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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 19

Date: October 7, 2007

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 119, Part XIII, TLH p. 151*

Hymn: *TLH 284: Father of Mercies, in Thy Word*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 15 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie): *TLH, pp. 16-17*

P: Your name, O Lord, endures forever,

C: Your renown, O Lord, through all generations.

P: Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord;

C: Praise Him, you servants of the Lord, you who minister in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

P: Your name, O Lord, endures forever,

C: Your renown, O Lord, through all generations. 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 Thessalonians 3:6-13*

Paul marvels at the work of God done at the church in Thessalonica.

Gradual:

P: Oh the depths 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! Amen.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, ...

C: That we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Matthew 24:1-14*

Signs of the end of the age, in particular many false teachers rising up.

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed, TLH p. 22*

Hymn: *TLH 296: Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth*

Sermon: *Jeremiah 26:1-7*

(1) In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD, saying, (2) "Thus says the LORD: 'Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the Lord's house, all the words that I command you to speak to them. Do not diminish a word. (3) 'Perhaps everyone will listen and turn from his evil way, that I may relent concerning the calamity which I purpose to bring on them because of the evil of their doings.' (4) "And you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: "If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law which I have set before you, (5) "to heed the words of My servants the prophets whom I sent to you, both rising up early and sending them (but you have not heeded), (6) "then I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth." ' ' (7) So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. (NKJVTM)

"THE LORD SENDS THE MESSENGER WITH THE MESSAGE"

1. *The Lord's Word to the messenger*

2. *The messenger's word to the people*

3. *The purpose of the message*

Guest Speaker: Pastor Daniel Fleischer

- Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi, TX



Hymn: *WS 780: Dear Lord, to Thy True Servants Give*

Offertory, Offering, & Prayer: *TLH p. 22 f.*

Liturgy for the Lord's Supper: *TLH p. 24 ff.*

Distribution: *TLH 305; TLH 485*

Note: In obedience to God's Word, and out of concern for the welfare of souls (1 Corinthians 11:29), and finally that we may honestly express the unity of faith and hope that binds us, we ask that only such as have identified with Grace through public confession of faith or another CLC congregation, approach the altar at the usher's direction.



Nunc Dimittis, Prayer, Benediction: *TLH 29 ff.*

Hymn: *TLH 52: Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

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 †

- ◆ **Thanks:** to Pastor Daniel Fleischer for sharing the Word of God with us today! Since Pastor Fleischer was in the area, he offered to preach. He is a former pastor at Grace Lutheran. He and his wife, Barb, live in Corpus Christi, TX.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Lyle LaCroix had to have emergency brain surgery Sunday night. Apparently he had some bleeding, not from a stroke, but possibly from one of his falls due to fainting spells. He is at the U of MN medical center. Doctors are still trying to figure out why he has been fainting. Also Linda Wagner moved back home on Tuesday, but with long-term care provided by a full-time health care attendant. As you may recall, she broke two ribs about 2 weeks ago and has dementia. Shauna Rhinesmith's and Brandt Wendland's mother, Tonya, has been experiencing incredible pain, becoming immobile over the past couple of months. The doctors think it may be rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, or some other autoimmune problem, but she will be seeing a specialist in another week or so.
- ◆ **Voters' Meeting:** In that Mission Festival is Oct. 21, the regular time for our Voters meeting, our quarterly Voters meeting is slated for next week. This was scheduled on our annual calendar last year. Remember, the October meeting is now when we do our budgeting for next year.
- ◆ **Mission Festival:** Two weeks from today, Oct. 21, is Mission Festival. This year's guest speaker will be Pastor David Baker from the Chicago, IL, area. He was one of the participants in this year's Mission Helper program, making a trip to India. Following our worship service (at normal time, 10:00 am), we will have a potluck meal in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #6 – Fourth Commandment.



APPRECIATING THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR LITURGY

We have said it before, and we reiterate it - Scripture does not outline for us the form of the liturgy that we use in our services. The form of the liturgy falls within the area of Christian freedom. To insist that we must use a particular form goes beyond Scripture. Nevertheless, we insist on this, namely, that the liturgy is to be at all times based upon as well as drawn from Scripture. It is to be a statement of truth. In that it is conducted we trust "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," it should glorify the Triune God.

Frequently conflict arises between the generations on any number of subjects related to life. The older generation is viewed as stuck in the past. The younger is viewed as trying to cast the past away. This conflict is nothing new, and it will continue. It is the nature of life. It also affects church life, and thus liturgical form and practice.

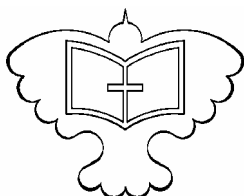
The challenge is to maintain in Christian love a balance between the old and the new. This is a challenge with a capital "C." We suggest it first begins with avoiding extremism on both sides as though somehow or other neither party to the discussion can profit from the liturgical form of the other. Is God's Word there? Where God's Word is there is blessing regardless of the form!

