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† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson *Elder:* Benno Sydow

Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Keith Radichel; Dave Rust; Bill Ryan; James Squires; Eli Wales

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

Church Cleaners: Ochsner

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Keith Radichel; Dave Rust; Bill Ryan; James Squires; Eli Wales

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

Church Cleaners: Unknown

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – 50th Anniversary Worship Service
 50th Anniversary Video Presentation
 Fellowship Meal
 7:00 & 8:00 pm – Softball @ Field 2
 7:00 pm – Chaska Worship

Wed., June 28: 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., July 2: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper

Sun., July 9: 9:00 am – Worship Service
 10:15 am – Board Meetings; 11:00 am – Council

Sun., July 16: Quarterly Voters Meeting

July 31-Aug. 4: Vacation Bible School

Last Week's Stats:		June 18, 2006	Sun.: 122		
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,179.24	CLC:	650.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,970.00	CLC:	850.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-790.76	CLC:	-200.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	71,374.77	CLC:	20,617.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	74,250.00	CLC:	21,250.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,875.23	CLC:	-633.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	13.00	Tuition:	67.00	
GLC Other:	210.00	MDF:	12.00	Kinship:	62.00
ILC Student Aid.:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	12.00	IIF: 12.00	CEF: 13.00

GRACE

Grace Lutheran Church & School

50 Years of Grace GLORY BE TO GOD!



*I was glad when they said to me,
 "Let us go into the house of the LORD."*

Psalm 122:1

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Church Year: 50th Anniversary/Pentecost 3

Date: June 25, 2006

GLORY BE TO GOD!

Prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we thank and praise You for this day of worship as we celebrate fifty years of Grace. Through Word and Sacrament You have kept Your divine appointment to abide with us. We pray that You would preserve us in the Christian faith so that by Your grace we may follow the Savior into the Kingdom of heaven which He has prepared for us. Fill us with the sincere desire to worship You in Spirit and in truth and to serve You by going forth and sharing with others the precious Word of Life for their soul's salvation. In Jesus' saving name we pray. Amen.

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation:..... *Psalm 150, TLH p. 157*

Trio:..... *Sing to the Lord with a Joyful Sound*

Invocation & Welcome:

Hymn:..... *TLH 639: For Many Years, O God of Grace*

1. For many years, O God of grace,
This church has been Thy dwelling place
And we Thy congregation.
Upon the precious Cornerstone
Our faith is built, and Christ alone
Is still our one Foundation.
Today We pray: "Let us greet Thee,
Lord, and meet Thee Here with singing,
All our praises to Thee bringing."



Its All About Grace:

The word "grace" is a charming word. There is a hymn in our Lutheran Hymnal that begins: "Grace! 'tis a charming sound, harmonious to the ear ...". There is good reason why the name "Grace" was chosen for this congregation. The name is an acknowledgement of God's love, an expression of faith, as well as a witness to the message proclaimed from its pulpit.

Words take on different meanings to different people depending upon their understanding and the circumstances. Grace is a female name. It is used to define elegance or dignity, or even movement. It is used to describe a period of time following a due date- a grace period. Christians speak of saying grace, that is praying. But what is the meaning and significance of the word in the life of the church?

Grace is the "unmerited favor and love of God." God the Father is gracious because "God is love." In love He manifests His grace to sinful man, not because man is deserving, but because God Who desires the salvation of all is good! He is gracious.

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us ... when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son ..." (Romans 5:8,10). That is grace! The Apostle Paul rejoiced in the undeserved love of God as he testified that "the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant" (1 Timothy 1:14) toward him. Paul testified to this abundant grace in Ephesians 2:8: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works lest anyone should boast." Paul had a future in heaven. By grace! Not by works or personal merit. By grace alone through faith alone! Scripture says, "And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace; but if it is of works, it is no longer of grace; otherwise work is no more work" (Romans 11:6).

