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*Grace Lutheran Church & School*



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**Church Year:** Pentecost 5      **Date:** July 5, 2009

**We, in the United States, enjoy many precious liberties. But no liberty is as wonderful as the blessed liberty we have in Christ Jesus! He has delivered us from the bondage of sin, death, and the power of the devil. Let us take the time to ponder this in our worship today.**



† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

- Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 139, TLH p. 154*
- Hymn:** ..... *TLH 579: Almighty Lord, Before Thy Throne*
- Liturgy:** ..... *WS, p. 12 ff. (Pastor sings Lord Have Mercy, top of p. 13)*
- First Reading:** ..... *Isaiah 12:1-6*  
 Now that God's anger has been turned away from our sins by the work accomplished by our Savior, we can draw forth from the thirst quenching water of Christ's salvation. Cry out, then, fellow Christians, this wonderful news to the world!
- Second Reading:** ..... *Luke 14:15-24*  
 Jesus tells the parable of the great supper in order to emphasize to us His Gospel invitation to partake of those spiritual gifts He has offered, in particular, His gift of salvation. This supper is free to all!
- Alleluia:** ..... *WS p. 14*
- Confession of Faith:** ..... *Apostles' Creed, WS p. 15*
- Hymn:** ..... *TLH 373, st. 1-3: By Grace I'm Saved*

**Sermon:** ..... *Galatians 4:21-5:1*  
 (4:21) Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? (22) For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. (23) But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, (24) which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar; (25) for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children; (26) but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. (27) For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, *You* who do not bear! Break forth and shout, *You* who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband." (28) Now we, brethren, as Isaac *was*, are children of promise. (29) But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him *who was born* according to the Spirit, even so *it is* now. (30) Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman." (31) So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free. (5:1) Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. (NKJV™)

***YOUR PRECIOUS LIBERTY IN CHRIST!***

- Offertory:** ..... *WS p. 16*
- Hymn:** ..... *TLH 373, st. 4-7: By Grace I'm Saved*
- Offerings, Prayers:**
- Service of the Sacrament:** ..... *WS pp. 17-19*
- Distribution:** ..... *Meditative Music*  
**Note:** In obedience to God's Word, and out of concern for the welfare of souls (1 Corinthians 11:29), and finally that we may honestly express the unity of faith and hope that binds us, we ask that only such as have identified with Grace through public confession of faith or another CLC congregation, approach the altar at the usher's direction.
- Closing Liturgy:** ..... *WS pp. 20-21*
- Closing Hymn:** ..... *TLH 577: God Bless Our Native Land*



## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

◆ **Among Us:** Gilbert Maestas remains hospitalized at Veterans Medical Center. He is doing quite well but is receiving some physical therapy to aid in full recovery. Our congregation's oldest member, Viola Schweikert, will be turning 100 years young on July 25<sup>th</sup> of this month. You may send her your greetings at 131 Monroe St., Apt. 423; Anoka, MN 55303. Her joyful, optimistic Christian witness at her age is a wonderful example to us all of letting her light shine before men.



◆ **Baby Shower:** The ladies of the congregation are invited to a baby shower for Heidi Nelson on Saturday, July 25 from 1-3pm. More details are available on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes. Please RSVP to Laura or Trudy Wales by July 18.



Vacation  
Bible  
School

◆ **Vacation Bible School:** To help aid in planning, please register your child(ren) who will be attending Vacation Bible School. This will be held on August 3-7 from 9-11:30 am. Please speak with Pastor Hein for any questions.

◆ **Vacation:** Pastor Hein will be leaving on a short vacation later this week. He will be gone from July 9 through July 15. Seminary student, David Pfeiffer, will be our guest preacher next Sunday. Should there be any emergency, Pastor David Schierenbeck may be contacted at (651) 492-2323. Pastor Hein will also have his cell phone with him, (612) 408-1635.



◆ **Eden Prairie Worship:** Regular Sunday morning services are being held at 9:00 am in Eden Prairie, MN, as an outreach effort in the southwest area of the Twin Cities. Flyers for this outreach effort are located by the guest book.

