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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Life may at times seem overwhelming with all its obligations and how things often turn out. Eventually this may wear on us to where we call out with King Solomon: "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." But as we will again be reminded today, there is great meaning in life for the one who relies upon Jesus. He gives life direction, purpose, and hope. May you receive this hope through the Spirit during our worship this morning.

## ✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: ..... *Psalm 27, TLH 129*

Hymn: ..... *TLH 188: Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

Liturgy: ..... *TLH, p. 5 ff.*

Introit (followed by *Gloria Patri, The Kyrie*): ..... *TLH, pp. 6-7*

P: I will lift up my eyes to the hills; From whence comes my help?

**C: My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.**

P: He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

**C: Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

P: The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**C: The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.**

P: The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.

**C: The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in**

**From this time forth, and even forevermore. 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:** ..... *Isaiah 55:6-9*

The LORD has mercy on the wicked, giving them opportunity to turn to Him.

**Gradual:**

P: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;

**C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

**C: Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.**

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth,

**C: That we might be a kind of firstfruits of all He created. Alleluia.**

**Second Reading:** ..... *Matthew 20:1-16*

The parable of the laborers demonstrates that the gift of heaven is not based on works, but on God's grace.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 591: Jesus, I Live to Thee*

**Sermon:** ..... *Philippians 1:19-26*

(19) For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, (20) according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. (21) For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. (22) But if *I* live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. (23) For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better. (24) Nevertheless to remain in the flesh *is* more needful for you. (25) And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, (26) that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again. (NKJV™)

## CHRIST: THE MEANING OF LIFE

**Offertory:** ..... *TLH p. 12 f.*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 608: Let Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road*

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

**Hymn:** ..... *WS 799: This Is the Feast of Victory (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.*

# THIS IS THE FEAST OF VICTORY

*Dignus est Agnus*

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Today:** Our Voters are asked to participate in the quarterly meeting. The Dorcas Guild will also be meeting. May the Lord bless the business matters of the congregation so that they are done to His glory.
- ◆ **Mission Festival:** Pastor Joel Fleischer, former member at Grace, will be next Sunday's guest speaker for Mission Festival. In addition there will be a fellowship potluck meal. Please bring a dish or food item to share. But more importantly, bring yourself to share in our Christian fellowship with one another: "Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* For brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).
- ◆ **Sunday School Singing:** Next Sunday the children will sing with the choir for Mission Festival. They are asked to meet like normal for Sunday School and will practice the piece at the beginning of the S.S. hour. Thus, please have your children here in timely manner.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Bud Lang has returned home from the hospital with his successful carotid artery surgery. Pastor Hein has ear surgery tomorrow. As announced last week, former member, Dan Sydow, has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. He will be undergoing chemotherapy treatment. Also, Joel Stifter is recovering from a serious construction injury which required many stitches. Last weekend former member, Beth Rust, was married here at Grace.
- ◆ **Fellowship Hall / Kitchen Project:** Work continues for cabinets and counter tops. These have been placed on order and will likely be installed in the kitchen during the weekends of Oct. 29-30<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 5-6<sup>th</sup>. Those on the Hospitality Committees for those weekends may need to be aware that as it may hinder use of the kitchen. However, the coffee machine should still be available.
- ◆ **ILC College Visitors' Day:** This year it is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 4. This will be a normal school day, so that our guests can visit the various classes in the college department. Time will be set aside in the afternoon for a question-and-answer session; and the visitors will, of course, have the opportunity to become better acquainted with our facilities. Those who can remain on campus somewhat longer can attend a performance of this year's play, a comedy based on the Mark Twain work, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court." It will be performed both Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Lodging will be available on both Thursday and Friday nights, and our visitors will be our guests at meals. Those interested may speak with Pastor.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Roland Gurgel of Our Savior's at Jamestown, ND, has accepted the call to Shepherd of the Valley at Weslaco, TX. † A link has been placed on the CLC website ([www.clclutheran.org](http://www.clclutheran.org)) for the full report of the latest Coordinating Council meetings.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Fourth Commandment

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,

Use extra half note on final refrain

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

*Refrain*

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His.  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - - tion.  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - men.  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia!