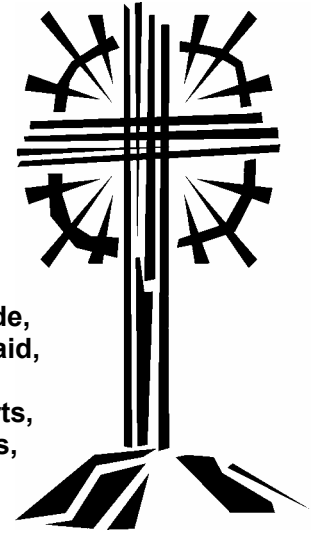
God has shown His grace to all in the person of Jesus Christ. He calls to all through the means of grace- the Gospel in Word and Sacrament in order that "faith which comes by hearing" may be created and sustained in the heart, for without faith in Christ it is not possible to enter into eternal life.

Under God's grace this congregation was begun. For fifty years Grace Lutheran Church has proclaimed the saving grace of God. This congregation will remain relevant so long as its message reflects the grace that gave it birth, the grace that brings salvation- so long as the Gospel of Christ remains the heart and core of its teaching. This congregation is all about grace- grace received and grace proclaimed. For 50 years of His grace, give thanks to God! By grace stand fast in grace.

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Welcome:** It is wonderful to have former members of Grace and other visitors come and share in our thanksgiving to God for His marvelous blessings of grace upon our congregation. Please come back and visit us in the future! Following today's service and video presentation, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for a celebration meal. Please come and share in remembrances and in expressing our Christian fellowship.
- ◆ **Thanks:** We thank all those who have been involved in the planning and implementation of today's celebration. We thank the former pastors for coming and sharing the Word with us. Pastor Daniel Fleischer now serves Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX, and Professor Ude serves Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. Also, thanks to Marie Stifter for putting together the video presentation as a way to highlight how God has richly blessed our Christian family.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Clint Welker was diagnosed this past week with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL). He requests our prayers for his health. May the Lord provide comfort to our brother through His Holy Word.
- ◆ **Lutheran Spokesman Registration:** The signup list for this edifying publication is located by the guest book.
- ◆ **The Branches:** Copies of an advertisement with further details for this CLC women's publication are by the guest book.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Teacher Candice Ohlmann has returned the call to Our Savior's in Jamestown, ND. Graduate Jeffrey Karnitz has been called as an additional faculty member at St. Stephen in Mountain View, CA.
- ◆ **CLC Convention:** This past week the Lord richly blessed our Convention with fruitful devotions, discussion, and implementation of business matters. The theme of the Convention was, "The Fields are White for Harvest." Of interest is that the following former Grace confirmands were involved as delegates: Rick Nelson, Craig Ryan (elected to Board of Regents), Brian Radichel, Marty Rosendahl, Teacher Jay Sydow, Teacher Nathan Wales, and Pastor Joel Fleischer. Also attending the communion worship service were Neal Radichel, Jeff Radichel, Teresa (Nelson) Bernthal, and Joey Nelson. This in itself demonstrates how marvelously the Lord has blessed the training ground of our congregation with faithful servants even if some may no longer be members at Grace. In terms of business, due to a bequest into the Mission Development Fund, it was resolved to use the funding to start calling a second foreign missionary to work in India. The Convention also directed that the ILC Student Aid Fund Endowment be a top priority with a goal to fund it with a million dollars. This is an endowment in which the investment earnings of its principal are used to help students attending ILC with grants, loans, and scholarships. Currently the endowment has a principal of about \$255,000. In addition, the Convention decided to expand the proposed building project for ILC to not only include classrooms, but also office space and the library. The projected cost, including repurposing of Ingram Hall, is \$2.84 million. Designate donations toward this project as ILC Building. Many other issues of business were conducted and will be reported later.

2. Here children have been born anew
As manifold as morning dew,
Their vows to Thee confessing.
Here many found a table spread,
They ate Christ's body with the bread
And drank the cup of blessing.
Today We pray: "Let none falter
At Thine altar. We adore Thee,
Gladly worship here before Thee."
3. Here when the marriage vows were made,
Both bride and groom besought Thine aid,
Thy love their own transcending.
Here mourners, with their troubled hearts,
Have found the peace Thy Word imparts,
The joy that has no ending.
Today We pray: "May the story
Of Thy glory Here resounding
Be a song of grace abounding!"



