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Grace Lutheran Church & School

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Church Year: Pentecost 17 Date: September 27, 2009

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 145, TLH p. 155 f.*

Hymn: *WS 789: Consider How the Birds Above*

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

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

P: From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind;
C: From His dwelling place He watches all who live on earth —
P: He who forms the hearts of all,
C: Who considers everything they do.
P The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him,
C: On those whose hope is in His unfailing love. 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: *Exodus 16:2-15*

The Lord's providential care for the Children of Israel is shown by Him providing Manna for their daily nutrition and sustenance.

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. Jesus said, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching."
C: My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Ephesians 4:17-24*

The desires of this world affect our sinful nature. But we are reminded to be renewed by the power of the Spirit, putting on the new man.

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

Hymn: *TLH 425: All Depends on Our Possessing*

Sermon: *John 6:1-15*

(1) After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is *the Sea of Tiberias*. (2) Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. (3) And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. (4) Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. (5) Then Jesus lifted up *His* eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" (6) But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. (7) Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little." (8) One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, (9) "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" (10) Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. (11) And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. (12) So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." (13) Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. (14) Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." (15) Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone. (NKJVTM)

Our Prophet's Providential Power to Provide

1. Don't underestimate it, Jesus will provide what is sufficient
2. Don't overreact to it, Jesus will stick to His chief purpose

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 36: Now Thank We All Our God*

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

Closing Hymn: *WS 792: Let All Things Now Living*

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 †

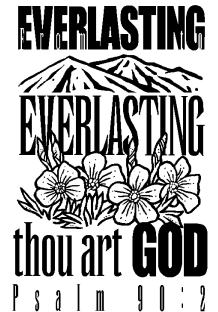
- ◆ **Among Us:** Pastor's 3 yr. old nephew, Tyler Jundt, was diagnosed with diabetes this past week. Tyler was in the ICU and plans are to move him into a children's hospital in Spokane, WA.
- ◆ **Oman Baby Shower:** The ladies of the church are invited to a baby shower for Mikey Oman on Sat., Oct. 17th from 1-3 pm. The invitation is posted on the bulletin board outside pastor's office.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Outreach Workshop:** Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire is planning an outreach workshop on Nov. 29. They are seeking lay members who may be interested in coming or being involved. Please speak to Pastor Hein if you are interested.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Emeritus Michael Sydow is no longer receiving treatment for his cancer, currently receiving in-home hospice care. The same applies to Pastor Emeritus Bertram Naumann, although he is currently looking into going into a nursing facility. May the Lord sustain these faithful servants steadfastly in their faith.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #4. Second Commandment

ABUNDANT GIFTS

"God controls all that happens in His world, every meal, every pleasure, every possession, every bit of sun, every night's sleep, every moment of health and safety, everything that sustains and enriches life, is a divine gift. And how abundant these gifts are!" —J.I-Packer, Knowing God, p. 147

"For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone" (Psalm 86:10).

Every human endeavor has people involved in it who are described as "great" in their particular vocation or activity. Yet the adjective is very subjective and it is relative depending on the observer or the generation in which one lived and worked. In the same vein there are many wondrous things that have been done by people through the generations, in medicine for example. But whatever wondrous things have been accomplished in society are qualified by the reality that it is the Lord God who provides the wisdom, the ability and wherewithal to achieve wondrous things.



There is One who is undiminished and unmatched in His greatness, and One Who does wondrous things on His own power and own volition. It is our Creator and Preserver, Redeemer and Savior, Sanctifier and ever-present God. It is He who is "God alone."

The Psalmist spoke these words in praise of God's greatness. One commentator has said, "It is certainly a healthy sign when in the midst of distress a soul can reflect at length on the incomprehensible greatness of God and not be immersed in its own troubles" (Leupold, Exposition of THE PSALMS, p.618). While the greatness of God is manifest all around us, only those who meet Him in, and know Him from the Word of God can appreciate the depth and richness of the greatness of God. What a wonderful privilege it is for those who are children of God through faith in Christ Jesus, and who treasure the Word to have confidence that in the fog of this immoral and amoral society the Father in heaven is not unaware of the temptations we face. In times of war and unrest the hope that we have in God is not misplaced. In times of personal stress and pressure our God has told us that He, the omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent God is at our side, yea holding us in His arms. He will make a way for us to escape! Of this we are confident – God, help us never to forget it - because the most wondrous thing that our God has done is plan and bring about our salvation. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He Who was without sin, took our sin, paid our debt, and has opened the treasure vault of heaven to us. Forgiveness of sins while we are here, peace and joy, and life without end in His presence is ours! Everything that God does for us is predicated on Jesus' victory at the cross. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things" (Romans 8:32)?

