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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

Church Year: Pentecost 19

Date: September 21, 2008

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: ..... *Psalm 51, TLH p. 134 f.*

Hymn: ..... *TLH 5: Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear*

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

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

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 249: Isaiah, Mighty Seer*

Isaiah, mighty seer, in days of old

The Lord of all in spirit did behold

High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,

With flowing train that filled the Temple quite.

Above the throne were stately seraphim;

Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.

With twain they veiled their faces, as was meet,

With twain in rev'rent awe they hid their feet,

And with the other twain aloft they soared,

One to the other called and praised the Lord:

"Holy is God, the Lord of Sab-ā-ōth!

Holy is God, the Lord of Sab-ā-ōth!

Holy is God, the Lord of Sab-ā-ōth!

Behold, His glory filleth all the earth!"

The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,

And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.



First Reading: ..... *Psalm 1*

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. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, ...

**C: And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.**

Christian Day School: ... *WS 789: Consider How the Birds Above*

Second Reading: ..... *Galatians 2:1-10*

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

Hymn: ..... *TLH 394: My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Sermon: ..... *Matthew 3:1-12*

(1) In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, (2) and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (3) For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'" (4) And John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. (5) Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him (6) and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. (7) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? (8) "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, (9) "and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as *our* father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. (10) "And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. (11) "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (12) "His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## "PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD"

Guest Speaker: Seminary Graduate Aaron Ude

Offertory: ..... *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: ..... *TLH 85, st. 1-3, 13-15: From Heaven Above*

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

Hymn: ..... *TLH 53: Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Thanks** to seminary graduate, Aaron Ude, for sharing the Word with us today! Aaron lives in Eau Claire with his wife, Megan.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Sarah Noeldner & Jeff Radichel invite the congregation to their wedding, Friday Oct. 3, 2008 at 7P at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI. This is the last Sunday to RSVP (box in narthex).
- ◆ **Hurricane Ike:** Great news! Power was restored here at the parsonage and the church here at Bethel. Praise God! It had been out since about 2:30am early Sat. morning. We are truly blessed to have it back so quickly since they are still estimating that some areas around us (mainly north of us) still may not have power for 3-4 weeks. Thank you all so much for your concern and prayers for me, the congregation, and our area. They are very much appreciated. As far as I've heard everyone in our congregation is safe. Nearly all have had debris and tree damage, but few have had serious house damage. I know my dad sent out an email letting most of you know that our church roof suffered damage and there has been leakage and some pretty substantial water damage esp. to the balcony of church. It smells and looks like there is already a mold problem in there. That is a major concern for us which may take a while to fix because of the location of the damage on a high, steep roof. The parsonage roof took some damage on one of its peaks as well, but the leakage wasn't great enough to seep through the attic. We do have a restoration and roofing company coming out to assess the damage and begin restoration/repair work. ... We all appreciate your continued prayers. Please also continue to pray for the people in Galveston and the coastal / flooded areas who have sustained much more damage and face much greater hardship than we have here north of Houston. – Pastor Luke Bernthal
- ◆ **Mission Word in South Africa:** Many are the Plans in the Mind of Man, but it is the Lord's Purpose that Will Be Established. Prov. 19:21 - One of our men from the ELCC (Congo) has now located in Johannesburg, South Africa and is trying to gather French speakers into a worship and congregation. Our man, Denis Mulumba, had been having up to 20 in a service, when the devil decided that was enough of that. Riots broke out by native South Africans against foreigners who they thought were taking their jobs. The people who had been coming were scattered as people fled for their lives from this area. Denis' family was protected by Zulu friends who got them away. The family's possessions were lost. Now Denis has relocated in a different area and will try to find the people who were scattered. Pray for his outreach efforts. He, like the apostle Paul, is doing 'tentmaking' work trying to work on computers and develop some contracts in this. Denis prays that in a year a group may be gathered such that they may register with the government. We put our trust in the Lord to bring forth the fruits of this work despite the devil's raging. In a visit to Johannesburg I was able to talk with Denis about the work. I also met his wife, Esther Nsamba, and baptized their baby, Eden Mbuyi. – Missionary David Koenig
- ◆ **Call News:** Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's in Okabena, MN, has received the call to Faith in Markesan, WI.

