Jesus breathed on His disciples and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'"

VBS Recitation:.....Romans 1:16

Children (Grades 4-5): "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."

Hymn:.....TLH 286: How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts

1. How shall the young secure their hearts
And guard their lives from sin?
Thy Word the choicest rules imparts
To keep the conscience clean.

4. But still Thy Law and Gospel, Lord,
Have lessons more divine;
Not earth stands firmer than Thy Word,
Nor stars so nobly shine.

5. Thy Word is everlasting truth;
How pure is every page!
That holy Book shall guide our youth
And well support our age.

4. John the Baptist: A Prophet Tells God's Truth

Sermonette:.....Matthew 11:7-10

Our Confession:.....First Petition

P: What is the First Petition of the Lord's Prayer?

C: Hallowed be Thy name.

P: What does this mean?

C: God's name is certainly holy all by itself, but we pray in this petition that we also keep it holy.

P: How is God's name kept holy?

C: God's name is kept holy when the word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we as the children of God also live a holy life according to it. Help us do this, dear heavenly Father. But whoever teaches and lives contrary to the word of God dishonors God's name among us. Keep us from doing this, heavenly Father.



VBS Recitation: 2 Timothy 4:2

Children (Grades 6-8): Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

Hymn: TLH 272: When All The World Was Cursed

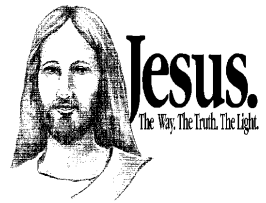
1. When all the world was cursed By Moses' condemnation,
Saint John the Baptist came With words of consolation.
With true forerunner's zeal The Greater One he named,
And Him, as yet unknown, As Savior he proclaimed.
2. Before he yet was born, He leaped in joyful meeting,
Confessing Him as Lord Whose mother he was greeting.
By Jordan's rolling stream, A new Elijah bold,
He testified of Him Of Whom the prophets told:
3. Behold the Lamb of God That bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes The Enemy's oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God, Who beareth all our sin,
Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win.

5. Jesus: The Prophet Who Is the Way

Sermonette: John 14:1-6

Our Confession: Second Article

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

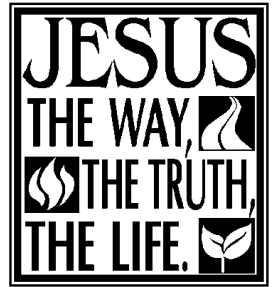


VBS Recitation: John 14:6

Children (All): Jesus said to him, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Hymn:.....TLH 355: Thou Art the Way; To Thee Alone

1. Thou art the Way; to Thee alone
From sin and death we flee;
And he who would the Father seek
Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.
2. Thou art the Truth; Thy Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
Thou only canst inform the mind
And purify the heart.
3. Thou art the Life; the rending tomb
Proclaims Thy conquering arm;
And those who put their trust in Thee
Nor death nor hell shall harm.
4. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life;
Grant us that Way to know,
That Truth to keep, that Life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.



Offering, Prayer, & Lord's Prayer:

Benediction:

Hymn:.....WS 800: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1. Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing - You are My own.
2. Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
4. I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

✠ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✠

- ◆ **Hospitality:** Today there will be hospitality following the worship service in the fellowship hall. The VBS children will also be presenting some of their fun songs from the week.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** Thanks to all those who taught and helped out with the VBS this past week! We had a great staff in place from the teaching, crafts, and music. 28 young souls attended and were nourished around the Word of God. May they be bold prophets of the LORD throughout their lives, sharing His Word of truth with courage
- ◆ **Schweikert Memorial Service:** Many thanks to all those who helped out with the luncheon, those who brought food, and those who assisted in many other ways.
- ◆ **School Cleaning:** Thanks to all those who helped out yesterday!
- ◆ **Among Us:** Marvin Wager found out this week that he needs attention to two aneurisms and also needs a stent. The plan is to have surgery at Mercy in Coon Rapids on Friday. As mentioned last Sunday, Corine Kirkham had a heart attack. While in the hospital tests revealed that she has cancer after finding a tumor on her lung and lesions in her brain. She is now receiving hospice care at Jack and Sue Anne's. The Lord's good will and care are certain!
- ◆ **Baby Shower:** A baby shower for Andrea Dahl will be held at the church on Saturday, August 24 at 2 pm. Please RSVP to Heidi Nelson. More details can be found on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Service Schedule:** Please keep in mind that the service schedule will be changing on September 8. Sunday School and Bible Class will begin at 9:00 a.m. with regular morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Sunday School Teachers:** Sunday School begins the Sunday after labor day and we are looking for volunteers to teach. It is a great opportunity to instruct our youth about the truths of Scripture. If you are interested please let Rick Nelson know so he can hopefully find a place for you on staff. He is interested in full time teachers, part time teachers, and substitutes.

