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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Trinity 7

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Our Savior tenderly invites all sinners unto Him so that they might find healing and rest for their troubled souls. As you worship Him today and hear His Word, may you be comforted and find the special rest which He promises you even on this side of eternity.

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 145, p. 155 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 9: O Day of Rest and Gladness*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 5 ff.*

Introit:

P: O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you;

C: My soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you.

P: Because Your love is better than life, my lips will glorify You.

C: I will praise You as long as I live, and in Your name I will lift up my hands.

P: My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;

C: With singing lips my mouth will praise You.

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: *Exodus 33:12-23*

Moses prays and speaks to the Lord about the reassurance of the Lord's presence and His rest for troubled human souls. In order to reinforce this promise to Moses, the Lord promises Moses that He will show him His glory. Today we see the glory of the Lord through His Word. By hearing it preached and learning it at home, our souls truly find that God reinforces His promises to us, especially the rest our souls need.

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. This is My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit,

C: Showing yourselves to be My disciples. Alleluia.



Second Reading: *Romans 7:15-25*

We all struggle in our Christian life. We want to do the Lord's will according to the new man, but we always find ourselves falling short because of our old Adam (sinful nature). The more we attempt to do the Lord's will, the more we see that sin resides within us. But dear Christian, do not despair or give up on doing good. The victory and deliverance which Christ has given us through the cross has moved us to go on serving the Lord with gladness.

Confession of Faith: *Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12*

Hymn: *TLH 276: Come unto Me, Ye Weary*

Sermon: *Matthew 11:28-30*

(28) "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (29) "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (30) "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

COME, TAKE A LOAD OFF!

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 388: Just as I Am, without One Plea*

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: *TLH p. 14*

Hymn: *WS 778: Grace Has a Thrilling Sound (see insert)*

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 †

- ◆ **Today:** Our boards will convene shortly after worship with the Council meeting in full at 11:00 am.
- ◆ **Next Sunday:** A reminder that Grace's quarterly Voters' meeting and the Dorcas Guild will convene at 10:30 am next week.
- ◆ **Lutheran Spokesman:** There are still many July issues available. Of local interest, there is an article about Grace's stained glass windows.
- ◆ **Among Us:** This past Wednesday Gilbert Maestas had successful surgery to remove blockage in the carotid arteries (those in the neck). We thank the Lord for His gracious care. Gilbert is now home.
- ◆ **Pre-School:** Benno and Barb Sydow sold various things from Grace's pre-school at their garage sale amounting to just under \$50. The General Fund will be credited.
- ◆ **Phone Change:** Grace's former pastor, Prof. John Ude, has had another phone number change. Here's all his contact information:
507 Ingram Dr.; Eau Claire WI 54701; john.ude@ilc.edu; 715-254-1583
- ◆ **The Branches:** It is the time of year to renew one's subscription to The Branches, the CLC women's magazine. Cost is \$12 per year. For further information consult the handouts by the guestbook.
- ◆ **CLC Retreats:** Three Christian retreats are on the horizon: (1) the CLC Youth Conference on Aug. 9-14 at Como, CO (info. at www.ilc.edu/activities/CLCYC/home.htm) (2) Arise and Shine for people in their 20's and 30's on Aug. 4-7 near St. Louis (info. at www.ariseandshineretreat.com); and (3) Grace's own men's retreat for the weekend of Sept. 24 (cost \$40). The first two have registration deadlines this coming Friday, July 15. You may sign up for the men's retreat by the guestbook. If you desire to attend any of these retreats but find it financially unfeasible, please speak with Pastor or one of the Elders who very likely can find a way to provide assistance.
- ◆ **Work Day at ILC:** Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, is organizing a work day at ILC in Eau Claire, WI. Among the projects will be shingling the roofs of two professorages, siding one house, painting inside and outside of buildings, various yard work, carpet shampooing, other cleaning, plus miscellaneous electrical work. Those interested in participating may speak with Pastor.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Walter Schaller of Zion in Detroit, MI, has returned the call to St. Stephen in Hayward, CA (Oakland area). Rev. Jay Hartmann, who now lives in Fairbanks, AK, has received this call. † From President Schierenbeck: Upon recommendation of the Reentry Committee, I have certified Lawrence Bade as eligible for a call into the preaching ministry of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. His name will be placed on the official CLC Roster.

IN UNITY OF FAITH:

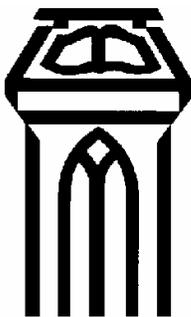
Note: The following was written by Pastor Daniel Fleischer of Corpus Christi, TX, after his return from being here in Minnesota and at Grace's installation.

