

Thus Says the LORD

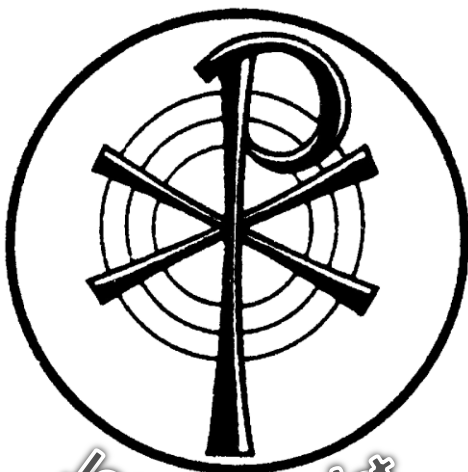
Prophets of the True God



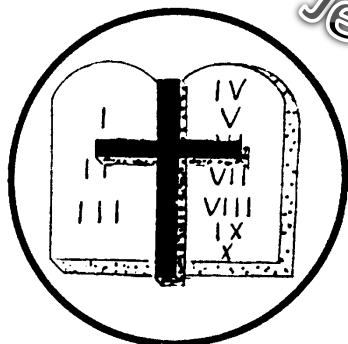
Moses



Elijah



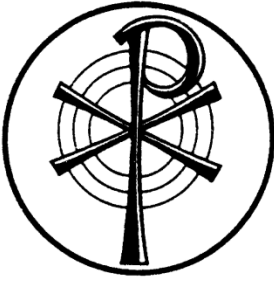
Jesus Christ



Isaiah



John the Baptist



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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." 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: 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 744: How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed. [Refrain]

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to Thee,

"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee,

"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze, [R.]
3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin. [R.]
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" [R.]

Confession & Absolution:.....Catechism (adapted)

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, "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.'"

P: Examine your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Have you been faithful as a father, mother, son, daughter, employer or employee? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you injured anyone by what you have said or done? Have you stolen anything, neglected your duty, been careless, or damaged anything?

C: Indeed, I confess I have fallen short of the glory of God. Before Him I plead guilty of all sins, even those I don't know I have done. But trusting in Jesus, who died for all my sins, I ask Him to be merciful to me, a sinner.

P: Receive, therefore, the announcement from your gracious LORD. According to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Responsive Psalm:Psalm 96 (selected)

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,*

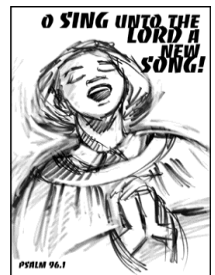
C: But the LORD made the heavens.

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.



1. Moses: A Prophet Is Called by God

Sermonette: Exodus 3:2-4

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?

2. Elijah: A Prophet Honors the True God

Sermonette: I Kings 18:20-24

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.

3. Isaiah: A Prophet Preaches Law and Gospel

Sermonette: Isaiah 53:4-6

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

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.

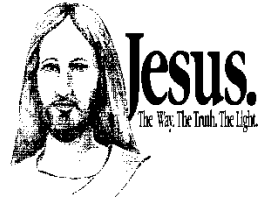


5. Jesus: The Prophet Who Is the Way

Sermonette: John 14:1-6

Our Confession of Faith: Second Article

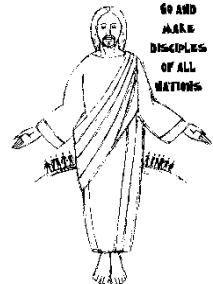
C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His 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 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!"



Offering 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.

Offering, Prayer, & Lord's Prayer:

Teacher Installation:Teacher Levi Schaller

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*** ✝

- ➔ **Installation:** Today we welcome Teacher Levi Schaller as he will be installed during today's worship service. We welcome him to our teaching staff, praying that his ministry to the Lord's lambs will be richly blessed. A hospitality will be held following worship.
- ➔ **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. 27 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.
- ➔ **Our Christian Day School:** We support and operate a Christian Day School with grades K through 8th. We welcome all parents, even non-members, to consider this as a valuable resource for the upbringing of their children. If you are interested in enrolling, please speak with Mrs. Janelle Hein or Pastor Hein. Our school year begins on August 28.
- ➔ **Thanks** to all who participated in yesterday's work day!
- ➔ **Among Us:** This week Pastor began immunotherapy treatment. He did not receive any immediate negative reactions, but is weakened some given how his immune system is adapting.
- ➔ **Summer Hospitality:** If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ➔ **Service Schedule:** Please keep in mind that the service schedule will be changing on September 10. 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 in teaching please let Pastor know.
- ➔ **Pacific Coast Women's Retreat:** Gethsemane Lutheran of Spokane Valley, WA, is hosting a Women's Retreat, October 6-8, 2023, at Ponderosa Lodge in Cusick, WA. The price is \$150 for the weekend which includes meals. More info. and registration:
gethsemanecld.org/events/pacific-coast-womens-retreat.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Missionary Peter Evensen in Togo has received the call to Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX.

What are you seeking?