Confession and Absolution:

- C:** Lord God, heavenly Father, we stand before You today as recipients of Your grace. For fifty years we have enjoyed the proclamation of Your Gospel from our pulpit and in our classrooms. Throughout our history You have been faithful to us, providing for all our needs. Yet we must confess to our shame that at times our zeal to hear and to share Your Gospel message has faltered. We do not always receive Your Word with joy. We fail to keep Your commandments to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We indeed deserve Your judgment for our many sins. For this, O Lord, we humbly ask for Your forgiveness. We do not trust in our own merits, for we have none. Rather we trust in the merits of Your dear Son, Jesus, our Lord and Savior!
- P:** The Gospel message of our Savior-God proclaims that Jesus was delivered up for our offenses and raised again for our justification. Our Lord assures us that when we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Having confessed your sins, it is my privilege as a called servant of the Word to announce unto you the forgiveness of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Glory Be to God: TLH 244, st. 1,4

1. Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

4. **Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings; Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings. Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!**

Choir:..... *We Walk By Faith*

Scripture Reading: *Ephesians 2:1-10*
The message of God's grace has been and is the theme at Grace.

Confession of Faith: *Luther's Explanation to the 3rd Article*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, nor come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the last day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

Hymn Medley of Grace: *Various Hymns*

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Grace! 'Tis a charming sound,
Harmonious to the ear;
Heav'n with the echo shall resound,
And all the earth shall hear. (TLH 374:1)

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly –
Wash me, Savior, or I die! (TLH 376:3)

God would not have the sinner die,
His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word doth teach
How man the blessed goal may reach. (TLH 245:3)

The Gospel shows the Father's grace,
Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That man might thus be justified. (TLH 297:1)



P: Holy and mighty God, on this anniversary of our congregation we praise You for the wonderful work You give Your Church to do, that Your saving Name may be known in all the earth.

C: We praise You for the people of the Church whom You prepare for the work of the ministry. We praise You, O Savior, for the Gospel of salvation which by Your Spirit You have imprinted upon our heart and soul.

P: Eternal and most merciful God, on this day of anniversary we pray that You would continue to be with us in the future as You have in the past, and that You keep us in Your saving grace.

C: We beseech You, O Lord, to keep Your flock firm in the faith and steadfast in our calling so that generations yet unborn may share with us Your gift of eternal life.

P: (Prayer requests)

The Lord's Prayer:

Benediction:

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

C [J]: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn:..... *TLH 19: All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

1. **All praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, power, and love,
The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills,
The God who every sorrow stills,--
To God all praise and glory!**

4. **The Lord forsaketh not His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their Refuge and their Rock,
Their Peace and their Salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand
He leads His own, His chosen band,--
To God all praise and glory!**

5. **Ye who confess Christ's holy name,
To God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's power proclaim,
To God give praise and glory!
All idols under foot be trod,
The Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!**



Anniversary Presentation: *Produced by Marie Stifter*

2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us
 Scorn the Christ, assail His ways.
 From our fears that long have bound us,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise.
 Grant us wisdom; grant us courage
 For the living of these days,
 For the living of these days.

4. Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom; grant us courage
 Serving You whom we adore,
 Serving You whom we adore.



Offering:

Prayers:

- P: O Lord, our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
- C: On this day of anniversary we give all glory to You alone as we remember the blessings of Your grace in the past and present, trusting You will continue to bless us into the future.**
- P: O Lord, our God, how glorious is Your Name in all the earth! You have made us, and You still preserve us with everything we need to nourish our body and bring joy to our life.
- C: You have done this as our good and gracious Father in heaven by Your goodness and love.**
- P: O Lord, our God, how glorious is Your Name in all the earth! You have united us into one family with our Lord Jesus Christ and kept us in the true faith through the declaration of Your Word in truth.
- C: You fill our lives with rich gifts of the Holy Spirit: an unwavering trust, the love that knows no limit and no end, and the courage that never fails in time of trial and in time of death.**
- P: Holy and righteous God, on this anniversary of our congregation we thank You that You have so bountifully blessed us for fifty years and given us opportunity to glorify Your Name and proclaim Your wonderful works from one generation to another.
- C: We thank You for upholding our flock through fortune and misfortune, through times of war and peace, of recession and prosperity: and we thank You especially for those now fallen asleep who served Your Church in the past, who remained faithful to the end, and now have received the crown of life through Christ Jesus.**