During our recent absence, we had the privilege to preach at another of our CLC congregations. We also were able to sit in the pew to listen to two other pastors expound and teach the Word from the pulpit. We participated in the installation of still another pastor who is taking up the Lord's work in a new location. In a few weeks a seminary student will be ordained, and installed as pastor of our sister congregation in Weslaco. Further, we were edified by attendance at the General Pastoral conference of the CLC in June. Do we all appreciate the blessing that we enjoy in our fellowship? Surely, we are not to sit in the pew and simply absorb what is taught and preached. We are to listen with watchfulness and care to what is taught. It is the Christ believer's responsibility to "search the Scriptures" daily and regularly to "find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11).

Nevertheless, doing so reminds us again of what a blessing we have among us that wherever we go, and in whatever CLC congregation in which we worship, we are hearing the same message. We know this from years of observation and listening. We know it also because the exercise of discipline is still in vogue among us. Unlike many other church bodies in our day, there are consequences for a pastor who would depart from the Scriptures, and the Lutheran Confessions drawn from the Scriptures. He cannot continue as a pastor among us! Confidence with vigilance is our attitude. Confidence without vigilance dare never overtake us!

Pastors of the CLC are no different in many respects than pastors of other church bodies. In that ministers of any fellowship are humans, they are sinners. All are subject to weaknesses of one sort or another. Every servant in any fellowship is subject to persuasion and emotion. All are subject to temptation, and infected with the desire to be liked. Indeed every servant is "an earthen vessel," a clay pot (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Our church body is made up of such pastors – as well as people in the pew – like unto those of other churches. So what then gives us pause for thanksgiving, and fills us with confidence? It is quite simple. Every one of our pastors, teachers, and professors is instilled with a respect for the Scriptures as the inspired, holy Word of God. No pastor among us enters the ministry with a hidden agenda, or with a doubt



concerning the source of Truth. At each installation among other things he is reminded that his responsibility is "To preach the Gospel of our Lord among us in its truth and purity, and to administer the Sacraments in accordance with the inspired Word of God and the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as laid down in the Book of Concord of 1580, and to establish and maintain sound Lutheran practice at all times ..." (Call form) At one's installation the question is asked, "Wilt Thou preach and teach the pure Word of God in accordance with the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and adorn the doctrine of our Savior with a godly and holy life?" There is no "wiggle room" in the divine charge or in the congregation's rightful expectations of that one who is to shepherd the flock of God.

When questions arise among us we go to the Scripture to find the answer. In the pulpit the faithful servant will bring the Law and the Gospel. He will by the Law of God convict the sinner that the sinner confessing his sin may be assured of the grace that is in Christ Jesus, the grace whereby God has put away sin for Jesus' sake. The faithful shepherd will let the Gospel predominate. God "neither desires nor does He ask for a single pastor who cannot honestly confess with Paul, 'For necessity is laid upon me; yea. Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel!'" (1 Corinthians 9:16).

Some outside our fellowship may wonder how we can speak with such confidence. So be it. It is so because where the Word of God is the foundation of faith and hope and teaching, where people stand committed to that Word, where there is a healthy respect of the Lord and for the sheep He has entrusted to the pastor's care, and where honesty before God and to one's vow is still important, there God's truth and God's promise inspires such confidence. We are convinced that our pastors understand the seriousness of the responsibility, "Keep that which is committed to thy trust" (1 Timothy 6:20).

Among us may it ever be so as Paul wrote the Word of the Lord to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it" (Colossian 4:17)! Dear friends, count your blessings, not the least of which in our church body is the privilege to call a pastor without having to have a "pulpit committee," and listen to a pastor without having to listen through a filter. To that end, may God's people love the Truth, and pray for their pastor! May the people never desire anything but God's truth, and pastors never proclaim anything else!



† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Elder: **Mike Dick**

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**

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; Arnold Gehrls; Scott Baker, Lyle Trulin; David Stifter; Michael Ude; Ryan Libby**

Counting Team 5: **Mike Dick; Brad Kitzman; Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner**

Hospitality Team 4: **Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Fred & Pal Dauer**

Cleaners: **Ed & Verona Lentz**

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service
10:00 am – Hospitality in Fellowship Hall
10:15 am – Boards; 11:00 am – Council
7:00 & 8:00 pm – Softball Games

Fri., July 15: Registration Deadline for
CLC Youth Conference & Arise and Shine

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

Sun., July 24: 9:00 am – Worship Service

August 1-5: Vacation Bible School

August 4-7: Arise and Shine Retreat near St. Louis, MO

August 9-14: CLC Youth Conference at Como, CO

Sept. 24: Grace's Men's Retreat



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**Cometo Me, all you who labor and are
heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

Matthew 11:28
