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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 23

Date: November 12, 2006

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 103, TLH p. 145 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 630: Ye Parents, Hear What Jesus Taught*

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

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

P: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, Whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

P: Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in His ways.

C: You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.

P: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine with your house;

C: Your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

P Thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord.

C: May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem, and may you live to see your children's children. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *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!

First Reading: *Romans 8:14-17*

Our most important family connection is that as children of God.

Gradual:

P: I will pour out My Spirit on all people.

C: Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

P It is with the heart that man believes and is justified,

C: And it is with his mouth that he confesses and is saved.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful people,

C: And kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

Children: *In Ev'ry Time (Written for the CLC 25th Anniversary)*

Second Reading: *John 19:25-27*

We see Jesus' care of His earthly family even in His dying moments.

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

Hymn: *TLH 626, st. 1,3-4: O Happy Home*

Sermon: *Ephesians 6:1-4*

(1) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. (2) "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: (3) "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." (4) And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. (NKJV)

"God's Blessing and Order of Family"

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 625: Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall*

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

Hymn: *WS 800: Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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 religious impact of home upon children comes from the whole life of the family. The effective influence is not what parents say, but what they are and do." - Unknown

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

◆ **Among Us:** Melinda Kitzman's kidney removal surgery went very well this past Monday at Methodist Hospital. Amazingly, they were able to keep most of the kidney. Pathology tests did reveal that the encapsulated tumor was cancerous as anticipated. Mindy has suffered a severe migraine all week long. Gilbert Maestas is hospitalized at Fairview-Southdale. Tests revealed that he has another back tumor and ulcers. As He has promised, may the Lord tenderly care for His children.



◆ **Dorcas Guild:** There will be a special meeting today following hospitality.

◆ **Thanksgiving Worship:** In a little over a week it will be Thanksgiving. Our worship service will be on Wed. evening, Nov. 22, at 7:00 pm. What an opportunity for us to come before the throne of God's grace to praise His name for all the blessings He extends to us on a daily basis! *"It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night, ..."* Psalm 92:1-2.



◆ **Sewing Machines:** The 6th - 8th grade home economics class is going to be sewing after Christmas and they are in need of three sewing machines. If anyone has one that they could loan for 6 - 8 weeks, please speak to Janelle Hein.

◆ **Christmas Music Recital:** As last year, a recital of our young musicians is again being planned. Right now it is tentatively planned for hospitality on December 10. Please speak with Janelle Hein if you plan on participating in this event.



◆ **Mission Trip:** We have two CLC pastors who are now on a visitation to the CLCI and BELC in India -- Todd Ohlmann of St. Louis and Joel Fleischer of Marquette. Their email reports have been gathered and posted on the CLC Missions website. To read them, go to www.clclutheran.org/missions, and click on the first item under "What's New."

◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Seventh Commandment

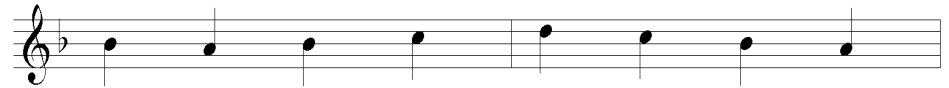
Go, My Children, With My Blessing



1. Go, my chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
 2. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
 3. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ish-ed, Clo-ser to Me;
 4. I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by ser-ving, Joy-ful and free.
 I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace:



In My love's bap-tis-mal riv-er
 Here you heard My dear Son's sto-ry;
 Here My Spir-it's pow-er filled you;
 I the Lord will be your Fa-ther,



I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
 Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
 Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
 Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing -- You are My own.
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ish-ed, Joy-ful and free.
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

"STRONG MARRIAGES KEY TO SOCIAL ILLS ...": "Duh," as the saying is. Is this news? To some it apparently is. This was the headline of an article in the Caller-Times February 12. The director of a local social organization (YOU) said, "There is a lot of research and studies that show healthy marriages are an indicator of children doing better." She also said, "We are not saying marriage. We are saying healthy marriages." The group's concern is the increase in teenage mothers, the divorce rate and families living in poverty.

The reference to the increase in teenage motherhood, no doubt unmarried teens, is indeed a concern for the Christian, beginning with the fact that sexual activity outside of marriage is sin. It does not appear that too many are concerned about that in our society, but only the social consequence. The divorce rate is also a concern of Christians, not only because of the social consequence, but first of all because breaking a marriage is in principle a rejection of God's order concerning marriage, namely that it is to be a life long union of one man and one woman so long as both shall live. Whatever lies behind the concern, there is no question that the price that society has paid is enormous.

The sad reality is that unless the core problem is addressed not much will change. The real answer to the problem does not lie in more social programs. We surely agree that healthy marriages are essential to addressing and alleviating social ills. But healthy marriages are not in themselves the answer since what makes a healthy marriage is very subjective in many minds. Furthermore, healthy marriages have also produced unhappy results that have contributed to the problem. We live in a sinful world!

