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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 2

Date: June 14, 2009

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Hymn: TLH 239: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

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: Ezekiel 18:30-32

The Lord Who desires the death of no one calls mankind to repentance.

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. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;

C: The whole earth is full of His glory. Alleluia.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

All the ways of God toward men are done in wisdom. We bow to Him and praise His Holy name.

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

Hymn: TLH 248: *Father of Glory, to Thy Name*

Sermon: *John 3:1-17*

(1) There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. (2) This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." (3) Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (4) Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" (5) Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (6) "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' (8) "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." (9) Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" (10) Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? (11) "Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. (12) "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? (13) "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven. (14) "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, (15) "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (16) "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (17) "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (NKJVTM)

"IN PRAISE OF THE TRINITY"

1. The Father Who planned our salvation
2. The Son Who accomplished our salvation
3. The Spirit Who leads us to salvation

Guest Speaker: Pastor Daniel Fleischer

Offertory: TLH p. 12 f.

Hymn: TLH 245: *God Loved the World*

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: TLH p. 14

Closing Hymn: TLH 49: *Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast*

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Thanks:** to Pastor Daniel Fleischer, former servant here at Grace currently in Corpus Christi, TX, for being our guest speaker this morning. Pastor Hein is taking a short vacation and will return later 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!
- ◆ **Invitation:** Jon Davis would like you to join him and his family to celebrate his Graduation Day on Saturday, June 20, 2009. Open House; 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm; 7986 Van Buren Street NE; Spring Lake Park, MN 55432.
- ◆ **Invitation:** On July 5, 2009, St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Lemmon, SD will be celebrating 100 years of existence by God's good and gracious will. ... For those that are able to be present the itinerary for the day is as follows:
 - ⇒ 9:00 AM Coffee, juice, and rolls and fellowship
 - ⇒ 10:00 AM Worship Service (guest speakers to include Pastor Norman Greve, a son of a former pastor of St. Luke's; Teacher Ted Quade, a former teacher at St. Luke's School; Mr. Chuck Christman, a life-long and second generation member of St. Luke's).
 - ⇒ 12:00 PM Lunch w/ presentationWe are both humbled and yet grateful to our God for having permitted this, His flock, to share in the Gospel ministry these many years. Please rejoice with us in the indescribable gift that God has bestowed upon us here. In Christ Jesus, Frank Gantt
- ◆ **Call News:** Candidate Aaron Ude has accepted the call to be pastor at Living Word in the Kansas City area. † Pastor David Schaller has returned the call to Our Redeemer's in Red Wing, MN. † To fill the vacated second pastor position, Messiah in Eau Claire, WI, has called Pastor Luke Bernthal of Bethel in Spring, TX. Retired Pastor/Professor Clifford Kuehne, Mankato, MN, has been called to serve in the interim. † Mrs. Lori Wirth has accepted the call to teach English & composition (5-8) at Messiah school in Eau Claire, WI. † Messiah has also now called Mrs. Bethany Gurgel to teach pre-K. † Plans are for Pastor Mark Gullerud to be installed at Ipswich and Bowdle, SD, on June 28.



John 15:26 But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

ONE GOD REVEALED IN THREE PERSONS

When the Jehovah's Witnesses come knocking on your door they will say that Christians believe in three Gods but they believe in one God as described in Deuteronomy: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!" (Deuteronomy 6:4).

But this one God reveals Himself to us in three distinct persons. The three persons of the Trinity are united in one Godhead, yet are three separate persons. "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!"

These three persons are revealed as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The three persons of the Trinity are clearly described in many passages of Scripture that describe the three persons of the Godhead working together for the salvation of mankind. Some detractors of this doctrine state that the Trinity is a New Testament concept and cannot be found in the Old Testament. This is not true. The three persons of the Trinity can be found working together repeatedly throughout the Old Testament as well.

The prophet Isaiah repeatedly describes the three persons of the Trinity. He writes: "Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: 'I am the LORD your God'" (Isaiah 48:17).

We often speak of our Triune God in these terms: Creator, Redeemer and Comforter. Notice how the true God is described in this verse: the LORD (Father), your Redeemer (Son), and the Holy One (Holy Spirit). If you keep your eyes open you as you read through your Bible, you will find the doctrine of the Trinity all over in Scripture! Take for example the words in John 15:26. There Jesus speaks of the Helper (whom He has previously stated is the Holy Spirit), Himself (Jesus), and the Father. All three persons working together for the salvation of the human race.

In the Athanasian Creed we confess: "And the catholic [i.e. universal] faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal."

CLC Email Devotion, 5/27/2008

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Janelle Hein *Elder:* Dave Rust

Ushers: David Stifter, John Auel, Scott Baker, Al Rosendahl, Lyle Trulin, Micheal Ude

Counting Team 4: Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel

Church Cleaners: Welker

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: David Stifter, John Auel, Scott Baker, Al Rosendahl, Lyle Trulin, Micheal Ude

Counting Team 5: Mike Dick; Brad Kitzman; Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner

Church Cleaners: Welker

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service
8:00 pm – Softball Games (Field 1)

June 16-18: CLC Pastoral Conference @ Eau Claire, WI

Sun., Jun. 21: 9:00 am – Worship Service
10:00 am – Church Picnic

June 22-27: Youth Conference

July 19-25: Youth Camp at ILC

August 3-7: Vacation Bible School

Last Week's Stats:		June 7, 2009	Sun.: 116
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,523.60	CLC: \$626.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC: 1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-776.40	CLC: -374.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	69,373.35	CLC: 22,308.40
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	75,900.00	CLC: 23,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-6,526.65	CLC: -691.60
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	15.00	Tuition: 27.00
GLC Other: 84.00	MDF:	65.00	Kinship: 64.00
ILC Student Aid: 150.00	ILC Bldg.:	43.00	IIF: 14.00 CEF: 16.00

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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