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Grace Lutheran Church & School

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God has a unique rule within the hearts of His people. Thus His kingdom is something that is internal. During our worship today, we Christians are challenged to be introspective, to seriously look in our hearts to see how much we truly appreciate the beauty of what God has established.

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 119, Part II, TLH p. 149*

Hymn: *TLH 357: Jesus, Thou Art Mine Forever*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 5 ff.*

Introit:

P: Righteous are You, O Lord, and Your laws are right.

C: Oh, how I love Your law! I meditate on it all day long.

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: For they are ever with me.

P: How sweet are Your promises to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

C: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

P: Accept, O Lord, the willing praise of my mouth,

C: And teach me Your laws. 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: *1 Kings 3:5-12*

Solomon asks for the special gift of a hearing heart.

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. Lord, to whom shall we go?

C: You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Romans 8:28-30*

God's gracious promise that all things will work together for good.

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

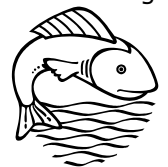
Hymn: *TLH 398: Renew Me, O Eternal Light*

Sermon: *Matthew 14:44-52*

(44) "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (45) "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, (46) "who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. (47) "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, (48) "which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. (49) "So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, (50) "and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." (51) Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." (52) Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure *things* new and old."

"Are You a Good Fish or a Bad Fish?"

1. A 'bad' fish which snubs God's rule and kingship?
2. A 'good' fish which treasures God's rule and kingship?



Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

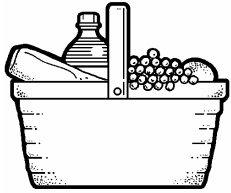
Hymn: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

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

Hymn: *TLH 412: May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill*

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** There is still time to register your child or any of their friends for VBS this week. Sessions will start at 9:00 am and go until 11:30 am. Currently 35 children are enrolled. May the Lord bless this opportunity to train His young lambs.



- ◆ **Church Picnic:** Next Sunday is Grace's annual church picnic. This year it will be at French Regional Park in Plymouth. This is a potluck picnic, so please bring something to share. Come enjoy the fellowship and opportunity to grow together as a Christian family! See insert for more information.

- ◆ **Hospitality Sign-Up:** The Elders have decided to have a new sign-up sheet for those who are willing to be added to a hospitality team. This may help create an additional team or two in order to spread the load. Should you have any questions about this, please consult one of the Elders: Ed Lentz, Mike Dick, or Al Rosendahl. Thanks for considering this as an opportunity to express your love for your Savior.



- ◆ **Grace's Men's Retreat:** Men of all ages are invited to this retreat for the weekend of Sept. 24. Cost is \$40. Signup is by the guest book.



- ◆ **Berea Golf Open:** Berea of Inver Grove Hts. is sponsoring a 4 person best ball scramble golf tournament to which we are invited. It is slated for Sat., Aug. 27, 12:00 pm, south of Hastings, MN. Details and entry forms are located by the guest book.

- ◆ **CLC Financial Status:** Included in today's bulletin is an article summarizing the past fiscal year for the CLC. In addition there are some concerns which are highlighted. For instance, ILC ended up with nearly a \$64,000 deficit. In addition a letter has been sent giving further explanation of some of the challenges we face synodically. This and the June 2005 Financial Report are posted on the bulletin board.



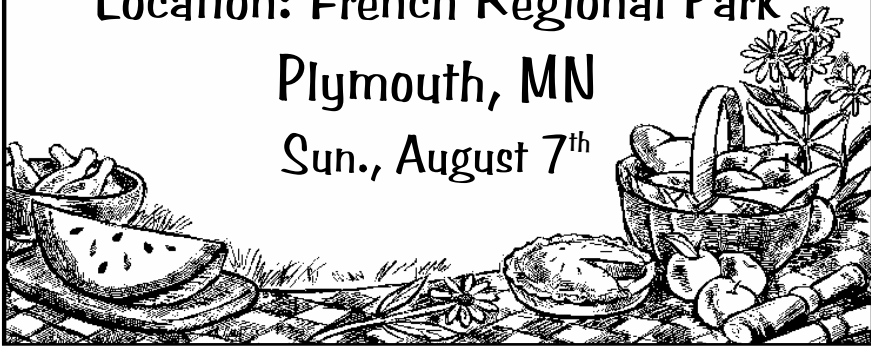
- ◆ **CLC News:** Rev. Terrel Kesterson of Trinity in Spokane, WA, has received the call to St. Stephen in Hayward, CA (Oakland area).

Grace's Church Picnic

Location: French Regional Park

Plymouth, MN

Sun., August 7th



Come for the Fun!

PLAN TO BRING:

- ➔ YOURSELF!
- ➔ Something to share
 - ➔ Salads
 - ➔ Fruit & Veggies
 - ➔ Chips
- ➔ Maybe a beverage

PROVIDED:

- ➔ Hot Dogs
- ➔ Buns
- ➔ Punch
- ➔ Silverware
- ➔ Paper plates

RECREATION:

- ➔ Walking trails
- ➔ Creative Play Area
- ➔ Paddleboat Rentals
- ➔ Boating
- ➔ Swimming

★ Located at French Regional Park

Located in **Plymouth**, on County Road 9.

From I-494, take County Road 9 (Rockford Road) east 1 mile to the park entrance.

From Hwy 169, take County Road 9 west 2 miles to the park entrance.

Information from Website:

www.threeriversparkdistrict.org/parks/french.cfm

Located on the north shore of Medicine Lake in Plymouth, French Regional Park offers a variety of opportunities for outdoor exploration. Park visitors can paddle the scenic channels of Medicine Lake, take a refreshing hike through maple woodlands, or launch a boat and enjoy a day on the water.

The park's fabulous creative play area and swimming beach are popular summer attractions for area children, and its terrific picnic areas have long been a favorite setting for family or corporate outings



FACILITIES & AMENITIES AT FRENCH REGIONAL PARK

- Paved Bike/Hike Trails (3.4 miles)
- Regional Trail Access to Luce Line
- Hiking Only Trail (3 miles)
- Pet Trails (4 miles)
- Boat Launch (Paved)
- Creative Play Area
- Fishing Pier
- General Picnic Area
- Rentals (Boat)
- Reservation Picnic Area
- Reservation Picnic Area
- Reservation Sailboat Dock
- Rest Area
- Swimming Beach Area

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Elder: **Mike Dick**

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

Counting Team 2: **Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales**

Hospitality Team 6: **Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick; Omar Kurtz**

Cleaners: **Mark & Trudy Wales**

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

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: **Mark & Trudy Wales**

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service
10:00 am – Hospitality in Fellowship Hall

Mon.-Fri.: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

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

Sun., Aug. 7: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper
Church Picnic at French Regional Park (Plymouth)

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

Sun., Aug. 14: 9:00 am – Worship Service
10:15 am – Boards; 11:00 am – Council

Sat., Aug. 20: Church/School Cleanup Day

Tue., Aug. 23: Christian Day School Begins

Sat., Aug. 27: 12:00 pm – Berea Golf Tournament

Sept. 24: Grace's Men's Retreat



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

The kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure hidden.

Matthew 13:44

