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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Trinity 6

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A warm welcome to all our worshippers this morning. Our Triune God has blessed us with every good and perfect gift, especially for the care of our souls. One of those gifts is the ministry of the Gospel. May that precious Gospel message enlighten our souls as Christ is lifted up in each of our hearts.

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 1, p. 123*

Hymn: *WS 781: Preach You the Word*

1. Preach you the Word and plant it home
To those who like or like it not,
The Word that shall endure and stand
When flow'rs and mortals are forgot.
2. We know how hard, O Lord, the task
Your servant bids us undertake:
To preach Your Word and never ask
What prideful profit it may make.
3. The sower sows; his reckless love
Scatters abroad the goodly seed,
Intent alone that there may be
The wholesome loaves that people need.
4. Though some be snatched and some be scorched
And some be choked and matted flat,
The sower sows; his heart cries out,
"Oh, what of that, and what of that?"
5. Preach you the Word and plant it home
And never faint; the Harvest-Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow
Will watch and tend His planted Word.



Liturgy: *TLH, p. 15 ff.*

Introit:

P: I trust in Your unfailing love;

C: My heart rejoices in Your salvation.

P: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You,

C: Who walk in the light of Your presence, O Lord.

P: Be my rock of refuge,

C: A strong fortress to save me. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 237, st. 1: All Glory Be to God on High*

P: All glory be to God on high, who hath our race befriended!

C: To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.

God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

First Reading: *2 Corinthians 4:1-7*

A faithful minister will not hide the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ. Nor will he put himself forward as the one who is responsible for what God's power has done. Instead, he will realize that he is an earthen vessel entrusted with the valuable treasure of the Gospel.

Gradual:

P: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

C: His greatness no one can fathom.

P: I will meditate on Your wonderful works,

C: And I will proclaim Your great deeds.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Your Word is a lamp to my feet ...

C: And a light to my path. Alleluia.



Second Reading: *Matthew 13:18-23*

Jesus' parable of the sower and the seed demonstrated how the Word of God impacts hearts. It is either rejected or it sinks in by the power of the Holy Spirit. May the message of the Word be freely sowed at Grace, leaving the results to the Lord Himself.

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed, TLH p. 22*

Hymn: *TLH 346: Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be*

Sermon: *Romans 1:16*

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, ...

OUR GOSPEL MINISTRY IN AND AROUND MINNEAPOLIS

1. It is nothing of which to be ashamed
2. It has the "explosive" power of God
3. It has a message we can boldly proclaim

Offertory, Offering, & Prayer:..... TLH p. 22 f.

Hymn:..... TLH 465: *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

Liturgy for the Lord's Supper:..... TLH p. 24 ff.

Distribution:..... TLH 315: *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

Note: In obedience to God's Word, and out of concern for the welfare of souls (1 Corinthians 11:29), and finally that we may honestly express the unity of faith and hope that binds us, we ask that only such as have identified with Redemption through public confession of faith or another CLC congregation, approach the altar at the usher's direction.

Nunc Dimittis, Prayer, Benediction: TLH 29 ff.

Hymn:..... TLH 577: *God Bless Our Native Land*

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We appreciate the opportunity to share God's Word with you today. Please come again! Those interested in learning more about the Scriptures and our doctrinal position, please speak with Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to speak with you!

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

◆ **A BIG word of thanks from the Hein family:** Our move to the Fridley area has certainly been exciting and has been truly blessed by the Lord. Many expressions of thanks for the food items, the numerous improvements to the parsonage, all the helpful hands for moving in, and the house-warming gifts. We also thank the Lord that the installation went quite nicely with both the service of the Word and the service of those who contributed to the fine meal. What a blessing to enjoy the fellowship of many like-minded Christians who came to support our Gospel ministry here at Grace! *"Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name!"* 2 Chr. 29:13.

◆ **Pastoral Visits:** A big part of a pastor's ministry is getting to know and understand his members. This enables the pastor to better know how to apply Scripture to each member's given situations. It also enables the pastor to be a more effective preacher and teacher, using examples and teaching tools that will drive home what God wants us to know in His Word. Over the next months, your pastor will be scheduling home visits in order to get acquainted. If you would so like, the visit may also include the pastor's family so that you may get to know the "entire package." May these visits be for the blessing of all!



