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Today we will be reviewing the lessons from this past week's Vacation Bible School. Our children learned about various missionaries of the Bible, equipping themselves with worthwhile stories to inspire them in their own missionary work. All of us as children of God have been impacted by the chief message of the Scriptures: free salvation accomplished through our Savior, Jesus Christ. He has commissioned us to share this Good News with others. May the Holy Spirit through our worship service today reinvigorate us for this mission.



† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 72, TLH p. 138*

Hymn: *TLH 507: Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word*

1. Spread, oh, spread, thou mighty Word,
Spread the kingdom of the Lord,
Wheresoe'er His breath has giv'n
Life to beings meant for heav'n.
2. Tell them how the Father's will
Made the world and keeps it still,
How His only Son He gave
Man from sin and death to save.

3. [Women Only] Tell of our Redeemer's love,
Who forever doth remove
By His holy sacrifice
All the guilt that on us lies.
5. [Men Only] Up! The ripening fields ye see.
Mighty shall the harvest be;
But the reapers still are few,
Great the work they have to do.
6. Lord of Harvest, let there be
Joy and strength to work for Thee
Till the nations far and near
See Thy light and learn Thy fear.

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 32, The Order of Matins*

P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

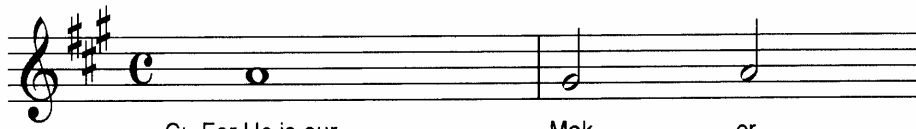
C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

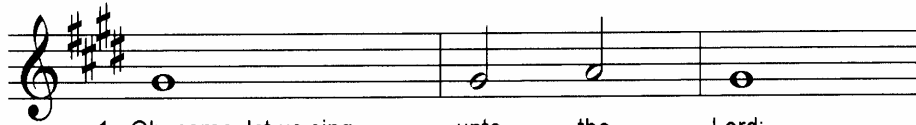
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with-out end. A - men. Hal-le - lu - jah!

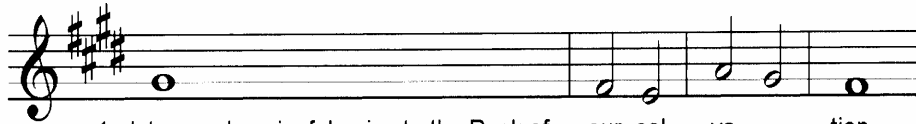
P: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:



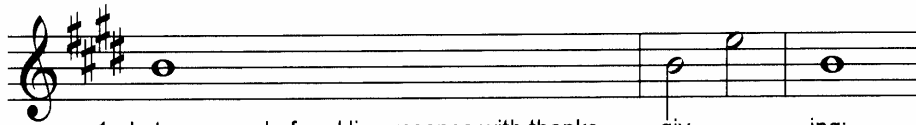
C: For He is our Mak - er.



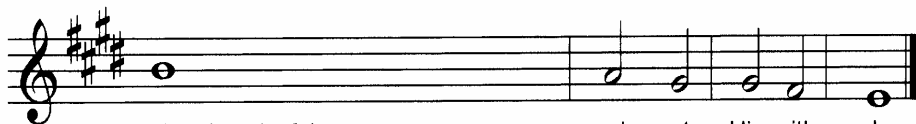
1. Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord:
2. For the Lord is a great God:
3. The sea is His, and He made it:
5. Glory be to the Father and to the Son:



1. let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our sal - va - tion.
2. and a great King a - bove all gods.
3. and His hands form-ed the dry land.
5. and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



1. Let us come before His presence with thanks - giv - ing:
2. In His hand are the deep places of the earth:
3. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:
4. For He is our God:
5. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,



1. and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.
2. the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3. let us kneel before the Lord, our Mak - er.
4. and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5. world with - out end. A - men.

Paul – Converted by God to Preach Christ

Sermonette: *Acts 9:1-6*

(1) Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest (2) and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. (3) As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. (4) Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" (5) And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." (6) So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

VBS Children (1-3): *John 1:29*

"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Hymn: *WS 770, st. 1-2: I Hear the Savior Calling*

1. I hear the Savior calling! The Gospel comes to me.
My eyes once closed in blindness Are opened now to see
That I myself was helpless To live eternally,
But dying, Christ did save me, And now He calls for me!
2. I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me,
A soul in bitter anguish, One needing to be free.
The gift I have to offer Is Christ, my Lord's decree
That all have been forgiven — My Savior calls for me!

