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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 12

Date: August 23, 2009

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 92, TLH p. 143*

Hymn: *TLH 225: Come, Holy Spirit, Come*

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

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

P: Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me.

C: Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

P: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets ...

C: The name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

P: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ash heap;

C: Surely God is my help, the one who sustains me. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 246, st. 1,4: Holy, Holy, Holy*

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

First Reading: *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

The tree of the Messiah will grow and flourish.

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. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for ...

C: And certain of what we do not see. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 5:1-10*

We walk by faith until such time when we go to our eternal home.

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

Hymn: *TLH 296: Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth*

Sermon: *Mark 4:26-34*

(26) And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, (27) "and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. (28) "For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. (29) "But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." (30) Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? (31) "It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; (32) "but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade." (33) And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it. (34) But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples. (NKJVTM)

JUST LET THE SEED GROW

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *WS 781: Preach You the Word*

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

Closing Hymn: *TLH 46: On What Has Now Been Sown*

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!

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Christian Day School:** The parents of children attending Grace Lutheran School are invited to the ice cream social tomorrow night, Aug. 24, 7 pm. This will help give information about the upcoming school year which begins on Aug. 31.
- ◆ **Sunday School:** There is still a need for one more Sunday School teacher. Anyone interested with that or in helping out with subbing may speak with either Pastor Hein or Peter Fleischer, the superintendent.
- ◆ **Academic Center Dedication:** On August 24, the opening day of Immanuel Lutheran College will see a service of dedication for the new academic center. The first portion of the service will take place at 10:00 am in the field house. From there the congregation will go to the academic center for prayers, thanksgiving, and the dedication of the building and of those who use it. You are invited to join us on this happy occasion and see for yourselves the blessings of the Lord.
- ◆ **ILC Notice:** The Immanuel campus is undergoing a domain make-over which means our phones and internet connections have been unpredictable for awhile and may continue to be that way for awhile. If you have not received an answer to an email, we would suggest you try calling the ILC Office at 715-836-6621 or 23 to find out if your questions have been received. Sorry for the inconvenience, but I assure you, the folks on campus are suffering even more. In His service, Prof. Roehl
- ◆ **Grace Men's Retreat:** Planning is underway for the men's retreat to be held Sept. 18-20 at Remer, MN, same location as the past few years. Cost will be \$80 per person. This includes four meals and lodging. Those interested in being sponsors or being sponsored may speak with Eli Wales who is organizing the event. A sign-up sheet for those who plan to attend is by the guest book.
- ◆ **Golf Tournament:** The date for the 2009 Snell Memorial Golf Tournament has been set for Sat., Sept. 26. Registration forms are available by the guest book. If you have any questions, email Steve Schierenbeck at Steve.Schierenbeck@metrostate.edu.
- ◆ **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 are by the guest book.

A PSALM FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE FACE OF A HOSTILE WORLD:

1 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

David took refuge in a cave as he fled from King Saul who sought his life. David prayed these words. Our merciful God is our Refuge and strength in the face of enemies who seek our overthrow as well as in every difficulty and uncertainty of life. The merciful God will cares.

2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me. *The God most high is the Triune God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Preserver. He will not forget His children in need. The God of mercy has it in His power to perform all things for His children.*

3 He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth. *God sends His angels to guard and keep His children. But more powerful than they are God's mercy and truth exercised in behalf of His children. (Selah- a musical pause).*

4 My soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword. *Though confident of God's protection and help, the man of God is confronted by strong and ferocious enemies, who are continually bent only on doing us harm and on our destruction.*

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth. *The child of God appeals boldly to the throne of grace, calling upon God to let His glory be seen. As God manifests His glory to the benefit of His children who call upon Him, His name is made known to all the earth, and is glorified above the gods of the nations, and all things.*

6 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah.

As God helps those for whom the enemy has prepared a net and a ditch in order to entrap them, the wicked ultimately fall into the pit themselves. This is God's doing!

7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise. 8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early. 9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations. 10 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds. 11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

Though difficulty and the danger remains so long as man is on the earth, the man of God is confident deliverance, God is kind and gracious to His children, and will not let the foe be victorious. "Take they our life...they yet have nothing won; the kingdom ours remaineth." God loves his people dearly and He is true to His Word. Glory be to God!

Psalm 57

We are troubled in heart and mind as we witness our perverse generation grow bolder, and more viciously attack our Lord, His truth, and the Church. God's people must be on the alert, and even as David exercise wisdom and prudence; yet nothing can prevail against the evil that seeks our overthrow except the power of God as He chooses to show it; nothing can preserve us except His mercy and truth. Therefore at all times, in all places, and in every circumstance, call upon the Lord, Who having overcome will not be overcome! "Thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Frank Radichel

Ushers: Pat Paplow, Gerald Anderson, Dan Degnan,
Brandon Paplow, Andrew Rosendahl

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

Church Cleaners: C. Lentz

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: Pat Paplow, Gerald Anderson, Dan Degnan,
Brandon Paplow, Andrew Rosendahl

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

Church Cleaners: Any Volunteers?

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service
Mon., Aug. 24: 10:00 am – ILC Opening Service
 7:00 pm – Grace School Ice Cream Social
Sun., Aug. 30: 9:00 am – Worship Service
Mon., Aug. 31: 8:00 am – Grace School Opening Service
Wed., Sept. 2: 4:00-5:45 pm – Public School Catechism Resumes
Sun., Sept. 13: FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS
 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class Resume
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Schedule Changes)
 11:15 am – Hospitality Hour Resumes

Last Week's Stats:		Aug. 16, 2009	Sun.: 100
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,481.84	CLC: \$843.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC: 1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-818.16	CLC: -157.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	94,553.42	CLC: 30,912.40
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	108,900.00	CLC: 33,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-14,346.58	CLC: -2,087.60
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	25.00	Tuition: 103.00
GLC Other: 0.00	MDF: 0.00		Kinship: 103.00
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg. 152.00		IIF: 0.00 CEF: 0.00

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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you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows

The kingdom of God... is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed



and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches

that the birds of the air can perch in its shade.

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