Last Week's Stats: Aug. 4, 2013 Sun.: 86

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,983.02	CLC:	\$645.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,000.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+983.02	CLC:	-315.00	
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Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$90,600.00	CLC:	\$30,732.50	
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Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,400.00	CLC:	+972.50	
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GLC Other:	150.00*	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	0.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	0.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	30.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

*\$630 Fire Alarm; \$20 V. Schweikert Memorial; \$250 Prof. Mike Sydow Memorial

Council Meeting Notes – July 14, 2013

Minutes of the June 9 meeting were approved with some corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

- The ratio of offerings to expenses was on the negative side for June.

Pastor's Report:

- Instruction classes continue for Jeff Jacobson and Karen & Vic Schlegel.
- Don Dahlin: Death 6/15, Funeral 6/29
- Viola Schweikert: Death 6/28, Memorial on 8/9.
- We all need to step up and help with funeral services held at church.
- Marriage: Andy and Shannon Vandever were married elsewhere in June.
- Eric Eichstadt submitted a letter in which he declared that he no longer believes in God and he requests his withdrawal from membership at Grace. Motion passed to honor Eric's request.
- We need to keep all our members in prayer.
- Background checks: A service was found on the internet with a very reasonable cost of \$25 per check.
- Sanctuary projection: Pastor needs someone to operate the projector instead of attempting to do it himself while conducting the service. Some pros and cons of using the projector were discussed. We are not yet ready to make a decision regarding projector. The congregation will be surveyed.
- Vacation: Pastor will be on vacation from 7/16-7/31. David Ude will preach on 7/21 and Steve Sydow will preach on 7/28.
- Health insurance premiums increased from \$1656 to \$1755/month.

Elders' Report:

- Report on the meeting of the SW Metro Board of July 7: The meeting included 3 delegates each from Berea and Grace and a rep from Eden Prairie. Three options for continuing the efforts in the Southwest Metro were considered: 1) continue as before, 2) call someone to serve as pastor on a part-time basis, 3) ask one of the current preachers to preach more frequently and spend the whole weekend there rather than just Sun mornings. Steve Sydow's name was suggested.
- Outreach idea: Conduct a Seminar on the Bible, like the one held by the church in Batavia, IL. It would be a joint effort by the three congregations.

Board of Education Report:

- Preparations for the next school year are going well.
- A slide in the playground needs repair.
- Rick Nelson recommended as Sunday School Superintendent.
- Currently, without children, there are no plans to have a Kindergarten.
- A Substitute Teacher Policy will be ready to present to the voters.
- Vacation Bible School: Staff is in place: Pastor, Brooke Wendland, Rachel Eichstadt, Emily Hein, Jan Davis, & Janelle Hein. Minimum age exceptions were made for two students who will turn 4 in Sept.

Board of Trustees Report:

- The window project in the parsonage is done for now. Other window issues discovered during work are on hold for now.
- Fire Alarm Project: The design is completed. Completion date of August 1 is on track or to be realized by the start of school.
- Workday went well, but was sparsely attended.
- Bill Rust will mow the lawn in Pastor's absence.
- Future Projects: Re-paint the cross on the building, remove the old dish antenna, problem of ice build up on the north side of roof.

Adapted from Secretary Jack Kirkham minutes

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** Elder: **Phil Radichel**

Ushers: **Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier,
Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner, Ned Sandhoefner**

Counting Team 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack
Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland**

Church Cleaners: **Fleischer**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier,
Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner, Ned Sandhoefner**

Counting Team 4: **Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl;
Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner**

Church Cleaners: **Ochsner**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Aug. 11: 9:00 am – Worship Service

10:00 am – Hospitality

11:00 am – Council Meeting

Mon., Aug. 12: 7:00 pm – Grace School Ice Cream Social

Sun., Aug. 18: 9:00 am – Worship Service

Sat. Aug. 24: 2:00 pm – Dahl Baby Shower

Sun., Aug. 25: 9:00 am – Worship Service

August 26: 8:00 am – Grace School Opening Service

10:00 am – ILC Opening Service @ Eau Claire, WI

Wed., Aug. 28: Catechism for Public School Students Begins (Grades 6-8)

Sun., Sept. 8: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service (Regular Schedule Resumes)

Wed., Sept. 11: 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class Resumes

Sun., Sept. 15: Grace Church Picnic

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