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FESTIVAL CANTICLE

Irregular with Refrain

# Council Meeting Notes

October 9, 2005

The meeting opened with prayer at 12:00 pm. Minutes from the Sept. 11 meeting were read and accepted.

The insurance agent from Church Mutual presented information on our renewal policy. Questions and answers followed.

Phil Radichel presented an update from the CLC Coordinating Council which met the last week in Sept.

The Treasurer's report from Sept. was read and accepted.

**Elders:** Dental insurance for our called workers is still being investigated. Recommendation to the Voters: Termination of membership of Eric Radichel.

**Education:** School is going well. New discipline policy is working well. Hot lunch program is going well. Substitute teachers were secured while Ann Radichel had health problems. CEA is scheduled for Oct. 14. Mr. Libby is attending the CLC Teachers Conference at Okabena, MN, Oct. 19-21. Mr. Libby requested a lock-in for Nov. 4-5, grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> to watch movies. Discussion continued about use of the Fellowship Hall for classroom.

**Trustees:** A master work list is being prepared for Fall Clean-up Day, scheduled for Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Building Committee:** Acoustical tile has been installed in fellowship hall. Discussion regarding carpet. Kitchen and storeroom issues were discussed.

**Old Business:** In Aug. the Council changed the mileage rate to \$.45/mile. Need to check previous policy in that we may have already had the IRS rate.

**New Business:** Discussion about whether or not to open up the men's retreat to the CLC or not. Nominating Committee is setup and ready. Treasurer Jeff Radichel was given the go-ahead to do online banking. There is a deficit in the kitchen fund. Motion to take funds out of the General Fund when no funds are currently available in kitchen fund. Accepted. Motion to move balance of undesignated to the kitchen project fund and to be used prior to the general fund. Accepted.

Meeting adjourned with the Lords prayer at 2:10 pm.

## BIAS:

The dictionary defines "bias" as "that which causes the mind to incline toward a particular object or course... prejudice." Everyone, even those who deny it, has a bias or prejudice. In fact we might conclude that the most biased and prejudiced are those who vociferously claim they are not. This bias runs the gamut from politics, to social issues, to religion.

Given the corruption of the flesh since sin, bias and prejudice has heaped much pain and suffering on people, nations, and races. There is a bias that is irrational, hurtful to others, and deleterious to the common good. It is suggestive of an attitude that is born of ignorance, of a false pride, and from promotion of a personal agenda. The sad consequences of bias and prejudice are all around us as surely as sin rules in the natural flesh.

Our own sin in the flesh is frequently manifested by bias and prejudice. Instead of denying it exists in our flesh, we are better served to confess our sin before God, and find our cleansing in the Lord Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, notwithstanding such sin in our lives, the child of God recognizes that there is a godly bias and prejudice. We are to be biased against sin. We are to be prejudiced against evil. We are to be biased and prejudiced against error. In other words we are to "hate" with a godly hatred any and everything in our own lives or in society that offends the holiness of God. Righteousness and unrighteousness are opposed to each other, just as truth and error are opposed to each other. The will of God and the will of the sinful world are at opposite ends of the staff. David said, "I will set nothing wicked before my eyes... He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence" (Psalm 91). David was prejudiced against evil!

God's children cannot accommodate their lives to the lowest common denominator of sin and error without comprising their principles, or jeopardizing their relationship to the Father in heaven. Scripture says, "He that is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad" (Matthew 12:30). So then we are biased or prejudiced for the truth! While we recognize that the world has the right on this side of eternity to do as it chooses – even to choose and codify sin, and deny God and truth to its own destruction – we are bound to stand against sin and evil, speak out against it, and stand up for the Lord Jesus Christ and the Word without apology. We are not ashamed of such bias! If we will exercise steadfast faith we can follow no other course. Our only concern is that we stand in the Word, and speak the Word in love. Then be ready to be accused of bias and prejudice by those who practice prejudice of the other sort, namely against the Lord God, and against His will, and by those who hate God's people who will not bow before them.

"Therefore, my beloved ...brethren...so stand fast in the Lord" (Philippians 4:1). In standing fast in the Lord, there is no shame.

