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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 13

Date: August 30, 2009

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 30, TLH p. 129 f.*

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: 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 23, st. 4*

Hallelujah! Let praises ring! Unto our Triune God we sing;

Blest be His name forever! With angel hosts let us adore

And sing His praises more and more For all His grace and favor!

Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy, Spread the story

Of our God, the Lord of Glory! Amen.

First Reading: *Psalm 30*

The Psalmist rejoices in the LORD Who has lifted him up.

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: *1 Peter 1:3-9*

Our faith is a very precious thing to God

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

Hymn: *TLH 437: Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode*

Sermon: *Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43*

(21) Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. (22) And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet (23) and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live." (24) So Jesus went with him, ... (35) While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" (36) As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe." (37) And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. (38) Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. (39) When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping." (40) And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. (41) Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." (42) Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. (43) But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat. (NKJV™)

TRUST IN JESUS

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 428: I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

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

Closing Hymn: *TLH 206, st. 1-3: Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*

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:** Tomorrow Grace Lutheran School will be starting off its year with an 8 am opening service. All our members are invited to attend the service. This year we will have 12 students: 7th grade – Emily Hein, John Maki, Ned Sandhoefner; 5th grade – David Hein; 4th grade – Joe Ferris; 3rd grade – Tyler Dick, Julianna Hein, Jack Maki; 2nd grade – Jessica Maki; 1st grade – Ethan Dick; K – Cole Flesner, Daniel Hein. Please keep these students and our teaching staff in your prayers as they journey through the school year with the Lord and His Word.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Mission Calendars:** The Mission board has produced a 2010 mission calendar. Each month is dedicated to a different mission field and provides information and pictures. The calendar itself marks all major church holidays and provides a yearlong bible reading plan. We are asking a donation of \$3 per calendar to help cover the costs of printing and shipping. The calendars can be picked up at the CLC book house. More details can be found at www.lutheranmissions.org/2010calendar/
- ◆ **ILC History:** On Sunday, Sept. 20, 3 pm, the Minnesota delegate conference will be meeting at Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Hts. With the celebration of the CLC's 50th Anniversary, the conference will begin with a presentation of a history of ILC. Retired Prof. Ron Roehl, with his wife, Eunice, will make the presentation. Berea is inviting members from Grace to this event and are inviting us to a meal that would be held around 5 pm that Sunday. Those interested may sign by the guest book so that Berea can anticipate numbers for their meal preparations.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Mt Zion of Detroit has scheduled its Dedication Service for 4pm September 20. We do appreciate the thoughts and prayers of our brethren on this special day. We invite all who can attend to join us in an after-service meal. For directions see the map at our website www.mtzionlutheran.info.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Wayne Eichstadt has returned the call to serve Messiah in Eau Claire, WI. † Pastor Nathaniel Mayhew has returned the call to Our Redeemer's in Red Wing, MN.

DEATH BY INDIFFERENCE AND NEGLECT (I):

Much fortune, blood and life has been spent over the history of our country. Who can watch the invasion of Normandy and not be struck by the bravery of men who knew that they may very well not live to see tomorrow. To this day that has been repeated often in our history. Today we must ask the question: "For what did they die, and for what reason are they dying?" Freedoms for which they fought and died are being sacrificed on the altar of self-serving agendas and pursuit of personal power. Freedoms we have enjoyed-albeit in an imperfect nation made up of imperfect (sinful) people- will be a thing of history to our children and grandchildren. We can lay blame on self-serving politicians, but that overlooks the fact that we as citizens have become lackadaisical, indifferent, and neglectful of our blessings, privileges, and freedoms. It is the populous of this country that sends to Washington those who are dismantling the country that we have known and for which men and women have died!

Indifference and neglect is also a death knell for the Christian church. Yes, the Holy Christian Church--the Body of Christ-- will endure. That is comfort to Christ-believers whose focus is on heaven, and whose hope lies in Christ and in His precious promises of eternal life.

Nevertheless, the church in the world has to a great extent traded its divinely appointed purpose and message for the philosophy of the world. Much of Christendom is more interested in political correctness and social acceptance than in the message that characterized the ministry of the apostles to whom Jesus Christ and the cross was the focal point and the substance of their message. Case in point: This past week the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in convention validated homosexual and lesbian clergy relationships. That is merely an example of what happens when indifference to and neglect of Biblical doctrine overtakes the church and undermines faith. Indeed, the leaders of the church will have to answer to the Lord, but the person who sits in the pew and who was indifferent to Scripture, blindly following false shepherds, is not without blame.

Scripture tells us that in the last days false prophets and false teaching will assail the church. It tells us also that people will run to and fro looking for teachers who tell them what they want to hear rather than what the Lord teaches. The end result is that the day comes when the Lord says, "I hate, I despise your feast days, and I do not savor your sacred assemblies ... Take away from Me the noise of your songs, for I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments" (Amos 5:21, 23). Indifference to the truth and neglect of truth ultimately results in the loss of truth. What a horrible judgment upon indifference and neglect. "They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but shall not find it" (Amos 8:12) (To be continued - Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 8/23/2009)

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner *Elder:* Frank Radichel

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?

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

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

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel;
Pat Paplow

Church Cleaners: A&M Rosendahl *School Cleaners:* Dick

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

Today: 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. 6: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
Sun., Sept. 13: FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS
 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class Resume
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Schedule Changes)
 11:15 am – Hospitality Hour Resumes
Wed., Sept. 16: 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class Resumes
Sept. 18-20: Grace Men's Retreat @ Remer, MN
Sun., Sept 20: 3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conf. @ Inver Grove Hts.

Last Week's Stats: Aug. 23, 2009		Sun.: 95	
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,304.60	CLC: \$472.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC: 1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-995.40	CLC: -528.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	96,858.02	CLC: 31,384.40
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	112,200.00	CLC: 34,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-15,341.98	CLC: -2,615.60
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	4.00	Tuition: 63.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	4.00	Kinship: 30.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	151.00	IIF: 0.00 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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