

4th Sunday
after Pentecost
June 27-
July 3, 2022

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 5:1-4

THEME: Christ Provides Ministers to Proclaim His Word

SONG: CW21 901 /CW93 570 O Christians, Haste

VISUAL: Martin Luther College apparel, items, publications, whatever you can find (maybe even an MLC diploma or call certificate if you can find it!)

OBJECT LESSON

Who tells you all about God's Word at home?
Who tells you all about God's Word at church?
Show off your "MLC swag." Explain the purpose of MLC and why we need properly trained pastors and teachers.

BIBLE TRUTH

When we come to church, our pastor tells us all about God's Word. He tells us about how Jesus came to live a perfect life, die on the cross, and rise again on Easter morning to take our sins away.

But why do we have pastors? Read 1 Peter 5:1-4. God gave pastors to his church to take God's Word to places that we can't go.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Our pastor might get an opportunity to go someplace else and share God's Word with other people. Maybe that's a place that we could never get to. God can send pastors and missionaries wherever people need to hear his Word. If more people hear God's Word, more people will believe that Jesus is their Savior. We should always pray that God would bless our churches with many more pastors, teachers, and missionaries.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of your Word. Thank you for the pastors and teachers who share that Word with us every day. Help us to always appreciate their work among us. Lead many more people to enter the public ministry and share your Word with many more people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**HEART
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5th Sunday
after Pentecost
July 4-
July 10, 2022

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 5:22-25

THEME: Focused Love Finds a Neighbor Rather than Avoiding One

SONG: CW21 768 /CW93 521 Lord of all Nations, Grant Me Grace

VISUAL: Bowl of fake fruit (or a picture on a screen if you can't acquire fake fruit)

OBJECT LESSON

Where does fruit come from? Fruit grows on trees and on vines and in bushes. How can you tell what kind of plant something is? You can tell by the fruit. An apple tree will only have apples, right? And a grapevine will only have grapes, right?

BIBLE TRUTH

In the same way, God says you can tell if someone is a Christian by their "fruit." Read Galatians 5:22-25. When God talks about fruit, he's not talking about apples or grapes. In the Bible, fruit is used to describe the things that we do as believers. The Bible says we should be kind to one another. Our fruit then might be picking up a toy that someone else dropped. The Bible also says we should listen to our moms and dads. Our fruit then might be helping clear the table after supper at night.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

We should show love to others, because God showed love to us. He did that by sending Jesus to be our Savior. We should pray that God lets us show the fruits of our faith to others.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, you have shown such love, patience, and kindness to us. It is difficult for us to show that same kind of love, patience, and kindness to others. We know that you are with us, and that you lead us with your Word. Continue to be with us as we strive to show your love, patience, and kindness to others in our thoughts, words, and actions. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**HEART
IMPRINTS**

6th Sunday
after Pentecost
July 11-
July 17, 2022

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:38-42

THEME: Focused Worship Seeks Service from Jesus More than Service for Jesus

SONG: CW21 633 Speak, O Lord

VISUAL: Share a short story about something fun you did recently or invite a student to share

OBJECT LESSON

Have you ever come into school on a Monday with a big story to tell? Maybe you did something over the weekend and you want to tell all your friends about it. Why do we tell stories like that?

BIBLE TRUTH

Read Luke 10:38-42. Jesus' friend Martha was telling a story. She wasn't telling it with her words; she was telling it with her actions. She was so busy getting dinner ready that she wasn't really paying any attention to Jesus. The story her actions told was that she thought dinner was more important than Jesus. Jesus had to teach her a little lesson about what was the most important thing.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

We need that lesson, too. Sometimes we might think that doing something else is better than listening to Jesus. Maybe on a Sunday morning we think sleeping in is more important. Maybe we think coloring or drawing is more important than listening to Bible stories. Jesus should be #1 in our lives. Listening to the Bible is the most important thing we can do, because in the Bible we learn that Jesus is our Savior. We learn that he took our sins away by dying on the cross. And we learn that we will be with him in heaven forever. That's the most important story, and that is the story we should tell others.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, we are worried and upset about many things. Help us instead to focus on the one thing that is needed for our spiritual good. Help us take time out of our day to quietly listen to you and your Word. Help us encourage others in our family to also quietly listen, so that our faith may be strengthened in you. In your name we pray. Amen.



**HEART
IMPRINTS**

7th Sunday
after Pentecost
July 18-
July 24, 2022

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

THEME: Focused Prayer Claims What God Wants for Us, Not What We Want from Him

SONG: CW21 725 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

VISUAL: "Old-school" phone book (if you can find one); cell phone

OBJECT LESSON

Hold up the phone book and ask the students if they know what it is. (Some might, some might not.) Explain what people would use the phone book to do. If you need something or want something, you would look up the phone number in the book and call it. What do we do if we want to find something we need or want today? (Most kids might say, "Use the internet," or "Google it.")

BIBLE TRUTH

Do you know how to pray? Maybe your mom and dad have already taught you. Most often we fold our hands, bow our heads, and close our eyes to pray. We want to shut out all distractions and focus on what we're saying. Why? What's important about prayer?

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-7. Prayer is how we talk to God. We can ask for things when we pray. We can say thank you to God for all his blessings. We can ask God to help a friend or a loved one. God wants us to come to him in prayer. God wants us to talk to him. We show our special relationship with God when we pray.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

God is our Father in heaven, and we are his children. We can talk to him just like we talk to our dads. And God has promised that he will always hear and answer our prayers. He will answer in the way that is best for us. What an amazing gift we have!

PRAYER

(Today may be a good day to ask the students to pray a silent prayer for someone in their own lives. Encourage them to offer up a petition for a friend, a family member, a classmate, or anyone else that they know.)



**HEART
IMPRINTS**

8th Sunday
after Pentecost
July 25-
July 31, 2022

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Luke 12:13-21

THEME: Focused Living Properly Values Earthly Wealth

SONG: CW21 820/ CW93 441 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

VISUAL: Some of your personal favorite possessions

OBJECT LESSON

What's your favorite toy? Do you have a favorite food? We like to have favorite things. But can you always take your favorite things with you wherever you go? No, you can't. Sometimes our favorite things don't belong in the place where we're going. Maybe your favorite thing is your huge stuffed elephant at home. Should you bring that huge stuffed elephant with you to the beach? Probably not.

BIBLE TRUTH

Read Luke 12:13-21. The man in the story had a lot of favorite things, didn't he? But when he died, could he take those things with him? No, he couldn't. God doesn't want us to love our favorite things more than him. God should be our #1 favorite thing above all others.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

God has even better things waiting for us in heaven. And how do we know this? Because Jesus died for us. He is our greatest treasure. We can't take our favorite earthly things to heaven, but there are things there that are even better. God will bless us in heaven forever. And those things will never leave us!

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for the many, many blessings you have given to us. Forgive us for the times we have failed to put you first in our lives and instead have made our earthly possessions our favorite. Help us to always put you first in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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