So what is a healthy marriage as Christ believers define it? A healthy marriage is more than a materially successful union. It is more than being highly thought of and being a pillar in society. It is more than just getting along. A healthy marriage is one where the foundation is Christ, and where father and mother and children have respect for the Word of God. A healthy marriage revolves around the Lord Jesus Christ as the focus of the family. Members of that family sit at the cross together in confession of their sin, and with faith in the Lord Jesus Christ Who has taken away their sin. A healthy marriage is one in which parents and children understand their responsibilities within their *divinely* assigned sphere. It manifests itself in mutual love and concern for one another with the common goal of seeking to glorify the Lord. Essential to a healthy marriage and then to a functioning Christian family is "submitting to one another in the fear of God" (Ephesians 5:21). A marriage where there is an understanding of the Law (sin) and the Gospel (grace) and where each is applied is one in which children will flourish, for they need to know the parameters of right and wrong, as well as the grace of forgiveness that is in Jesus. Where children see that matters of faith are as important to father and mother as father and mother make them for the children, there will be a bond that will grow within the family. Strong marriages established upon the sure and merciful Word of God are more than a key to social ills - they are essential to the spiritual life of everyone in the family, and indeed without spiritual life grounded and rooted in Christ social ills will continue to grow!

We are always amazed at how society arrives at the conclusion which Christ believers have always known. But then we are not too hopeful that much will change. The article said, "The group is not defining the word marriage either." Therein lies one symptom of the problem. Jeremiah said, "Now therefore, amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; then the Lord will relent concerning the doom that He has pronounced against you" (Jeremiah 26:13).

Hear the Word of the Lord, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." That is the Heavenly Father's word to His children. He will bless in every way, including with a "healthy marriage," those who walk in his ways.

By Rev. Daniel Fleischer (2/20/2005)

THE BLESSING OF FAMILY: More and more in these confusing times the definition of what a family is changes. Very few among us can remember the time when people were born in an area, raised in the area, married someone from the area, and then worked and raised the family there. There are many reasons for the change. In our mobile society we should not expect it to be the way it was. We would not suggest a return to such days, if for no other reason than the past is past. In spite of the fact that sins and the consequences for a family and family life was the same in years past as today it is nevertheless to be regretted that - to be kind - it appears that there is less and less appreciation for family and family life. With the loss of family appreciation a sense of restlessness and "rootlessness" dominates. With as many divorces as marriages, with "shacking up," with homosexuality and abortion as axes that strike at the root of family we have lost the emotional, spiritual, physical and psychological support that is an essential ingredient of family life. While there is no command to marry - that is, there is no sin connected with the single life as such - nevertheless our Lord instituted marriage and thereby also established family. He brings the solitary into families for the benefit and blessing of those within it. Family life increases the joy and shares the sorrows. As the individual family grows and expands, there are in-laws, grand children, grand parents, aunts and uncles and cousins, etc. Particularly blessed is that family where the members are one in Christ, one in faith and one in hope.

Much is made of compatibility. There is no greater glue that contributes to compatibility than oneness in Christ. The Christian family is not immune to heartache, affliction, or sorrow. But a singular faith means that through it all the Su(o)n still shines.

As years pass, family members will have as one writer put it "a museum of memories." Indeed some of the memories may not be pleasant, but even in that reality the memories of the pleasant times and experiences overcome the not so pleasant ones. Again particularly blessed is that family in which there is the confident hope in Christ that rejoices in the promises of the heavenly Father, namely that none will be lost to heaven who believe in the Lord Jesus. Yes, the family that **believes** together stays together! By Rev. Daniel Fleischer (7/4/2004)

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Michael Dick

Ushers: Jeff Radichel; Gerald Anderson; Dan Degnan; Matt Dick; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow; Andrew Rosendahl

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

Hospitality Team 7: Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland

Church Cleaners: Eichstadt

School: Sandhoefner

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Jeff Radichel; Gerald Anderson; Dan Degnan; Matt Dick; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow; Andrew Rosendahl

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

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

Church Cleaners: Sydow

School: Vandever

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:00 am – Hospitality (Dorcas Meeting afterward)
11:15 am – Boards; 12:00 pm – Council Mtg.

Wed., Nov. 15: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Fri., Nov. 17: 12:00 pm – School Dismissal (GP2 Ends)

Sun., Nov. 19: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service; 11:00 am – Hospitality

Wed., Nov. 22: 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Worship

Thu., Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Day

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 5, 2006 B.Cl.: 47 S.S.: 31 Sun.: 136 Wed: 19

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	3,007.39	CLC:	685.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,970.00	CLC:	850.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+37.39	CLC:	-165.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	127,367.84	CLC:	40,005.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	133,650.00	CLC:	38,250.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-6,282.16	CLC:	+1,755.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition:	24.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	25.00	IIF: 50.00	CEF: 25.00

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