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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 16

Date: September 24, 2006

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 84, TLH p. 139, f.*

Hymn: *TLH 462: I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 5 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

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

P: Trust in the Lord and do good;

C: Dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

P: Delight yourself in the Lord,

C: And He will give you the desires of your heart.

P Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this.

C: The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord, He is their stronghold in time of trouble. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 377, st. 10*

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise

To Father, Son, and Spirit,

The God that saved us by His grace, - All glory to His merit!

O Triune God in heaven above,

Who hast revealed Thy saving love,

Thy blessed name be hallowed.

First Reading: *Romans 16:16-20*

The love that exists in a Christian fellowship is based on the truth of the Word.

Gradual:

P: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

C: How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out.

P For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C: To Him be the glory forever and ever! Amen.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always.

C: I will say it again: Rejoice! Alleluia.

Second Reading: *John 15:9-19*

Jesus knows that the world will hold things against His believers. He therefore encourages his disciples to love one another, building up a support group that relies on His Holy Word.

Baptism: *Naomi Jo Story*

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

Hymn: *WS 750: See This Wonder in the Making*

1. See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.
2. Miracle each time it happens As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, "Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!"
3. Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place her, With Your love and peace embrace her.
4. Here we bring a child by nature; Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.

Sermon: *Ephesians 3:8-21*

(1) I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, (2) with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, (3) endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (4) *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; (5) one Lord, one faith, one baptism; (6) one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all. (NKJVTM)

"The Warmth and Comfort of Christian Fellowship"

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 464: Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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

Hymn: *TLH 47: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

Silent Prayer:

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 visit with you!

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Among Us:** This past Thurs. night Myrland Lang, father of Jessie Maestas, entered through the door of His living Savior to be with His Lord. Myrland was a member of our CLC congregation in Jamestown, ND, and had been served here at Grace for about a year and a half. The funeral will be held on Oct. 2, 10 am, at Our Savior's Lutheran in Jamestown. Visitation will be the night before, Oct. 1, 5-8 pm at Eddy's Funeral Home. Cliff Schwieger has also had a serious set back the past few days. He had pneumonia a couple of weeks ago and it appears that it has taken its toll. Please keep him and his wife, Marion, in your prayers. Pal Dauer was released from the hospital last weekend from her pneumonia and her lungs have cleared up substantially. Annette Kuehne, nee Radichel (Ann and Frank's daughter), also has had further complications with her uterus. She was back in and out of the hospital late this week. Thankfully the baby is now in its final trimester. Bonnie Story was blessed with a baby girl, Naomi Jo, this past Tuesday! She was 7 lb. 15 oz., 21 inches long. We thank the Lord that she's a child of God through Holy Baptism this morning. Praise the Lord for this precious gift of life!

(Psalm 119:49-50) Remember the word to Your servant, Upon which You have caused me to hope. This *is* my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life.

- ◆ **Mission Festival:** Next Sunday will be our Mission Festival. Pastor Mark Bernthal of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran in Middleton, WI (Madison area), will be our guest speaker. He is also the CLC Vice President. There will be a potluck following the worship service. Committee #3 will be serving.
- ◆ **Women's Seminar:** Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato, MN, invites fellow Christian women to join us for The Christian Women Today Seminar to be held on Sat., Oct. 7. This year's theme is "No Worries!" Jesus says, "I tell you, do not worry about your life ..." (Matt. 6:25). Registration forms may be found by the guest book. Please pick up a brochure and register by next Sunday, Oct. 1.
- ◆ **CLC Proceedings:** The business of this past summer's CLC Convention is all compiled into a booklet called the Proceedings. Copies are available by the guest book.

ON GETTING THE MOST OUT OF LIFE: Many people live their life by the philosophy that says, "Get the most out of life." Generally it is pursued, with the attitude that says, "... and get it as fast you can." This philosophy is fraught with all kinds of snares for society because of unscrupulous pursuit of the things that are perceived necessary for life, as well as frequent heartache and stress for the individual who engages in such pursuit. We do not do well to promote that philosophy or to pursue it.