Philip – Instructed by God to Speak His Word

Sermonette: *Acts 8:26-31*

(26) Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. (27) So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, (28) was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. (29) Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." (30) So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" (31) And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.

VBS Children (Pre-S-K):..... *Psalm 119:105*

Your word *is* a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Hymn:..... *TLH 296, st. 1: Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth*

1. Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth,
To Thy Word I now give heed;
Life and spirit Thy Word beareth,
All Thy Word is true indeed.
Death's dread power in me is rife;
Jesus, may Thy Word of Life
Fill my soul with love's strong fervor
That I cling to Thee forever.

Stephen – Strengthened by God to Confess unto Death

Sermonette:..... *Acts 6:54-60*

(54) When [those of the Jewish Council] heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at [Stephen] with *their* teeth. (55) But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, (56) and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" (57) Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; (58) and they cast *him* out of the city and stoned *him*. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. (59) And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on *God* and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." (60) Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

VBS Children (6-8):..... *2 Timothy 3:15*

That from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Hymn:..... *TLH 451: Stand Up! – Stand Up for Jesus*

1. Stand up!--stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the Cross!
Lift high His royal banner, It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall He lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished And Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up!--stand up for Jesus! The trumpet-call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict In this His glorious day!
Ye that are men, now serve Him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.

Peter – Sent by God to Witness unto All

Sermonette:..... *Acts 10:9-20, 28*

(9) The next day ... Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. (10) Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance (11) and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. (12) In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. (13) And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." (14) But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." (15) And a voice *spoke* to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." (16) This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again. (17) Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate. (18) And they called and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, was lodging there. (19) While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you. (20) "Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them." ... (28) Then [Peter] said to them, "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean."

VBS Children (4-5):..... *1 Corinthians 10:31*

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Hymn:..... *TLH 510: Savior, Sprinkle Many Nations*

1. Savior, sprinkle many nations,
Fruitful let Thy sorrows be;
By Thy pains and consolations
Draw the Gentiles unto Thee.
Of Thy Cross the wondrous story,
Be it to the nations told;
Let them see Thee in Thy glory
And Thy mercy manifold.

Lydia – Prepared by God to Live His Word

Sermonette:..... *Acts 16:13-15*

(13) And on the Sabbath day we went out of [Philippi] to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met *there*. (14) Now a certain woman named Lydia heard *us*. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. (15) And when she and her household were baptized, she begged *us*, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded *us*.

VBS Children (All):..... *Matthew 28:19*

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ...”

Hymn:..... *TLH 496: Hark! the Voice of Jesus Crying*

Note: Stanzas 1 & 4: Congregation; Stanza 3: Children ONLY

**1. Hark! the voice of Jesus crying,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting,
Who will bear the sheave 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 Judgement’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior’s waiting arms.*

**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 & Prayers:

Lord’s Prayer:

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.

The Service of the Sacrament:

P: The Lord be with you.

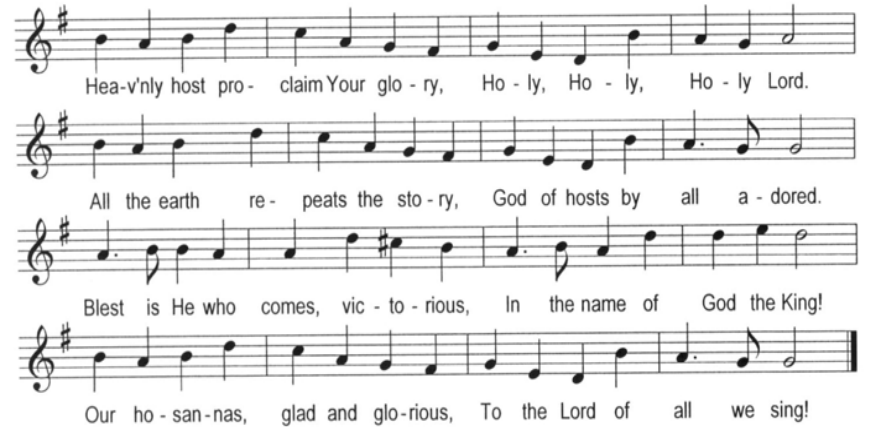
C [Spoken]: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C [Spoken]: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy: *Tune of Hymn 496*