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 10/9/2005

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Susan Nelson

Elder: Mike Dick

Ushers: Roger Ochsner; Don Dahlin; Bill Rust; Joel Stifter;  
Bob Maki; Dave Rust

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

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

Church Cleaners: B. & S. Vandever School: Sandhoefner

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Roger Ochsner; Don Dahlin; Bill Rust; Joel Stifter;  
Bob Maki; Dave Rust

Counting Team 4: Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust;  
Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel

Hospitality: None – Mission Festival

Church Cleaners: Miller/Lentz School: Hendrickson

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:00 am – Hospitality in Fellowship Hall  
11:15 am – Sunday School Staff Meeting  
11:30 am – Quarterly Voters Meeting  
11:30 am – Dorcas Guild Meeting

**Oct. 19-21:** CLC Teachers' Conference @ Okabena, MN (No School)

**Sun., Oct. 23:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School  
10:00 am – Mission Festival Worship Service  
11:00 am – Mission Festival Fellowship and Potluck

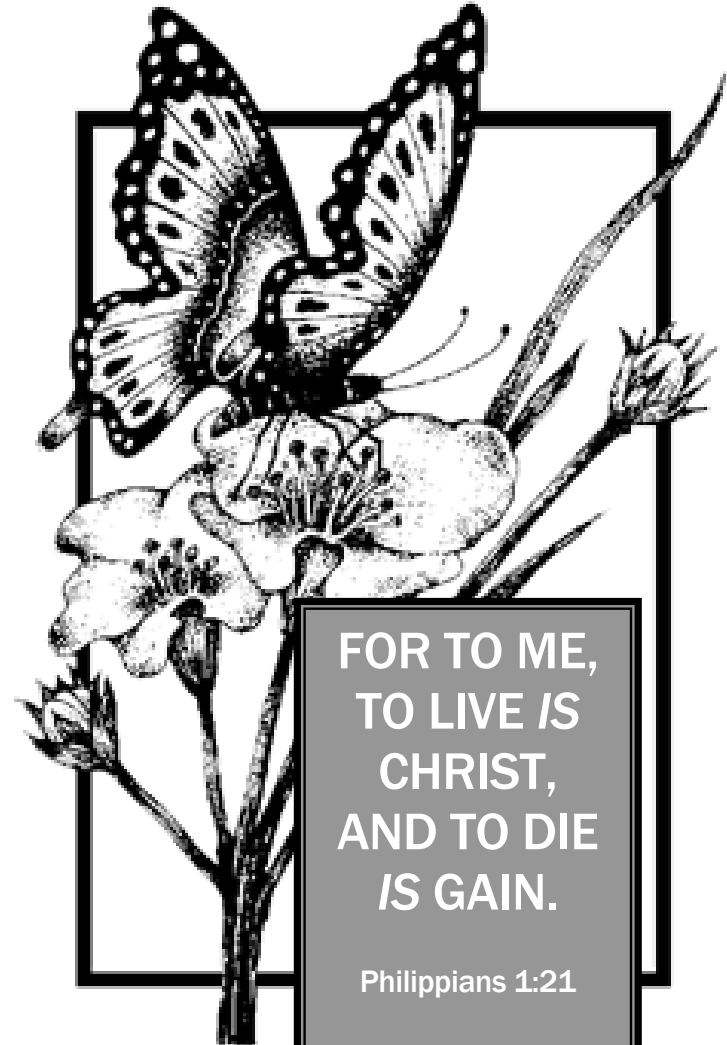
**Wed., Oct. 26:** 2:30 pm – Chiquettes (Little One's Story Hour, Theme: Pumpkins)  
4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Children

**Sun., Oct. 30:** Reformation Sunday

**Last Week's Stats:** Oct. 9, 2005 B.Cl.: 46 S.S.: ?? Worship: 140

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,556.51	CLC:	957.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,933.00	CLC:	846.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-376.49	CLC:	+111.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	111,505.20	CLC:	32,643.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	120,253.00	CLC:	34,686.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-8,747.80	CLC:	-2,043.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	8.00	Tuition:	51.00
GLC Other: 106.60	MDF:	18.00	Kinship:	102.00
ILC Improv.: 7.00	ILC Bldg.	16.00	CEF:	37.00

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FOR TO ME,  
TO LIVE IS  
CHRIST,  
AND TO DIE  
IS GAIN.

Philippians 1:21