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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 15 **Date:** September 13, 2009

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 23, TLH p. 128*

Hymn: *TLH 426: The Lord My Shepherd Is*

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

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

- P: The LORD is my shepherd;*
- C: I shall not want.**
- P: He makes me to lie down in green pastures;*
- C: He leads me beside the still waters.**
- P: He restores my soul;*
- C: He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.**
- P: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;*
- C: For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**
- P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;*
- C: You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.**
- P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;*
- C: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.**

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 244, st. 1,4*

1. Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!
4. Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

First Reading: *Jeremiah 23:1-6*
The difference between shepherds who scatter versus shepherds who feed.

Gradual:
P: Christ has risen from the dead.
C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.
P: He has made Him ruler over the works of His hands;
C: He has put everything under His feet.
P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd;"
C: "I know My sheep and My sheep know Me." Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Ephesians 2:13-22*
God's people are built upon God's Word, the foundation of our faith which has Christ as it's cornerstone.

Baptism: *Cameron David Nelson*

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

Hymn: *WS 751: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

Sermon: *Mark 6:30-34*
(30) Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. (31) And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. (32) So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves. (33) But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him. (34) And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things. (NKJVTM)

SHEEP IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 628: Shepherd of Tender Youth*

Offering, Prayers: *TLH p. 14*

Sunday School Teachers Installation:

Closing Hymn: *TLH 51: Now May He Who From the Dead*

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 †

- ◆ **Congratulations:** We praise our living God for making Cameron Nelson His child this morning through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Also, this past week, Mark and Trudy Wales were blessed with a grandson. Nate and Vanessa had a baby boy, Derek Mark, born on Thurs., Sept. 10, 6 lb. 2 oz. The Lord is gracious!
- ◆ **Grace Men's Retreat:** This next weekend, Sept. 18-20, the men's retreat will be held at Remer, MN. Cost will be \$90 per person. This includes four meals and lodging. Please speak with Eli Wales for more information and if you are planning on attending.
- ◆ **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. Fliers are by the guest book.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Women's Seminar:** Immanuel Lutheran Church of Mankato, MN, invites fellow Christian women to join us for The Christian Woman Today Seminar to held on Sat., Oct. 3, 2009. This year's theme is "My times are in Your hand" (Psalm 31:15a). Registration forms may be found by the guest book. Registration is due Sept. 27.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Rev. Gordon Radtke at the age of 90 has retired from the active ministry. Vacancies presently occur in Red Wing, MN, Fairchild, WI, and Eau Claire, WI. There will be no graduates from the seminary next spring. Pastor Fleischer has mentioned that he will participate in a colloquy of a former WELS pastor who having joined the CLC is applying for membership on the clergy roster of the CLC. The colloquy is scheduled to take place in Eau Claire on September 29.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #1. Books of the Bible

ANNIVERSARY HISTORICAL FACT: The establishment of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary predates the beginning of the CLC. The school initiated the work of training the youth with a special service of dedication and installation on September 13, 1959. The first building at 3rd and Harper in Mankato, Minnesota was dedicated.



UNDERSTANDING BAPTISM:

In the commission to the Church to preach the gospel, the Lord Jesus included "baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19). Baptism is therefore a divine institution to be administered by the Christian Church until the end of time.

When one is baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity, one is by this means of grace reborn, regenerated. In Titus 3 the Lord through His apostle called it "the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." In John 3, Jesus emphasized the importance of being "born again." The power of baptism does not lie in the mere act, or in the water. The power of baptism lies in the word and promise of God. Scripture says, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). Baptism is a means of grace through which the sinner, separated from God by reason of sin and unbelief, is brought into a relationship with the Father. Scripture further declares, "Baptism does also now save us" (1 Peter 3:20, 21). Through baptism the Spirit bestows on the baptized all the blessings which Jesus won on the cross: forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. In Mark 16 we read, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved." In the economy of God's grace, the washing of water and the Word (baptism) creates the faith essential to receive and believe the blessing which the Father has attached to it. He who looks on baptism as a custom, a superstition, something "we do," or a mere ritual, abuses the sacrament and endangers his soul.

Just as surely it is a serious sin for which parents will be held responsible if they deny to their children this means of grace. In the Old Testament circumcision was commanded by God. Rejection of circumcision bore serious consequences, Genesis 17:10-14. Since baptism is the New Testament equivalent of circumcision, baptism should not be looked upon as unimportant, or its rejection as without consequence.

Baptism is intended for all: men, women, children; infants and adults. Scripture makes one distinction between infants and adults. Infants are to be brought to Jesus that He might touch them through the Word and bless them (Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17). Baptism is a means of grace through which the Lord by His Spirit creates the new birth and grants forgiveness and life to those who are too young to comprehend the spoken word. This underscores why Christian parents should not ignore the Christian instruction of their children after baptism, but bring them faithfully and regularly to hear the word preached and taught. Parents err and harm their children when they think responsibility for the spiritual welfare of their child is complete after baptism. Likewise, they err and harm their children who think that they are fulfilling their responsibility but let the children make their own choice as to if, when, or what they are taught. Children are to be taught the Word of God. On the other hand, before baptism adults or those who are of sufficient mental comprehension are to be taught the Word and the principles of Christian doctrine – for example about Christ and the cross, about sin and grace, as well as the meaning of baptism. In the case of infants baptism is a means through which faith is created; in the latter it is a means through which faith born of the Word is confirmed.

Recently a football coach in Kentucky with or without parents' knowledge – this is unclear – took members of the team to his church to be baptized. The young men were teenagers. No one was forced to be baptized. Not all chose to be baptized. Apart from the legal questions, one young man said of the coach, "He said it would bring them (the team) together." Whether this quote is accurate or not, baptism with or without parents' permission, and without regard to understanding of sin and grace, and without understanding of the meaning and blessing of baptism cheapens the sacrament. There are other issues, but let this suffice to demonstrate what is all too obvious – many have a zeal for God and/or Christianity without knowledge. This kind of baptism experience is not what the Lord meant when He said, "baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you."

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: Sue Nelson *Elder:* Dave Rust
Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Don Dahlin, Jeremiah Boe, Bob Maki, Joel Stifter, Arnold Gehrls
Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales
Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Mikey Oman; Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan
Church Cleaners: A&M Rosendahl *School Cleaners:* Dick

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Don Dahlin, Jeremiah Boe, Bob Maki, Joel Stifter, Arnold Gehrls
Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Michael Ude
Hospitality Team 4: Mark & Trudy Wales; Al Rosendahl; Karen Auel; Bob & Suki Vandever
Church Cleaners: Olmanson *School Cleaners:* Ferris

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality Hour
 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Mon., Sep. 14: 7:00 pm – School Open House
Wed., Sep. 16: 4:00-5:45 pm – Public School Catechism
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class Resumes
Sep. 18-20: Grace Men's Retreat @ Remer, MN
Sun., Sep. 20: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality Hour
 3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conf. @ Inver Grove Hts., MN

Sat., Sept. 26: Berea Open @ Hastings (See registration by guest book)

Last Week's Stats:		Sep. 9, 2009	Sun.: 94		
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,290.00	CLC:	\$863.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-10.00	CLC:	-137.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	102,852.48	CLC:	33,018.40	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	118,800.00	CLC:	36,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-15,947.52	CLC:	-2,971.84	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	90.00	Tuition:	717.73	
GLC Other:	MDF:	114.00	Kinship:	109.00	
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	192.00	IIF: 18.00	CEF: 15.00	

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