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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost

Date: May 31, 2009

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Hymn: TLH 4: *God Himself Is Present*

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

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

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

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

P How many are Your works, O Lord.

C: In wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

P: When You send Your Spirit, they are created,

C: And You renew the face of the earth. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: TLH 377, st. 10

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God that saved us by His grace, - All glory to His merit!
O Triune God in heaven above, Who hast revealed Thy saving love,
Thy blessed name be hallowed.

First Reading: Exodus 15:1-11

After crossing the Red Sea, the children of Israel praise the LORD.

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.



Second Reading: Galatians 2:11-16

Paul confronts Peter who had temporarily been a hypocrite, giving the impression that the Jewish customs were necessary to salvation.

Confession of Faith: Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12

Hymn: TLH 378: *All That I Was, My Sin, My Guilt*

Sermon: I Corinthians 5:1-13

(1) It is actually reported *that there is* sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles; that a man has his father's wife! (2) And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. (3) For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. (4) In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, (5) deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. (6) Your glorying *is* not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? (7) Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. (8) Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth. (9) I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. (10) Yet *I* certainly *did* not *mean* with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. (11) But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; not even to eat with such a person. (12) For what *have I to do* with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? (13) But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "put away from yourselves the evil person." (NKJVTM)

"Remove the Yeast from Your Bread with God"

Guest Speaker: Mr. Aaron Ude

Offertory: TLH p. 12 f.

Hymn: TLH 464: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: TLH p. 14

Closing Hymn: TLH 463, st. 1-3: *For All the Saints*

MORE WINDOW DRESSING:

“The Politico” is a publication of an American political journalism organization.. It distributes, including to congress, its content via television, the Internet, newspaper and radio. It reported recently (May 22) that a republican congressman introduced a bill that would declare 2010, “the Year of the Bible.” Those of long memory may recall that President Reagan, “with Congress’ blessing,” designated 1983 as “the Year of the Bible.” The latest resolution however is running into opposition. The opposition is coming from many sources, including members of congress. The atheists have not opposed it as much as they have dismissed it, saying, “Right now we’re seeing atheism on such a rise...We are seeing Christianity on such a dramatic decline that we’re not particularly worried about it.” Whether that is so or whether it is only wishful thinking we don’t know. What we do know is that declaring “the Year of the Bible” is not the antidote to atheism or any other anti-biblical and anti-Christian philosophy.

A congressman asked, “Does that mean 2009 is not the year of the Bible... what is 2012 the year of? The Quran[Koran]?” We are quite sure that there is more to the opposition of “the Year of the Bible” than simple fairness or politics. The opposition is rooted in rejection of Scripture and of Christ! While we are in every way far removed spiritually, theologically and philosophically from those in congress who oppose it, we can’t argue with the point made by the congressman. Can you imagine the howl if congress would in fact declare a year of the Quran (they wouldn’t, would they?)? The fact is that we live in the midst of a religious melting pot, and in a societal sense in this context what is good for one is good for all!

“The year of the Bible” resolution is quite meaningless. So what, if such a bill passed? Would everybody suddenly carry a Bible, respect it’s Author Who is God the Holy Spirit, and believe its content? Will such a resolution impress on people that the Bible is truth with respect to the origin of the world, sin, the person of Christ, salvation and in other matters of doctrine and life which it addresses? The author of the bill says of it, “This doesn’t have anything to do with Christianity,” but recognizes the role the Bible played in the building of the United States. As the morals and founding principles of this nation are under relentless attack, we sympathize with the congressman who introduced the bill. But we ask again, is “The year of the Bible” resolution going to change attitudes of those who have no respect for the Bible or for its substance? With all due respect, such a resolution is little more than a “feel good” resolution.

The Bible is more than a mantle piece, and is certainly not a political statement. The Bible is given to instruct men in the way of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 3:15). Again we read, “These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through His name” (John 20:31).

The Scripture lays before us the will of God, uncovers sin, and reveals man’s need for a Savior apart from Whom there is no salvation. The Word shows what is good and pleasing in the sight of God, and by the power of the Gospel produces in the regenerate heart the fruit that glorifies the Lord. The apostle tells us, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2Timothy 3:16, 17).

