

Sunday Service with Communion
Misquoted - Isaiah 55:8
My Thoughts are Not Your Thoughts
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Finding Jesus in Everyday Verses

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Welcome! We are so happy that you are here with us today. Our desire is to be like another home for you. We encourage you to register your name on the fellowship pad which you will find at the end of the row where you are sitting. If you are new to Grace or to the area and are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider joining our family here at Grace. A Fellowship Hour is held after the Worship Service, and we invite you to stay for a few minutes so we can get acquainted.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated in our worship service today. This meal is weird and wonderful: weird because we actually believe that the bread and wine are the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ; wonderful because Jesus is with us. **Children** who have not been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament may come to the Lord's Table with their parents for a blessing but are asked to fold their arms across their chests to indicate they are to receive a blessing. If you are not a member of the LCMS, please talk with the pastor before communion.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION: The wine is made available in both the individual glasses and the common cup. Following the distribution of the bread, the individual cups will be offered. Then the common cup will be offered to those who do not have an individual cup in their hand. The acolyte will then gather the individual glasses. **For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored in the individual communion glasses.** Those who find it difficult to walk to the altar can be communed in the pew. Please inform the usher of your need.

ATTENDANCE BOOKS PLEASE BE SURE TO PASS ALONG THE RED ATTENDANCE BOOKS IN YOUR ROW AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SIGN IT. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR MINISTRY OF CARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

Mis"Quoted" *Finding Jesus in Everyday Verses*

The entire Bible is about God and how He is saving the whole creation. Every verse is dripping with how Jesus is the Messiah and is saving us all. However, we sometimes turn some of our most well known "everyday" verses into stories about us. Let's dive back in and find Jesus and His salvation for us in these verses.

Today: Isaiah 55:8 - For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

(Asterisks (**) indicate that the people stand if you are able)

**** THE OPENING HYMN**

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

**O the deep, deep, love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me,
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward
To Thy glorious rest above.**

**O the deep, deep, love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, never more;
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best;
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest,
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee.**

**** THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: God has found The Messiah, His servant.

PEOPLE: WITH HIS HOLY OIL, HE HAS ANOINTED HIM KING

Pastor: He will cry out to God, 'You are my Father,

PEOPLE: MY GOD, AND THE ROCK OF MY SALVATION!'

Pastor: His unfailing love will always be with him, protecting him;

PEOPLE: HIS COVENANT WITH US WILL NEVER BE BROKEN.

Taken from Psalm 89

**** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

*(We greet one another with the handshake of peace and with the words
"The Peace of the Lord be with you.")*

**** THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

Amazing Grace

LW 509

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe so far,
His grace will see me home.*

*Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*During Confession we take time to slow down and realize how we have lost God's
Great Story of goodness. We have served ourselves and our interests above God.*

(Take a moment of silent reflection upon our need for God's forgiveness)

Pastor: O Almighty God,

**PEOPLE: GOD, OUR LOVING FATHER,
WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE OFTEN IMPATIENT AND RUSH TO
CRITICIZE.
WE TAKE OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR GRANTED.
WE ARE OFTEN UNGRATEFUL AND NOT GRACIOUS.
WE OFTEN EXPECT CHURCH TO MIRROR OUR OWN BIASES.
WE FORGET TO ASK FOR OUR CHURCH TO MIRROR YOU.
WE OFTEN USE YOUR SCRIPTURES TO SUPPORT OUR OPINIONS.
WE FORGET THAT THEY ARE A LAMP TO OUR FEET AND A LIGHT**

**TO OUR PATH.
OUR HOPE IS CENTERED ON OURSELVES AND NOT ON YOU.
RENEW US, LORD, THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL AND
WALK IN YOUR WAYS,
TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME.
AMEN.**

*Pastor: The Story of Jesus is.....
There is new life everywhere. There is Good News everywhere. There is nothing lost that cannot be found, no dark place where light cannot shine, no awful past that cannot lead to a bright future. You are God's beloved; you are a child of the resurrection. Live in the hope and promise of Christ. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

PEOPLE: AMEN.

**** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor: Almighty God.
You know that we are placed in the midst of such great dangers that we cannot stand upright because of our human frailty. Make us whole in mind and body. Support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

PEOPLE: AMEN

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-13

Even though Israel rebelled and was unfaithful at one time, that is in the past. The future is sure: God's faithfulness to His covenant, His enduring love for His people, will stand for all time. So the challenge goes out to God's people; align yourselves to God and you will surely be redeemed.

“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;

hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
“Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 11:25-36

We see here that God's mysterious plan for the ages is being revealed as the number of outsiders swells in the churches and as Israel's heart is hardened. But let's not forget that hardening is not God's unilateral action. Whatever hardening takes place happens first on our side before God reluctantly agrees.

Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written,

“The Deliverer will come from Zion,
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”;
“and this will be my covenant with them
when I take away their sins.”

As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”
“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

**** THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 9:9-17

Tax collectors were local people hired by Rome or the ruling Jewish class to collect taxes. Because they often made their living by extortion, 50 % Tax Rate, they were hated. The fact that Jesus dined with such questionable people was a shocking display of the breadth of the kingdom.

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

**** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

THE SERMON

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**** THE OFFERTORY**

Create In Me

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.

**** THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

(After each petition)

Pastor: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

**** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

*Pastor: The tree of life in the midst of the garden was the tree of our defeat.
Christ was lifted up on the tree of victory; and where life was lost, there life
has been restored. And so we praise you*

PEOPLE (SING):

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.
HOSANNA. HOSANNA. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.
BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

**** THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord LW 240

*Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.*

*He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'n-ly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.*

*Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love you bless us now.*

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds LW 279

*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away all fear.*

*It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the heart's unrest;
It's manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest.*

*Dear name! The rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place;
My never failing trea-sury filled with boundless stores of grace.*

***By you my prayers acceptance gain although with sin defiled.
The devil charges me in vain, and God calls me his child.***

***O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.***

***I praise in weakness from afar—how cold my warmest thought!
But when I see you as you are, I'll praise you as I ought.***

***Till then I would your love proclaim with ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of your name refresh my soul in death!***

Drawn to the Cross Which You Have Blessed LW 356

***Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in you my life, my rest,
Christ Crucified, I come.***

***How well you know my griefs and fears,
Your grace abused, my misspent years!
Yet now to you with contrite tears,
Christ Crucified, I come.***

***Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain.
Christ Crucified, I come.***

***Then all that you would have me do
Shall such glad service be for you
That angels wish to do it too.
Christ Crucified, I come.***

BLESSING

Pastor: *May God continue to make you new. To redeem all your thorny places
and make them exceedingly beautiful and fruitful.*

PEOPLE: **AMEN.**

***Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.***

***The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.***

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Today

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Worship
Fellowship
Korean Church Worship
Women's Community Bible Study
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January 28, 2018

8:45 pm
10:00 am
Immediately following the service
1:00 pm
4:00 pm
7:30 pm

This Week

Via de Cristo @ Bocks home	1/29, Monday, 6:30 pm
Weekly Revelation Bible Study	1/30, Tuesday, 11:00 am
Mahjong	1/31, Wednesday, Noon
Bible Study @Perkin's Restaurant	2/1, Thursday, 7:00 am
Brownies	2/1, Thursday, 6:60 pm
Scripture Narration	2/1, Thursday, 11:00 am
Korean Prayer Meeting	2/3, Saturday. 6:00 am

BIBLE STUDY ON REVELATION: THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY

Pastor Russ Johnson is teaching a class on Revelation on Tuesdays at 11am.

This study takes place at the church. All are welcome.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY GROUP On **Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm** at the home of Leigh Liagre. All ladies (members and friends) are welcome. Come join us.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS Gloria Slack, 1/28.

ANNIVERSARIES: No anniversaries listed this week.

If we have missed your anniversary or birthday, please drop us a note in the office or email us at Gracelutheranpsl@gmail.com.



THE FLOWERS adorning the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Lois Danzo, in honor of her daughter Lisa's birthday.

FLOWER CHART The flower chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you would like to order flowers to adorn the altar for a specific Sunday, please write your name on the appropriate line. The cost per Sunday is approximately \$27.00. We thank you for your help.

DON'T FORGET THE BACKPACK PROGRAM A list of needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. For more information talk to Leigh Liagre.

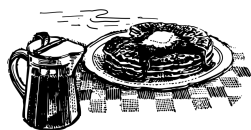


MOPS ARE BACK. Did you know that Grace hosts a "mothers of preschoolers" group?

This is a time where moms can come together to talk and support one another. We need people who can watch their little ones at Grace while they meet. It's just two Wednesdays a month, (2nd and 4th).

A "HOME WII" BOWLING ACTIVITY starts as soon as you call 772-237-2626. No cost, no pressure, no skill needed and usually only an hour of your time. You set the date, time and the meeting place is 5926 NW Conus Street, PSL 34986. Looking forward to your call. Phi & Judy Fredrich.

SARAH'S KITCHEN Eighth Annual Carrabba's Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, February 7th from 11:00 am till 2:00 pm at 1900 SW Fountainview Blvd. PSL. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. For ticket information call Julie at 772-834-2818.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR Pancake Breakfast to benefit Real Life Children's Ranch on February 10th from 7:00 am till noon. Come join us. Contact Judy Fredrich or Vivian Barto for tickets.

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Remember to check out our website and follow us on Facebook. They're both "works-in-progress", but the calendar and information on our website is updated constantly.