This is what you will find among us:

- The Bible preached as it is — the living Word of the living God; not the preaching of social, political, theological, or ethical opinions of men.
- Man acknowledge as he is — born in sin, prone to error and doomed to hell unless rescued by God Himself; not man morally capable of redeeming himself.
- Jesus Christ worshipped as the Son of God made flesh to redeem lost and condemned mankind; not a Christ molded to accommodate the modern mind.
- God confessed as He has revealed Himself: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost — three divine Persons, one divine Essence; not some god fashioned either by the hand or the mind of man.
- Salvation proclaimed by grace through faith in the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; not by the works or efforts or striving of man.
- The Gospel preached and the Sacraments administered as the means of grace whereby the Holy Spirit creates and preserves faith; not self-induced religious experience or any so-called faith apart from that which is created by the Spirit through the Gospel.
- The Church accepted in faith as the congregation of believers — the creation of the Spirit of God; not a human organization subject to the manipulations of men.
- The business of the Church considered to be the preaching of forgiveness for the regeneration of individuals into eternal life; not the redemption of the world to conform to some social pattern of men.
- Ecumenism as Spirit-created unity in the Gospel; not as 'agreement to disagree' for the sake of power, organization, or the demands of expediency.
- Christian liberty in all that is neither forbidden nor commanded by our Lord; bondage to no word of man.
- All the Bible teaches — nothing more, nothing less.



*Grace Lutheran
Church & School*

Why Send Our Children to Grace Lutheran School?

This question is one that many parents may have asked themselves at the beginning of each new school year. Perhaps you wonder, will my child get a good quality education if he/she attends Grace Lutheran School? Won't he/she fall behind his/her peers with fewer opportunities for social contact with children of a similar age?

It is not our goal to compete with public schools. We share a similar goal in that we seek to educate our children in reading, writing, and arithmetic. But while the public schools prepare children for life in this world, we seek to prepare them both for their lives as Children of God in this world and for eternal life in the world to come. For this reason –

- ➔ In our school the children receive a Christ-centered education with daily training from the Word of God. Not only is the child's faith built up through daily devotions, every subject is taught from the viewpoint of God's authoritative and inspired Word in the Bible.
- ➔ We use God's powerful Word to teach the children real values and morals based upon the 10 Commandments and the Gospel of Christ. Both Law and Gospel are brought to bear, for it is the Law that uncovers sin; but the Good News of what Christ alone has done for our forgiveness and salvation can create both the willingness and ability to live a Christ-like life.

But do our children receive a quality education? Do they advance to the same extent that their peers in the public schools do? Yes. In fact, our students historically receive higher-than-grade-level scores on standardized tests which evaluate each student's progress. Why is this?

- ➔ Subject Matter. We teach subjects without getting into social engineering and emphasize basic truths of every subject matter.
- ➔ Size. In our school the teacher-to-student ratio favors the students. Every child receives considerable personal attention. This type of 'hands on' teaching leads to real learning and advancement. By the conclusion of our last school year some of the students have already advanced to complete portions of their next grade level.

Well, maybe the education is comparable or even better, but won't the children lack social awareness with such a sheltered education? No.

- ➔ Students learn to communicate and function alongside children of different age groups. They learn self-control and manners as they deal with the teacher and other students in a one-room school. They develop lasting relationships with students who have more in common than age. They share a common faith in Jesus Christ.

For more information about Grace Lutheran School, speak with the Principal Janelle Hein (763.438.4877) or Pastor Hein (612.408.1635).

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein

Elder: Dale Enns

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Dale Enns; Duane Enns;
Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

Counting Team 3: Duane Enns; Tom Graham; Kevin Hulke;
Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Dale Enns; Duane Enns;
Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

Counting Team 4: James Bomber; David Hein; Roger
Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., July 30: 9:00 am – Worship w/Teacher Levi Schaller Installation
10:00 am – Hospitality

Sat., Aug. 5: 9:00 am – Grace School Work Day

Sun., Aug. 6: 9:00 am – Worship w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 10)

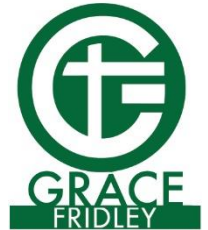
Sun., Aug. 13: 9:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 11) (Missionary B. Naumann)
11:00 am – Council Meeting

Mon., Aug. 14: 7:00 pm – Grace School Ice Cream Social

Sun., Aug. 20: 3:00 pm – Immanuel Opening Service

Mon., Aug. 28: Grace School's Opening Day

Sun., Sept. 10: Regular Schedule Resumes
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 15)



Last Week's Stats: July 23, 2023 Sun.: 61

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$6,538	CLC:	\$1,365			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,800	CLC:	1,080			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,738	CLC:	+285			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$138,038	CLC:	\$32,442			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	144,000	CLC:	32,400			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-5,962	CLC:	+42			
GLC Other:	110	Living Faith:	10	Tuition Aid:	250	Sanctuary:	0
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	10	Kinship:	125	EduK8:	200
ILC Student Aid:	15	ILC Bldg.	200	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:		\$3,301	Sanctuary:		\$12,655	

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9