

Prelude
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Call to Worship
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Worship Focus

We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God (LSB-941)
We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord.
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to Your bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”

The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter— forever Three in One!”

You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ry one:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.

You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting, Amen, O Lord, Amen

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen!

Confession of Sin

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.

Please take a moment of silence to reflect on your sinfulness and your need for a Savior.

Words of Absolution

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!

The Kyrie

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
People: Amen!

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

The Hymn of Praise

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen!
This is the feast of victory for our God
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia.

The Collect

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: We join together in prayer.
All Son of God, You are exalted above all and over all; You are our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. We thank You that You are mindful of us, and ask You to strengthen our faith in You so that we may trust Your Holy Word. Amen!

The Scripture Lessons
Philippians 2:1-11

¹ If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by

being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hebrews 1:1-14

¹ In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father " ? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son" ? ⁶ And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

⁷ In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire." ⁸ But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

¹⁰ He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. ¹¹ They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. ¹² You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."

¹³ To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? ¹⁴ Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

The Apostles’ Creed

Pastor: We remember back to our own Baptism as we confess the Creed together. Do you renounce the devil and all of his evil works and all of his wicked ways?
People: I do renounce them!
Pastor: In whom do you believe?
People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

God Has Spoken By His Prophets

God has spoken by His prophets,
Spoken His unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil,
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, His throne eternal;
God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory,
With the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,
God of God, before time was;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
He reveals our God to us.

God is speaking by His Spirit,
Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring
His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, His Word unchanging;
God the first, and God the last.

Today's Message

By Pastor Dave Bolte

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Special Music

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. 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.

Words of Institution

Please see page two of the newsletter to prepare for Holy Communion.

The Lord's Supper

I Lay My Sins On Jesus (LSB-606)

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Jesus, Name Above All Names (LSB-970)

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You Satisfy The Hungry Heart (LSB-641)

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Benediction

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

People: **Amen!**

O God of Light (LSB-836)

O God of light, Your Word, a lamp unfailing,
Shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way
And show Your grace, Your plan for us unveiling,
And guide our footsteps to the perfect day.

From days of old, through blind and willful ages,
Though we rebelled, You gently sought again
And spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages,
Who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.

Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing
To sinful hearts Your justice and Your grace;
And questing spirits, longing for Your healing,
See Your compassion in the Savior's face.

To all the world Your summons You are sending,
Through all the earth, to ev'ry land and race,
That myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending,
May praise and celebrate Your gift of grace.

*God the Father has given you God the Holy Spirit to make you
a Biblically-literate, Doctrinally-sound, Mission-minded, and
Passionately-engaged disciple of God the Son Jesus Christ!*

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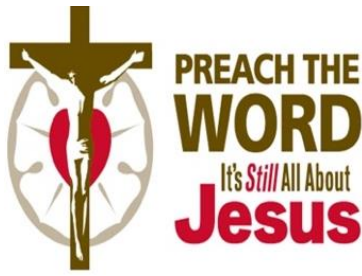
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Trinity Lutheran Church
Morning Traditional Service
7:30am
June 7, 2020



Christ Over All

Summer Series on the Book of Hebrews

Philippians 2:1-11 Hebrews 1:1-14

June 7, 2020

Pastor Dave Bolte

Do you remember some of the great Old Testament prophets?

- + **Moses** who let the Israelites out of Egypt in the great Exodus story, and who spoke face-to-face with God
- + **Elijah**, the bold prophet who called fire down from heaven and killed the prophets of Baal
- + **Jonah**, the reluctant prophet, who was swallowed by a whale and sent to Nineveh, the most wicked city on earth
- + **Daniel**, the prophet in Exile who was given a position of authority in the Babylonian kingdom
- + **Malachi**, the last prophet to speak in Old Testament times

Do you remember some of these prophets and their stories? This isn't even all of them! We could talk about Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Amos, Hosea, Zechariah, Joel, Samuel, and many more!

The book of Hebrews begins by **remembering** these prophets; and then **pivoting** to Christ as the Last Great Prophet who speaks for God.

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the **Prophets** at many times and in various ways, but in these Last Days He has spoken to us by **His Son** Hebrews 1:1-2

Today we are beginning a summer series on the Book of Hebrews and the great truths that it teaches to us. The Book of Hebrews begins with one of the most grand & majestic descriptions of Christ in all the Bible¹! There are **10 different descriptions** of **Christ and His work** in the first four verses alone!

¹ Hebrews 1:1-4 is one sentence in the original Greek, 73 words long! It is high Christology as we learn about Jesus' divinity as Creator, His Incarnation, His atonement, and His exaltation!

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these Last Days He has **spoken to us by his Son**, whom He appointed the **Heir of all things**, through Whom also He **created the world**. He is the **Radiance of the glory of God** and the **exact imprint of His nature**, and He **upholds the universe** by the Word of His power. After making **purification for sins**, He **sat down at the right hand** of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as **the Name He has inherited** is more excellent than theirs. Hebrews 1:1-4

There are **10 different descriptions** of *Christ and His work* in these four verses alone! This morning let's take a look at two of them.