Words of Institution:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Lamb of God: *Tune of Hymn 496*



Distribution: *TLH 310, 511*



Note: We believe that the Bible teaches us that communing together is an intimate expression of our unity of faith and confessional fellowship. We believe that in the Lord's Supper we receive the body and blood of the Son of God along with the bread and wine. Out of respect for this sacred treasure, we invite all communicants of Redemption or of another CLC congregation to come forward at our usher's direction.

Thanksgiving:



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es



tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your



bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Closing Communion Prayer:

P: Gracious God, our Heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the Day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C [♪]: Amen.

Benediction:

P: Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement give a spirit of unity among you, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The LORD bless you and keep you;

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His peace.

C [♪]: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Hymn: *TLH 502: Saints of God, the Dawn is Brightening*

1. Saints of God, the dawn is bright'ning,
Token of our coming Lord;
O'er the earth the field is whit'ning;
Louder rings the Master's word:
Pray for reapers, Pray for reapers,
In the harvest of the Lord!
2. Now, O Lord, fulfil Thy pleasure,
Breathe upon Thy chosen band,
And with Pentecostal measure
Send forth reapers o'er our land,
Faithful reapers, Faithful reapers,
Gath'ring sheaves for Thy right hand.
3. Soon shall end the time of weeping,
Soon the reaping time will come,
Heav'n and earth together keeping
God's eternal Harvest-home.
Saints and angels, saints and angels,
Shout the world's great Harvest-home.

† **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** †

- ◆ **Church Picnic:** Today following worship we will be meeting for our church picnic. This will be held at French Regional Park in Plymouth. All our visitors are invited to attend as well. Hot dogs, buns, paper plates, and plastic silverware will be provided. Please bring some picnic food to share. Directions: From Hwy 169, take County Road 9 west 2 miles to the park entrance. From I-494, take County Road 9 (Rockford Road) east 1 mile to the park entrance.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** This past week the Lord richly blessed our VBS with 33 children, average 31 in attendance. We pray that the Spirit will let the Word take root in their hearts. Many thanks to the teachers and other volunteers who lent their talents!
- ◆ **Among Us:** Last week Lyle LaCroix had knee replacement surgery. He remains at the VA Hospital. May the Lord bless his recovery.
- ◆ **Sunday School Meeting:** On August 21st there will be a meeting with the superintendent, teachers, and music directors for this coming years Sunday School program.
- ◆ **Hospitality Sign-Up:** There is still a sign-up sheet for those who are willing to serve on a hospitality team. Should you have any questions about this, please consult one of the Elders: Ed Lentz, Mike Dick, or Al Rosendahl. Thanks for considering this as an opportunity to express your love for your Savior.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Elder: **Mike Dick**

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; Arnold Gehrls; Scott Baker, Lyle Trulin; David Stifter; Michael Ude; Ryan Libby**

Counting Team 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Ole Olmanson**

Cleaners: **Mark & Trudy Wales**

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; Arnold Gehrls; Scott Baker, Lyle Trulin; David Stifter; Michael Ude; Ryan Libby**

Counting Team 4: **Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel**

Hospitality Team 1: **Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice Sandhoefner; Bill Ryan**

Cleaners: **No Volunteers**

† OUR SCHEDULE †

- Today:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper
Note: No hospitality today due to the church picnic
Church Picnic at French Regional Park (Plymouth)
- August 9-14:** CLC Youth Conference at Como, CO
- Sun., Aug. 14:** 9:00 am – Worship Service
10:00 am – Hospitality in Fellowship Hall
10:15 am – Boards; 11:00 am – Council
- Sat., Aug. 20:** Church/School Cleanup Day
- Mon, Aug. 22:** 10:00 am – Opening Service at ILC (Eau Claire, WI)
- Tue., Aug. 23:** 8:00 am – Grace Christian Day School Begins
- Sat., Aug. 27:** 12:00 pm – Berea Golf Tournament
- Sun., Sept. 10:** Softball Tournament
- Sun., Sept. 11:** FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service
- Sept. 24-25:** Grace's Men's Retreat



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