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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 27 **Date:** November 16, 2008

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 121, TLH p. 152*

Hymn: *TLH 39: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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

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

P: We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth.

C: In which righteousness dwells.

P: Show me, O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days;

C: Let me know how fleeting is my life.

P You have made my days a mere handbreadth;

C: The span of my years is as nothing before You.

P But now, Lord, what do I look for?

C: My hope is in You. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 570, st. 1, 8*

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| <p>1. Praise, oh, praise our God and King,
Hymns of adoration sing;
For His mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.</p> | <p>8. Glory to our bounteous King,
Glory let creation sing;
Glory to the Father, Son,
And the Spirit, Three in One!</p> |
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First Reading: *Genesis 1:1-2,26-2:3*

Of all creation, mankind was the pinnacle. He was made in the very image of God, holy and without sin. The very world in which Adam and Eve lived was perfect. It was not until their fall into sin that the Gospel would be necessary. Now we have an entire world of sinful humans to enlighten with the Gospel message of a Savior from sin.

Gradual:

P: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;

C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in You,

C: Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus promises: "I am the Alpha and the Omega,

C: The First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Colossians 1:15-20*

Christ is revealed as the One who is to have preeminence over all things. He was active in the creation of this world. He is still active in holding this world together. But in particular, it is the peace through His shed blood on the cross that truly matters. This is the essence of what enables us to be godly Christian missionaries to a world that denies its Creator.

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

Hymn: *WS 775, st. 1-4,6: Thy Strong Word*

Note: Women only on stanza 3; Men only on stanza 4.

Sermon: *2 Peter 3:3-10*

(3) Know this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, (4) and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation." (5) For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, (6) by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. (7) But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. (8) But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (9) The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (10) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. (NKJVTM)

"God's Prominent. Powerful Word in These last Days"

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *WS 744: How Great Thou Art*

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

Hymn: *TLH 15: From All that Dwell Below the Skies*

Council Meeting Notes - November 9, 2008

The October Council meeting minutes were accepted as amended. The October treasurer's report was accepted as presented. There were many counting errors in October. A demo would be beneficial.

Pastor's Report

- The piano dedication November 2 went well.
- Next Sunday is the creation seminar by Dr. Menton.
- Work is progressing on the Christmas Eve service.

Board of Elders Report

- An ad will be placed for the Christmas Eve program.
- Transportation for the U of M students to/from church was discussed. There is the possibility of renting a car from the U of M. The Board will pursue this with the students.
- November 16 is another Metro Outreach meeting.

Board of Education Report

- The school children will sing at Northtown on December 19.
- A handbook document was developed regarding volunteer teachers.

Board of Trustees Report

- The leaking water heater was replaced.
- A pew was fixed.
- The work day went well.
- A new shelf is under the bulletin boxes.
- Snow plowing is arranged.
- The cleaning list for 2009 is available.
- Orange cones could be used for markers in the parking lot after a snowfall.
- A new copy machine will be pursued.

PILGRIMS OF THE NARROW WAY:

As pilgrims of the narrow way, That leadeth unto life,
Our hearts grow faint and are beset With doubts and fears and strife.

We climb the winding mountain paths, We walk through a ravine,
With nothing by God's promises On which to rest and lean.

We hear the lion's angry roar, The wolves that lurk for prey;
But Christ is ever as our side To hold our foes at bay.

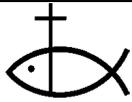
He cheers us with the living Bread, With milk and honeycomb,
And yonder are the city's gates, The pilgrim's happy home.

W.M. Czamanske, 1938

Illustrations of the Foundational Nature of Divine Creation

- 1) Divine creation is a foundation for the doctrine of Law.
Romans 2:14-15: for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, ...
- 2) Divine creation is a foundation for all that the Bible teaches us about death.
1 Corinthians 15:22: For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.
- 3) Righteousness and salvation on the earth are a result of God's creative activity.
Isaiah 45:8: Rain down, you heavens, from above, And let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, And let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it.
- 4) The Holy Christian Church and our own faith in Christ are the result of God's creative activity through the Gospel.
Isaiah 43:1: But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine."
- 5) Even our good works are the result of God's creative activity.
Ephesians 2:10: For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
- 6) All that the Bible teaches about marriage and sex is based on the fact of divine creation.
Genesis 2:22-24: Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
- 7) Divine creation reveals the evil nature of murder and abortion.
Genesis 9:6: Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.
- 8) The clear proclamation of divine creation is vital in doing mission work in our day.
Acts 14:15-17: [Where Paul is preaching to Gentiles who were not aware of the doctrine of creation] "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

▷ CREATION OR EVOLUTION ◁



Does it really matter?