◆ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The July issue arrived this week. Included are articles about Christian patriotism and citizenship, a review of the Book of Daniel, and an article about how Christians are saints. Of local interest, there is an article near the end about Grace's stained glass windows.



◆ **Among Us:** This past week Gilbert Maestas remained at Fairview Hospital (Southdale). The doctors diagnosed him with blockage in the carotid arteries (those in the neck). He is scheduled for surgery this coming Wednesday. Pray that the Good Shepherd will kindly tend to our brother in Christ.

◆ **Joshua Snell:** Many are already aware of the accidental drowning of Joshua Snell (son of former Berea teachers Robert and Judith Snell), on Sunday, June 12, in Eau Claire. A Memorial Victory Service for Joshua Snell was held at Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, MN, on Sunday, June 19. Memorials may be given to Berea with the family designating projects at a later date. For any who may wish to send a card, the family address is: Robert and Judith Snell, 915 7th Street West, Hastings, MN, 55033. We give thanks to the Lord for His mercies in the life of Joshua and pray for the Lord's help, comfort and strength upon the family. Pastor David Schierenbeck

◆ **Arise and Shine:** The members of Faith Lutheran Church are once again gearing up to sponsor the 2nd annual Arise and Shine Retreat for those members of our church body in their 20's and 30's. Members of this age group are encouraged to attend. Last year's retreat was a great success and much appreciated by everyone who was able to attend. You can find out more about the retreat at: www.ariseandshineretreat.com. Registration deadline is July 15th.

◆ **CLC News:** Teacher James Arndt of Faith in Coloma, MI, has received and accepted the call to Grace in Valentine, NE. † An invitation has been extended to the ordination/installation of pastor-elect Caleb Schaller at Redemption Lutheran Church in Lynnwood, WA. The service will take place on July 10 at 2:00 p.m., following a noon fellowship meal. Rev. Walter Schaller will be guest speaker.

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service
10:00 am – Hospitality in Fellowship Hall
No Softball Games

Sun., July 10: 9:00 am – Worship Service
10:15 am – Boards; 11:00 am – Council
7:00 & 8:00 pm – Softball Games

Fri., July 15: Arise and Shine Retreat (Registration Deadline)

Sun., July 17: 9:00 am – Worship Service
10:30 am – Voters' Meeting

August 1-5: Vacation Bible School



Mission Helper Trip:

On Sunday, June 26th the volunteers for the 2005 Mission Helper Trip to India will depart from Chicago O'Hare airport at 9:20 PM following a brief meeting and commissioning service at the church in Chicago. After two days of travel and a bonus 27-hour layover in London the group of 13 volunteers will arrive in Chennai India at 3:55 AM on June

28th. On Thursday morning, June 29th, the mission helpers will travel by train to Nellore where everyone will meet Pastor Moses and help celebrate the birthday of his son, Enoch. The next day the volunteers will then proceed by train to Nidibrole, the headquarters, orphanage, and seminary of the CLCI. Following two days of visiting the orphanage and surrounding congregations the group of thirteen will divide into three groups. One group will be staying in Nidibrole where Pastor Paul Nolting will teach CLCI seminary classes in the morning and then will be joined by Kristen Nolting, Lindsey Paul, and Dana Wuerch in the afternoon to teach VBS outreach classes in different, Hindu dominated villages each afternoon. The other volunteers will head South again by train. Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, Peter Evensen, Mike Gurath, and Paul Tiefel III will travel as far as Nellore, which serves as headquarters for the Northern districts of the BELC. Pastor Mayhew will teach pastoral training courses in the Nellore, Cuddapah, and Renigunta districts of the BELC and will be joined by the other three each afternoon and evening to teach VBS to the children of several villages. The five remaining volunteers will continue south to Chennai by train where they will begin their duties. Pastor Todd Ohlmann will teach pastoral classes in the mornings in the Nagalapuram, Chennai, and Vanniyambadi districts of the BELC. Each afternoon Candy Ohlmann, Liz Povolny, Tamar Reim, and Josh Ohlmann will travel with Pastor Ohlmann to area villages to conduct VBS with the children. We are estimating that these three groups of volunteers together will have the opportunity to teach as many as 3,000 children the saving message of the Gospel. For most of these children it will be the first opportunity they have had to truly hear about their Savior. For many it will be the first time they have even heard the name of Jesus. Following the VBS an evangelism service will be held for the parents of the children and anyone else in the village who would like to come. On July 20th the 2005 Mission Helper team will arrive back in the U.S.