## Council Meeting Notes – September 14, 2008

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

### Pastor's Report

- Pastor expressed his thanks for the vacation time and financial support.
- Sunday School teachers were installed last week.
- Thanks to Ann Radichel for teaching music in our grade school over the years.
- Pastor has had some non-member contacts.
- Guest speakers
  - o Aaron Ude Sept 21 Men's Retreat
  - o Phil Matzke Oct 12 Mission Festival here at Grace
  - o Scott Schiermeister Oct 26 Pastor Hein - Mission Festival at Eagle Lake

### Board of Elders Report

- Mindy Kitzman requested verbally to be removed from membership. It was approved to present it to the voters.
- Attendance issues are still being addressed.
- The Metro Outreach will utilize current pastors and ILC resources.
- Dr. Menton will give a presentation at Grace on November 16, 2008.
- The piano dedication will be on November 2, 2008.
- Transportation to/from church is being considered for the U of M students that attend Grace.

### Board of Education Report

- Grace will pay for 2 students' tuition at ILC for the fall semester, \$1400 each.
- Ryan Libby's age likely caused an increase in medical insurance costs of \$47.
- The new board's chairman's term will be from October to September, to align more closely with the school year.
- The Secretary will research old minutes to determine who approves church and school policies and handbooks.

### Board of Trustees Report

- The school was prepared for the school year.
- A new garage door has been installed for the parsonage.
- Someone has offered to paint the cry room.
- The bell noise has been fixed.
- The flag pole area is cemented.

### Other Business

- Wording for the Living Faith Fund for the handbook was approved and will be presented to the voters.
- Locations for the sound/video equipment are being considered.
- New offering envelopes will be re-ordered.
- Our web site does not have room to keep history of videos for previous services. Old services will be kept on a personal computer for anyone to request.
- Budgets are due for the next Council meeting.
- Options are being looked into for storage for the school – space above the garage, rent climate-controlled storage.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson      Elder: Benno Sydow  
Ushers: Benno Sydow, Brian Eichstadt, Gary Gunther, Rich Rhinesmith, Jeff Stifter, Larry Nelson  
Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Pat Paplow  
Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Fred, Pal, & Scott Dauer; Dan & Cindy Degnan  
Church Cleaners: M. & J. Dick      School Cleaners: Ferris

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Benno Sydow, Brian Eichstadt, Gary Gunther, Rich Rhinesmith, Jeff Stifter, Larry Nelson  
Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales  
Hospitality Team 4: Mark & Trudy Wales; Al Rosendahl; Karen Auel  
Church Cleaners: M. & J. Dick      School Cleaners: Ferris

† OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service  
 11:00 am – Hospitality  
 3:30 pm – Our Redeemer's - Red Wing 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Wed., Sept. 24:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Study  
**Sept. 24-25:** CLC Coordinating Council @ Eau Claire, WI  
**Sun., Sept. 28:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School  
 10:00 am – Worship Service  
**Sun., Oct. 5:** Council Meeting  
**Sun., Oct. 12:** Mission Festival  
**Sun., Oct. 19:** Quarterly Voters Meeting

**Last Week's Stats:** Sept. 14, 2008    Sun.: 136    S.S.: ??    B.Cl.: 55    Wed.: 18

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,869.16	CLC:	722.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,225.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+762.55	CLC:	-278.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	109,003.15	CLC:	35,485.35
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	119,325.00	CLC:	37,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-10,321.85	CLC:	-1,514.65
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	1.00	Tuition:	67.00
GLC Other: 125.00	MDF:	4.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid: 120.00	ILC Bldg.	56.00	IIF: 25.00	CEF: 67.00

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