The first is that God no longer speaks to us through Prophets, but through His Son. *Jesus is the Last Great Prophet* who speaks for God². The Son of God speaks on behalf of God the Father; Jesus teaches us everything we need to know for salvation and sanctification; His powerful Word creates our faith and sustains our faith. Jesus is the *“Word made flesh”* who reveals God's love and grace and mercy to us. He shows us the Father; and in Him, we hear the Father's Word.

A Prophet spoke *for* God;
The Son speaks **AS** God!

Jesus as our *Last Great Prophet* teaches us to hear and obey **HIS WORDS**; we are to abide in **HIS WORDS**; we are to grow in our knowledge of **HIS WORDS**; we are to put **HIS WORDS** into practice in our lives. **HIS WORDS** are a lamp for our feet and light for our path; **HIS WORDS** are God's Words; they are the most important words that you will ever hear. That is why it's so important to be biblically literate and doctrinally sound --- *there is nothing more important than knowing, understanding, and obeying the words of Jesus!*

² One clear mark of a false teacher is that God continues to speak “in many and various ways” outside of Scripture. This is exactly opposite what Hebrews 1:1-2 says! And, the false doctrine they teach always comes from this “continual speaking” they claim from God.

Jesus the Son of God is also the One who has made purification for sins.

After He had made purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Hebrews 1:3b

That word **purification** is the idea of **cleansing** -- it is an Old Testament worship word where the blood of a sacrifice cleanses people from their sins. The Old Testament sacrifices were all foreshadows of Christ's great sacrifice on the cross. Every Old Testament sacrifice pointed forward to Jesus and His *once and for all* sacrifice on the cross. His *once and for all* sacrifice purifies us from our sin. We are cleansed, we are forgiven, we are declared righteous, we are considered holy in God's eyes. You have been purified from your sin; every single sin you have committed is forgiven in Christ, the Son of God.

This purification that Jesus made on the cross is our comfort and strength. As baptized disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, we do not live in guilt, but we live in grace. Your sin has been removed from you; it is been placed on Christ when He died on the cross; you are clean because of Christ! You have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ! He has made purification for your sins³.

Take another look at this verse in Hebrews:

After He had made purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the majesty in heaven. Hebrews 1:3b

Remember that the “**right hand of the Majesty in Heaven**” is a figure of speech, it is not a literal location which Christ is confined to. It is a way to speak about the power and authority of the Risen Christ. It's a way of talking about Jesus being all-powerful, all-knowing, and everywhere. He is

³ This is the **major theme** in the Book of Hebrews. Christ is our Great High Priest who has sacrificed Himself --> He made purification for our sins through His death on the cross. The Book of Hebrews has *much more* to say about this! This focus on Christ and His cross is what makes the Book of Hebrews so high and wide and long and deep! Through the summer sermon series, we will explore the many ways this theme is brought out to us in the Book of Hebrews.

at work *in all things* for the benefit of His Church and for the good of His People.

With this phrase, the Book of Hebrews reminds us of the *Ascension* of Christ and the giving of the Holy Spirit on *Pentecost*.

The Son of God, the *Last Great Prophet* who speaks for God, and the One who made *purification* for your sins, is the Ascended Lord who is present in your life, with His mighty power, making everything that happens in your life work for your benefit and for your good.

Hebrews 1:1-4

Last, Great Prophet

Son of God

Heir of all things

Creator of the Universe

Radiance of God's glory

Image of God

Sustainer of all things

Purification for our sins

Sits at God's Right Hand

Superior Name

10 Descriptions of Christ

In addition, as the All-Powerful Ascended Lord, Jesus has sent the *Holy Spirit* to you, just as He promised. The Holy Spirit lives within you; nourishes, sustains, and strengthens your faith through the Word and the Sacraments. The Holy Spirit comes alongside of you as your “Advocate”; He is your Divine companion, comforter, helper, and defender. The Holy Spirit sanctifies you and set you apart to live a strong Christian life and to hold to the truth of God's Holy Word!

What a blessing for us! Not only has Christ made purification for our sins, but He also has sat down at the right hand of the majesty in heaven!

Today is we get started on our summer series in the book of Hebrews, spend some time reading and meditating on Hebrews chapter 1. It's a fascinating chapter that begins with **10 different descriptions⁴** of *Christ and His work* for us and our salvation!

⁴ **Try this tonight:** Start your prayer like this: *Heavenly Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit, I pray in the Name of Jesus, who is the Last, Great Prophet, Your Son, the Heir of all things, the Maker of the universe, the radiance of Your glory, the exact representation of Your being, the Sustainer of all things, the Purificator of sins, the One who sits at Your right hand, the One who has a superior Name . . .*