◆ **Arise and Shine Retreat:** is scheduled for August 6-9 at Cuivre River State Park near St. Louis Missouri. Arise and Shine is an annual four day retreat designed to encourage Christian fellowship, growth, and training for those members of the CLC in their 20's and 30's. This year's theme is Be Ready...to Encourage Your Fellow Christian, to Share the Good News, and to Defend the Truth of God's Word. Registration is open at: [www.ariseandshineretreat.com/](http://www.ariseandshineretreat.com/)

◆ **ILC Building:** The move from the old administration building to the new is being completed. Some landscaping was also accomplished this past week, with grass seed being planted behind the building and sod laid in front of it. Many CLC people from the area have been assisting, many in our own congregation —a wonderful expression of our fellowship and faith. Northwest Hall, the old administration building, will likely be demolished this week. An expanded parking lot will be constructed thereafter. As our gracious Lord gives us the ability and the will, please remember this project with your contributions.

◆ **CLC News:** Upon the recommendation of the Reentry Committee, President Schierenbeck has declared Amy Mielke as eligible for a call into the teaching ministry and Philip Matzke as eligible for a call into the preaching ministry. Their names will be placed on the CLC Roster.

### Some Comments on Freedom:

"This is the freedom with which Christ has set us free, not from some human slavery or tyrannical authority but from the eternal wrath of God. Where? In the conscience. This is where our freedom comes to a halt; it goes no further. For Christ has set us free, not for a political freedom or a freedom of the flesh but for a theological or spiritual freedom, that is, to make our conscience free and joyful, unafraid of the wrath to come (Matt. 3:7). This is the most genuine freedom; it is immeasurable. When the other kinds of freedom - political freedom and freedom of the flesh - are compared with the greatness and the glory of this kind of freedom, they hardly amount to one little drop. For who can express what a great gift it is for someone to be able to declare for certain that God neither is nor ever will be wrathful but will forever be a gracious and merciful Father for the sake of Christ? It is surely a great and incomprehensible freedom to have this Supreme Majesty kindly disposed toward us, protecting and helping us, and finally even setting us free physically in such a way that our body, which is sown in perishability, in dishonor, and in weakness, is raised in imperishability, in honor, and in power (1 Cor. 15:42-43). Therefore the freedom by which we are free of the wrath of God forever is greater than heaven and earth and all creation. ...

Therefore one's spirit must be trained, so that when it becomes conscious of the accusation of the Law, the terrors of sin, the horror of death, and the wrath of God, it will banish these sorrowful scenes from its sight and will replace them with the freedom of Christ, the forgiveness of sins, righteousness, life, and the eternal mercy of God. ... Blessed is the man who understands and believes this."

- M. Luther on Galatians 5:1

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

*Organist:* Janelle Hein      *Elder:* Dave Rust  
*Ushers:* David Stifter, John Auel, Scott Baker, Al  
 Rosendahl, Lyle Trulin, Micheal Ude  
*Counting Team 2:* Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever;  
 Clint Welker; Mark Wales  
*Church Cleaners:* Davis

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

*Ushers:* Mike Dick, Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Dale Enns,  
 Lynn Sandhoefner  
*Counting Team 3:* Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack  
 Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Michael Ude  
*Church Cleaners:* Hein

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper  
 No Softball Games  
**Sun., July 12:** 9:00 am – Worship Service  
 10:15 am – Boards; 11:00 am – Council  
**Sun., July 19:** 10:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings  
**July 19-25:** Youth Camp at ILC  
**Sat., July 25:** 1-3 pm – Nelson Baby Shower  
**August 3-7:** Vacation Bible School

<b>Last Week's Stats:</b> June 28, 2009		Sun.: 113	
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,956.92	CLC: \$862.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC: 1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-343.08	CLC: -138.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	76,265.78	CLC: 24,941.40
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	85,800.00	CLC: 26,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-9,534.22	CLC: -1,058.60
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	29.00	Tuition: 77.00
GLC Other: 0.00	MDF:	3.00	Kinship: 50.00
ILC Student Aid: 50.00	ILC Bldg.	76.00	IIF: 1.00    CEF: 2.00

*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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Christ  
 hath  
 made  
 us  
 free.



Galatians 5:1