There is comfort in that with which one is acquainted. Even members of the younger generation will learn that as they become "seasoned citizens." In this context there is a comfort level with the liturgy with which many older people grew up. The liturgy of our church is beautiful and meaningful because from the invocation to the benediction it is Gospel oriented. Whether chanted, spoken, or sung the Gospel is evident. Whether in old English or modern English- and there is reason to recognize the benefit of respectful yet modern English- the Gospel predominates. Whichever liturgy one prefers, the chief elements should remain- the invocation, confession of sins, absolution, the sermon and its application, scripturally sound and substantive hymns, the benediction. The liturgy should be orderly, and not innovative for the sake of innovation. It is a challenge to put together a good and purposeful liturgy if one chooses to use one different from that which has been proven by time and experience. Not every pastor has this gift. A poorly ordered and poorly thought out liturgical change or service can indeed be detrimental to one's worship life and disturb the devotion of the hearer. If one is going to create an alternative to our historical liturgy we hope that it is just that, an alternative, and not replacement that buries the liturgy with which many are familiar in the dusty archives, never to be seen again.



It strikes this observer who has commented on it frequently that if the Lord called one from this life during our worship service it could be said that the individual died hearing the Gospel if he heard no more than the invocation and/or the absolution. That in itself commends appreciation of our historic liturgy, and that at very least careful attention be given when creating an alternative. This is one pastor who does not think that he can improve upon the past. The occasional changes utilized are minimal. In the view of some that may make this writer one of the sticks in the mud.

The blessing inherent in our liturgy also suggests that the worshiper should engage him or herself in participating in it. We want to be on guard against daydreaming, and against "vain repetition." By personal attentive participation parents should set an example and engage their children in the liturgical service to help them appreciate the blessings of worship. It also suggests that frequently we explain our liturgy and not just assume that people know why we are liturgical, or understand the meaning and blessing of it.



"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise... Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ ..." (Ephesians 5).

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 8/26/2007

✠ MONTHLY STATISTICS ✠

Monthly Statistics:	August Totals	Year-to-Date
Sunday Attendance	(Ave. 127.4) .. 637 ..	(Ave. 127.3) 4,966
Special Services	0 ..	(Ave. 76.9) .. 615
Sunday Bible Class	(Ave. 43.5) .. 174 ..	(Ave. 40.1) .. 843
Sunday School	(Ave. 25.0) ... 75 ..	(Ave. 21.8) .. 415
Wed. Bible Class	(Ave. 25.5) .. 102 ..	(Ave. 18.7) .. 262
Grace General Fund	\$14,890.48	\$115,179.36
Grace Tuition Fund	895.00	5,031.00
Grace Living Fund	302.00	2,146.27
Grace Dorcas	256.00	872.00
Grace Floor Fund	65.00	5,149.00
Grace Memorial Fund	25.00	542.00
Grace Project Undesignated	25.00	105.00
Grace Other	15.47	894.56
CLC Budget (Missions)	4,415.00	35,212.24
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	187.00	1,617.84
Mission Development (MDF)	551.33	2,129.33
Kinship (for orphans)	284.00	2,410.00
ILC Improvement (IIF)	70.00	1,618.00
ILC Building	95.00	1,759.97
ILC Student Aid	152.00	717.00
ILC Student Aid Endowment	0.00	0.00
Total Offerings:	\$22,228.28	\$175,383.57

The Bible is Our Basis ...

- ... for a foundation** *For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11*
- ... for strength** *God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1*
- ... for guidance** *Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. Psalm 119:105*
- ... for salvation** *Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12*
- ... for eternal life** *And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. John 17:3*
- ... for doctrine** *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16*
- ... for fellowship** *Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. Romans 16:17*
- ... for forgiveness** *In [Jesus] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:14*
- ... for love** *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10*
- ... for wisdom** *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10*
- ... for truth** *Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. John 17:17*
- ... for peace** *And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7*

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Benno Sydow

Ushers: Ed Lentz; Al Rosendahl; John Auel; Scott Baker;
David Stifter; Lyle Trulin; Michael Ude

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel;
Ryan Libby

Hospitality Team 5: Mark & Trudy Wales; Al Rosendahl;
Karen Auel

Church Cleaners: E. & V. Lentz School Cleaners: Maki

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Mike Dick; Larry Brandt; Roger Brandt; Scott Dauer;
Dale Enns; Scott Dauer; Larry Nelson; Lynn Sandhoefner

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

Hospitality Team 6: Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick;
Frank & Ann Radichel

Church Cleaners: E. & V. Lentz School Cleaners: Maki

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper (Pentecost 19)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:15 am – Boards; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting
MN Pastoral Conference @ Detroit Lakes, MN

Oct. 9-10: MN Pastoral Conference @ Detroit Lakes, MN

Wed., Oct. 10: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Oct. 14: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 20)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Voters & Dorcus Guild Meetings

Sun., Oct. 21: 10:00 am – Mission Festival Service
11:00 am – Mission Festival Potluck Meal

Sat., Oct. 27: 9:00 am – Work Day

Last Week's Stats: Sept. 30, 2007 Sun.: 116 S.S.: ? B.Cl.: 40 Wed.: 28

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	3,194.00	CLC:	1,106.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+164.00	CLC:	+146.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	115,179.36	CLC:	35,212.24
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	118,170.00	CLC:	37,440.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,990.64	CLC:	-2,227.76
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	201.00	Tuition:	183.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	9.00	Kinship:	55.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	7.00	IIF: 76.00	CEF: 25.00

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MY SOUL DOTH WAIT,
AND IN HIS WORD
DO I HOPE.

Psalm 130:5, KJV