Amazing grace – how sweet the sound –
 That saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost but now am found,
 Was blind but now I see. (WS 777:1)

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
 My soul, believe and doubt it not.
 Why stagger at this word of promise?
 Hath Scripture ever falsehood taught?
 Nay, then this word must true remain:
 By grace thou, too, shalt heav'n obtain. (TLH 373:1)

When darkness veils His lovely face,
 I rest on His unchanging grace;
 In ev'ry high and stormy gale
 My anchor holds within the veil.
 On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
 All other ground is sinking sand. (TLH 370:2)

May Thy rich grace impart
 Strength to my fainting heart,
 My zeal inspire!
 As Thou hast died for me,
 Oh, may my love to Thee
 Pure, warm, and changeless be,
 A living fire! (TLH 394:2)

Here may we gain from heav'n
 The grace which we implore,
 And may that grace once giv'n,
 Be with us evermore Until that day
 When all the blest To endless rest
 Are called away! (TLH 465:4)



Devotion:..... *1 Samuel 12:7*



Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD of all the righteous acts of the LORD, which he did to you and to your fathers. (NKJV™)

"Glory be to God for the Past"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Daniel Fleischer
 Service: 1978-1998

Hymn:..... *Tune of TLH 370, Words: Werner Franzmann*

All: 1. How blest and holy is this place
Here flowed these fifty years God's grace
For sinners who could bring no claim
Except our great Redeemer's name.

REFRAIN: How blest and holy is this place
Where we see God in all His grace.

Men: 2. All those who in our pulpit stood
Proclaimed the mercies of our God;
"O sinners, you are justified
Through My dear Son, the Crucified."

ALL: REFRAIN

Women: 3. Behold the host of children brought
For whom baptism grace was sought.
Each infant, though by sin defiled,
Was cleansed and made God's holy child.

ALL: REFRAIN

All: 4. Here troubled souls their sins confessed;
Here pastors spoke to hearts distressed:
"This pardon is as good and true
As though your Savior dealt with you."

ALL: REFRAIN

All: 5. Lord, let Your altar witness bear
Of all who shared Your Supper there
And heard You pledge with gifts divine,
"You are forgiven; you are mine."

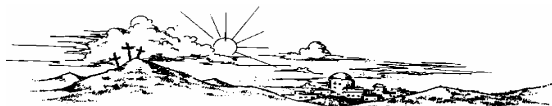
ALL: REFRAIN

Devotion:..... *Matthew 13:9*

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" (NKJVTM)

"Glory be to God for the Present"

Guest Speaker: Professor John Ude
Service: 1998-2005



It is finished.
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Hymn:..... *Tune of WS 780, Words: Werner Franzmann*

All: 6. It was through Word and Sacrament
The Spirit all His graces sent:
All faith and love, all strength and zeal
To do with joy the Savior's will.

REFRAIN: How blest and holy is this place
Where we see God in all His grace.

Women: 7. By God's redeeming love once stirred,
God's own were glad to hear His Word;
With those still lost their Christ to share
To spread Love's tidings ev'rywhere.

ALL: REFRAIN

Men: 8. Grace moved our fathers here to found
A school where sacred truths abound,
That children, rooted in true faith,
Might cling to Jesus until death.

ALL: REFRAIN

All: 9. Keep us, O God of boundless grace,
As such who run the heav'nward race,
Until, with all who went before,
We stand and sing on yonder shore:
"How great and glorious is this place:
Here we see Jesus face to face."

Devotion:..... *Philippians 3:13-14*

"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (NKJVTM)

"Glory be to God for the Future"

Speaker: Pastor John Hein
Service: 2005-Present

Hymn:..... *WS 764: God of Grace and God of Glory*

1. God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.



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