Please keep these men and women in your prayers. Pray for their safety, pray for their families that God would fill them with courage and comfort as their loved ones are so far away, pray for their health and well-being, pray mostly for the success of their efforts, pray for the souls of those who sit in the darkness of unbelief that they may hear the Good News of Salvation and turn in faith to the Lord for forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life, pray also for the pastors and members of the CLCI and the BELC who work tirelessly to spread the Gospel and host the CLC mission helpers. In Christ, Pastor Todd Ohlmann (email dated 6/23/2005)

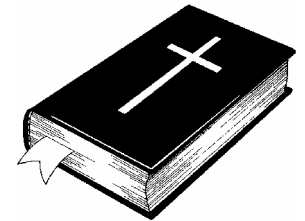
STANDARD OF TRUTH

This writer has learned a bit about carpentry and home construction over the last years. However he is not ready to do fine carpentry or undertake the construction of a home. Two left hands as the saying goes, as well as not enough patience. One thing is clear however. To build anything there have to be standards.

It simply does not work to build a home or do carpentry by eyeballing width and length, or angles and lines. One needs a tape measure. But even the tape measure is of little benefit if one cannot read it, or confuses the fractions of inches. It hardly seems possible that the difference between an eighth and a sixteenth can make a difference. A builder and a carpenter know it does. So does an amateur carpenter.

Scripture speaks of the Church as constructed upon the doctrine of the Apostles and Prophets, "Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building being joined together grows into a holy temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:20,21). If pastors are going to be instruments of blessing their teaching must be built upon the Word. Their teaching and that of the church itself is to be judged by whether or not in their ministry Christ is the Cornerstone by which all else is measured and established.

A particular teaching or doctrine is not correct simply because the pastor teaches it or the church supports it! It is not correct because the church headquarters or the pope passed it down. It is not correct simply because it is what the church has always taught or because what is done is the way the church has always done a particular thing (tradition). Conversely, something is not error because a church, a pastor, or a member says it is, or thinks it is. Something is not wrong simply because someone does not like what is being taught or practiced.



The standard of truth and error, right and wrong, is Scripture, God's Word. One may even believe that and still have it wrong if he does not understand Scripture. Remember the tape measure. You not only have to have one; you have to know how to read it! What is taught in the Church has to be measured by the standard of Scripture. A Bible student will recognize that he is not the interpreter of the Bible, but that the Bible is its own interpreter.

In determining truth from error and right from wrong we do not want to use (abuse) Scripture. We want to pray and then read it, study it, listen to it – it is the voice of God – and follow where Scripture leads. With that approach we cannot go wrong. We will not be misled. Indeed our Lord will bless.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Mark Wales; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland;
Ole Olmanson; Michael Ude; Peter Fleischer; Jack
Kirkham

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

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

Cleaners: Bill Rust

† 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 3: Dan & Cindy Degnan; Ed & Verona
Lentz; Angela Valley

Cleaners: Bill Rust

"When a place has been assigned to a Lutheran candidate of theology where he is to discharge the office of a Lutheran minister, that place ought to be to him the dearest, most beautiful, and most precious spot on earth. He should be unwilling to exchange it for a kingdom. Whether it is in a metropolis or in a small town, on a bleak prairie or in a clearing in the forest, in a flourishing settlement or in a desert, to him it should be a miniature paradise. Do not the blessed angels descend from heaven with great joy whenever the Father in heaven sends them to minister to those who are to be heirs of salvation? Why, then, should we poor sinners be unwilling to hurry after them with great joy to any place where we can lead other men, our fellow-sinners, to salvation?"

- C.F.W. Walther, Law & Gospel, p. 207f

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Christ, for it is the power of God to
salvation for everyone who believes, ...*

Romans 1:16
