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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 10 **Date:** July 20, 2008

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 119, Part II, TLH p. 149*

Hymn: *TLH 2: To Thy Temple I Repair*

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

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

- P: Righteous are You, O Lord, and Your laws are right.
- C: Oh, how I love Your law! I meditate on it all day long.**
- P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
- C: For they are ever with me.**
- P: How sweet are Your promises to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- C: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**
- P: Accept, O Lord, the willing praise of my mouth,
- C: And teach me Your laws. Glory be to God!**

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 250, st. 1,4*

**C: Holy God, we praise Thy name;
 Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
 All on earth Thy scepter claim,
 All in heaven above adore Thee.
 Infinite Thy vast domain,
 Everlasting is Thy reign.**




Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
 Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee
 And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

First Reading: *Romans 8:28-30*

Knowing that God has called us and will glorify us leads us to understand that all things will work together for good in our lives.

Gradual:
 P: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
C: His greatness no one can fathom.
 P: I will meditate on Your wonderful works,
C: And I will proclaim Your great deeds.
 P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
C: You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.



Second Reading: *Matthew 13:44-52*

When one discovers the treasure of the Gospel, he will cherish it himself.

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

Hymn: *TLH 454: Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire*

Sermon: *1 Kings 3:5-12*

(5) At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" (6) And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day. (7) "Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I *am* a little child; I do not know *how* to go out or come in. (8) "And Your servant *is* in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. (9) "Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" (10) The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. (11) Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, (12) "behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you." (NKJV™)

"ASK! WHAT SHALL I GIVE YOU?"

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 457: What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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

Hymn: *WS 792: Let All Things Now Living*

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:** Gene Rutz, brother-in-law of Benno Sydow, experienced his eternal rest yesterday. We thank the Lord that his battle is over and his victory is won. Lori Grimm was able to return home from the hospital this past Tuesday and is doing well. Richard Cowan thanks the congregation for all the support during his recovery from heart surgery. Last this past Tuesday, July 15, Ole and Shaina Olmanson were blessed with a baby boy, Magnus Bengt Olmanson. He was 7 lb., 11 oz., 21 in. long. Magnus was brought into God's family yesterday through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. May he be a blessing to his family as the Lord keeps him in his baptismal grace.
- ◆ **Voters Meeting:** Today is our quarterly Voters meeting following the church service.
- ◆ **Dorcas Guild:** The Dorcas Guild will meet next Sunday, July 27, following the church service.
- ◆ **Metro Ministry:** If you haven't received one in your mailbox, there are copies left by the guest book of the proposal regarding the metro ministry effort between Grace and Berea in Inver Grove Heights. We will be considering this today at our Voters' meeting. Please approach Pastor Hein or one of the Elders (Benno Sydow, Dave Rust, and Al Rosendahl) regarding any questions you might have.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** This week is our VBS, 9:00 - 11:30 am, Monday thru Friday. Friday it may last a little longer due to the VBS picnic. Children age 4 years, to children going into 8th grade are invited. Next Sunday these children will also participate in the worship service. Please consider this opportunity for spiritual growth by registering your children on the sheet by the guest book.
- ◆ **VBS Snacks:** A signup list is located by the guest book. Help with the picnic would also be appreciated.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Retired Prof. Michael Sydow found out early this week that his pancreatic cancer is advanced. Since surgery is not an option, chemotherapy is next, coupled with five-days-a-week-for-six-weeks radiation. Prof. Sydow says: Kathy and my thanks to all of you for your wonderful, encouraging spiritual support and your multitude of prayers.



Council Meeting Notes - July 20, 2008

The June Council meeting minutes were accepted as amended. The June treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Board of Education Report

- A used free copier is being pursued by Phil Radichel.
- Iowa Basic test information has been given to the parents.
- Stations are being created for VBS due to classroom renovation project.

Sound/Projection Sub-Committee

- Video Equipment: Tierney Brothers quoted about \$24,000 to provide video equipment. It includes more than what is necessary. Our estimate is \$7500.
- Audio Assistance Equipment: Our estimate is \$1500.
- Sound Control Station: The location is being discussed. Our estimate is \$900.
- Pastor's Office: Replacement of furniture is being considered. Concern over the amount of floor space the layout will provide. Our estimate is \$2121.40.

Board of Trustees Report

- The classroom renovation will not be completed in time for VBS. We are waiting for a door, carpeting, and painting.
- The next church workday is scheduled for mid-August.
- Some items being pursued are a pulley for the bell rope, rain seepage on the school wall, the walkway between the back door and the shed, a lawn mower battery issue, and a service for cleaning the fellowship floor. An air conditioner was placed in the parsonage bedrooms upstairs.

Pastor's Report

- VBS teacher positions have been filled, & teaching material has been ordered.
- There have been many inquiries about our school. This might be due to the possibility of Prince of Peace closing their school.

Board of Elders Report

- Motion to accept transfer of Rick and Heidi Nelson from Gethsemane of Saginaw, MI.
- The picnic went well.
- The piano dedication will possibly be in September.
- Pastor will be on vacation August 10 and 17. Scott Schiermeister and Aaron Ude will be guest pastors.

Other Business

- A convention report will be presented to the voters.
- Handbook revisions should be forwarded to Benno Sydow by September for publication in October.
- The tuition aid policy is being reviewed for possible revision for wider coverage.
- Much discussion and various concerns centered around the "Metro Ministry Outreach & Pastoral Help Proposal." It was then moved, supported, and passed to present it to the voters as printed on the proposal.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Dave Rust

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Don Dahlin, Jeremiah Boe, Bob Maki, Joel Stifter, Arnold Gehrls

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

Church Cleaners: Welker

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Don Dahlin, Jeremiah Boe, Bob Maki, Joel Stifter, Arnold Gehrls

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Michael Ude

Church Cleaners: Welker

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service
 Voters' Meeting Following
 7:00, 8:00 pm – Grace Softball Games

July 21-25: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

Sun., July 27: 9:00 am – Worship Service
 Dorcas Guild Meeting Following

Mon., Aug. 25: 10:00 am – ILC Opening Service

Last Week's Stats: July 13, 2008		Sun.: 117	
Sun. Offering:	Grace: 2,505.78	CLC: 905.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace: 3,225.00	CLC: 1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace: -719.22	CLC: -95.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace: 84,677.45	CLC: 26,916.35	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace: 90,300.00	CLC: 28,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace: -5,622.55	CLC: -1,083.65	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith: 1.00	Tuition: 125.00	
GLC Other: 272.00	MDF: 3.00	Kinship: 50.00	
ILC Student Aid: 25.00	ILC Bldg. 1,285.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 25.00

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9

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Solomon
 Asks for
 Wisdom

1 Kings 3:5-15

