

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK



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WELCOME & GREETINGS

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE - “Your Grace is Enough”

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES *Ps. 51:15, Ps. 70:1*

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalms 46:1,7*

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength,
People: **A very present help in trouble.**

Pastor: The Lord of hosts is with us;
People: **The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

SONG - “*Always*”

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, since You have committed the care and nurture of children to Your people, graciously enlighten those who teach and learn at this school that they may know the truth and trust in You all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Apostles' Creed

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

Lector: Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?

When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;

it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briers and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!

This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: Romans 10:11-17

Lector: For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-5

Pastor: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the

branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ**

SERMON SONG - “Cornerstone”

SERMON - by Pastor Clayton Sellers

BLESSING OF PRESCHOOL TEACHERS

OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN

***Members**, please fill out the white attendance cards and **Guests**, please fill out the blue attendance cards at this time and place in the offering plates.*

SUNG DURING OFFERING - “The Compassion Hymn”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray....

(Please repeat after each petition)

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God,

You have not withheld from us anything needful for this body and life, help us now to trust in You to answer our prayers and give to us such confidence in Your fatherly wisdom that we may be content and at peace with Your answer; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG – “Sing Wherever I Go”

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