Nevertheless, we wish that we could awaken such a single-minded purpose when it comes to things spiritual. Too frequently in matters of the spiritual another philosophy prevails. It is the attitude that says, "Put off today, what you can do tomorrow." If it were possible, it would be interesting in the context of the spiritual to ask the person who died yesterday what he gained by such delay! In a sense we do have the answer from the grave to that question. It comes from one who got the most out of life that he could possibly get. We are told, "He was clothed in fine linen and he fared sumptuously every day" (Luke 16:19). If indeed the fellow even had a spiritual thought, it was not enough to convince him to pursue it for "In hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom" (19:23). So it is true for those whose whole purpose in life is "to get all you can get out of life," and who give little or no thought to getting out of life, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul" (Matthew 16:26)?

Getting the "most out of life" without the Word of God as the most essential part of one's "getting" is a wasted life. It is difficult to convince people of that who think themselves to be getting along well without it. The proof of a wasted life without the Word of God and faith may not make an impression on them until it is too late- until judgment day when they are confronted with, "I never knew you" (Matthew 7: 23). The "convenient time" will have passed them by.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, God from all eternity, came down to earth. He was not about promoting His self-interest. He came to do the will of the Father in the Father's time. So He lived according to the Law, and under the Law. He fulfilled all and died, not at His time but the Father's! He redeemed us, rose again, and ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us. He who never slumbers or sleeps (Psalm 121:4) guards and keep us always having at heart our best interest for time and for eternity.

Life is a time of grace. It is a gift of God. Enjoy your life on earth under the Father's watchful eye. Use your gifts to the best of your ability to accomplish whatever it is that the Lord determines. But if you will be truly rich give up the attitude that says, "Get as much of this world's treasures and pleasures and do it as fast as you can." Forsake the mentality that says, "When I have accomplished for me what I want for me, then I will have time to address the greater riches, eternal in the heavens." Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God ..." (Matthew 6:33)

They who have accumulated through faith the riches in Christ that the Lord has laid up in store are truly rich. Child of God, pursue divine riches as quickly as you can. Faithfully hear the Word, for no one knows what tomorrow will bring- whether life or death. Do not waste your life away pursuing the things of this life with an all-consuming passion that causes loss of focus on the one thing needful. The things of this life that one may not get today will be of little consequence if today is one's last day on earth. The eternal things that one may lose because he has been too busy "getting the most out of life," will not be here tomorrow if there is no tomorrow. In matters of faith today is the day! The day of the Lord is drawing nearer. You think not? Have you ever walked through a cemetery and read the dates on the stones?

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Benno Sydow

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: E. Lentz/Miller School: Dick

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

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

Hospitality: None – Team 2 delayed until following week.

Church Cleaners: ?? School: Dick

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:00 am – Hospitality

Sept. 27-28: CLC Coordinating Council @ Eau Claire, WI

Wed., Sept. 27: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Fri., Sept. 29: School Field Trip @ Renaissance Festival

Sun., Oct. 1: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Mission Festival Service w/ Lord's Supper
11:00 am – Mission Festival Potluck

Sat., Oct. 7: 9:30 am – Women's Seminar @ Mankato, MN

Last Week's Stats: Sept. 17, 2006 B.Cl.: 40 S.S.: 24 Sun.: 137 Wed: 20

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	1,725.40	CLC:	980.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,970.00	CLC:	850.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,244.60	CLC:	+130.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	109,011.87	CLC:	32,576.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	112,860.00	CLC:	32,300.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-3,848.13	CLC:	+276.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	1.00	Tuition:	16.00	
GLC Other:	185.25	MDF:	65.00	Kinship:	60.00
ILC Student Aid..:	15.00	ILC Bldg.	3.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 61.00

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Lead a life
worthy of the calling ...
making every effort
to maintain the unity
of the Spirit in
the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:1-3