Respect is shown the Bible when we teach the Word of God in its truth and purity, and lead a godly life according to it. No resolution produces faithfulness, Christian confidence, or the Christian life. The Spirit of God alone works such in the hearts of those who understand the Bible to be more than window dressing. “Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it” (Luke 11:28). “*These words* which I command thee this day, *shall be in thine heart*” (Deuteronomy 6: 6). “The Year of the Bible” resolution is as unnecessary as it is meaningless. Divine blessings flow to all in whose heart God’s Word dwells richly—to all to whom it is a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path (Psalm 119:105).

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 5/31/2009

† ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** †

- ◆ **Today:** We thank Seminary Graduate Aaron Ude for sharing the Word with us today. Aaron is a former member of Grace. Pastor Hein is preaching at Eden Prairie today.
- ◆ **New Outreach Effort in the Twin Cities:** Regular Sunday morning services are now being held in Eden Prairie, MN, as an outreach effort in the southwest area of the Twin Cities. Worship services are at 9:00 at Albin Chapel, 6855 Rowland Road. For directions or any other information, you may contact either Pastor David Schierenbeck (651.454.7689, berea-pastor@comcast.net) or Pastor John Hein (763.784.8784, jphein@clclutheran.com). You may also check out the website at <http://clclutheran.org/berea/MetroOutreach.htm>. As with all our CLC efforts, we pray that the Lord will richly bless the sowing of His Word!
- ◆ **Publications:** You may still sign up for the Lutheran Spokesman and/or The Branches (women’s monthly). The congregation is covering the cost.
- ◆ **Call News:** Pastor Mark Gullerud of Messiah in Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to Redeemer in Bowdle and Zion in Ipswich, SD.

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!

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: Sue Nelson *Elder:* Frank Radichel

Ushers: Mark Wales, Pete Fleischer, Don Auel, Ole
Olmanson, Brandt Wendland

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

Church Cleaners: Degnan

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: Mark Wales, Pete Fleischer, Don Auel, Ole
Olmanson, Brandt Wendland

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

Church Cleaners: Degnan

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

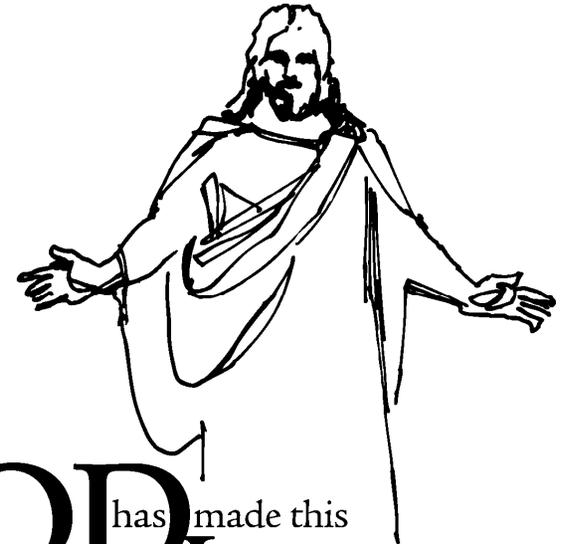
Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost)
4:00 pm – Softball Games (Field 2)
Sun., Jun. 7: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Trinity)
June 16-18: CLC Pastoral Conference
June 21: Church Picnic
June 22-27: Youth Conference
July 19-25: Youth Camp at ILC
August 3-7: Vacation Bible School

Last Week's Stats: May 24, 2009		Sun.: 133	
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,299.30	CLC: \$777.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC: 1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,000.70	CLC: -223.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	63,569.75	CLC: 20,960.40
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	69,300.00	CLC: 21,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-5,730.25	CLC: -39.60
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	65.00	Tuition: 57.00
GLC Other: 34.00	MDF:	246.00	Kinship: 67.00
ILC Student Aid: 41.00	ILC Bldg.	41.00	IIF: 66.00 CEF: 14.00

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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“**GOD** has made this
JESUS,
whom you crucified,
both **LORD**
and **CHRIST.**”

ACTS 2:36