"God saw all that He had made, and it was very good." Genesis 1:31

A seminar regarding Creation by Dr. David Menton



November 16, 2008

9:30 am - Berea Lutheran Church

9308 Rich Valley Blvd.
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077
Worship: 8:30 and 10:30 am
Phone: 651-454-7689

1:00 pm - Grace Lutheran Church

460 75th Ave NE
Fridley, MN 55432
Worship: 10:00 am
Phone: 763-784-8784

Dr. David Menton has been an avid public defender of God's truths as revealed to us in the Bible. He has maintained his stance on creation while adhering to factual, indisputable scientific evidence. He has lectured throughout North America on the Creation - Evolution controversy. Credentials:

- Ph.D. in cell biology from Brown University
- Retired Professor of Anatomy at Washington University School of Medicine

Our Lutheran Position from Scripture From the Brief Statement of 1932

We teach that God has created heaven and earth, and that in the manner and in the space of time recorded in the Holy Scriptures, especially in Genesis 1 and 2, namely, by His almighty creative word, and in six days. We reject every doctrine which denies or limits the work of creation as taught in Scripture. In our days it is denied or limited by those who assert, ostensibly in deference to science, that the world came into existence through the process of evolution; that is, that it has, in immense periods of time, developed more or less out of itself. Since no man was present when it pleased God to create the world, we must look for a reliable account of creation to God's own record, found in God's own book, the Bible. We accept God's own record with full confidence and confess with Luther's Catechism: "I believe that God has made me and all creatures."

For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. Exodus 20:11

For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. Hebrews 3:4

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. Psalm 33:6

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Creation Seminar:** Today, at 1:00 pm, we will be hosting Dr. David Menton for a creation seminar. In order to accommodate travel for our members, we will be holding a potluck following our worship service. This will be held in the fellowship hall. Committee #1 is asked to serve.
- ◆ **Cookie Bake:** The Dorcas Guild is having a Christmas cookie bake on Saturday, Nov. 22 starting at 10 am. Parents are welcome to bring their children with them.
- ◆ **2009 Cleaning:** The 2009 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ◆ **2009 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** Plans are underway for the next CLC Mission Helper Trip to India in July of 2009. Registration deadline is January 15, 2009. There is still room for more volunteers. More information can be found at: <http://www.clclutheran.net/MissionHelpers/>
- ◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** This year's Christmas concert will be held on Fri., Dec. 19, 7:30 pm, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI. Those who wish to sign up for a ride on the bus, there is a signup list for the trip by the guestbook. Due to Council policy, there is no cost for the trip.
- ◆ **ILC Publicity Update:** Now that most of the concrete slab has been poured, walls are going up for the new Academic Center. Studs started going up on November 3rd, and now sheeting has been going up. Block walls were also constructed for what will be the music room, a room that will also be utilized as a storm shelter. At the same time, wells are being drilled which will be used for the geothermal HVAC system. Some ILC students also volunteered their time to bury conduit for the building's fiber optic network. You can continue to monitor live progress of the construction via the web cams, along with a good number of pictures and various informational tidbits on the construction blog, ilcacademiccenter.blogspot.com. You may also check out the publicity web site at www.ilcpublicity.org.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Pastor Paul Krause will be installed as Pastor at Faith in Markesan, WI on Sun., Nov. 23, at 3:30 p.m. A meal will follow.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #11 – 9th & 10th Commandments.

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!

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In the beginning
GOD created
the
& heavens
the earth.

Genesis 1:1

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** Elder: **Al Rosendahl**
Ushers: **David Stifter, John Auel, Scott Baker, Al Rosendahl, Lyle Trulin, Michael Ude**
Counting Team 4: **Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel**
Hospitality Team 5: **Bye (Potluck)**
Church Cleaners: **Sandhoefner** School Cleaners: **Sandhoefner**

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: **David Stifter, John Auel, Scott Baker, Al Rosendahl, Lyle Trulin, Michael Ude**
Counting Team 5: **Mike Dick; Brad Kitzman; Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner**
Hospitality Team 6: **Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland**
Church Cleaners: **Sandhoefner** School Cleaners: **Sandhoefner**

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Congregational Potluck
 1:00 pm – Dr. Menton Creation Seminar
Wed., Nov. 19: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Study
Sat., Nov. 22: 10:00 am – Dorcas Guild Cookie Bake
Sun., Nov. 23: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service
Wed., Nov. 26: 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wed., Dec. 3: 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Service

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 9, 2008 Sun.: 126 S.S.: ?? B.Cl.: 35 Wed.: 21

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	3,031.00	CLC:	970.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,225.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-194.00	CLC:	-30.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	129,835.09	CLC:	43,254.35	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	145,125.00	CLC:	45,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-15,289.91	CLC:	-1,745.65	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	16.00	Tuition:	17.00	
GLC Other:	78.00*	MDF:	17.00	Kinship:	65.00
ILC Student Aid:	1.00	ILC Bldg.	135.00	IIF: 19.00	CEF: 114.00

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**My help comes
from the LORD,
who made
heaven
and earth.**

Psalm 121:2