The greatness of God will be manifest in judgment to all who will not acknowledge Him or His greatness now. But for those who believe, the wondrous working of the Father Who planned our salvation, the Son Who accomplished it, and the Spirit Who has convinced us of it, it is there in the Word for our contemplation each day and in every circumstance, surpassed only by the joy of it in heaven. Truly Heavenly Father, **"Thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone"**

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: **Janelle Hein** Elder: **Dave Rust**
Ushers: **Roger Ochsner, Don Dahlin, Jeremiah Boe, Bob Maki, Joel Stifter, Arnold Gehrls**
Counting Team 4: **Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel**
Hospitality Team 5: **Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick; Frank & Ann Radichel**
Church Cleaners: **Olmanson** School Cleaners: **Ferris**

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: **Roger Ochsner, Don Dahlin, Jeremiah Boe, Bob Maki, Joel Stifter, Arnold Gehrls**
Counting Team 5: **Mike Dick; Brad Kitzman; Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner**
Hospitality Team 6: **Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland**
Church Cleaners: **B. Rust** School Cleaners: **Flesner**

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

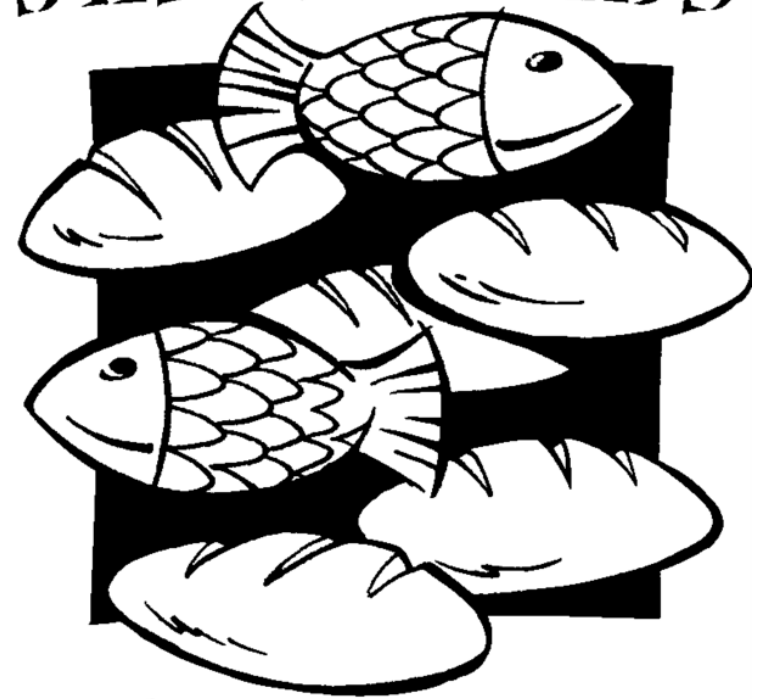
Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality Hour
Wed., Sep. 30: 4:00-5:45 pm – Public School Catechism
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class Resumes
Sun., Oct. 4: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
 11:15 am – Hospitality Hour
 12:00 pm – Council Meeting
Sun., Oct. 11: Mission Festival
Sat., Oct. 17: 1:00 pm – Oman Baby Shower
Sun., Oct. 18: 11:30 am – Quarterly Voters Meeting

Last Week's Stats: Sep. 20, 2009 Sun.: 101 S.S.: 18 B.Cl.: 35 Wed.: 22

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,730.55	CLC:	\$852.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,569.45	CLC:	-148.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	108,520.79	CLC:	34,777.40	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	125,400.00	CLC:	38,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-16,879.21	CLC:	-3,222.60	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	40.00	Tuition:	42.00	
GLC Other:	53.92	MDF:	14.00	Kinship:	64.00
ILC Student Aid:	30.00	ILC Bldg.	92.00	IIF: 14.00	CEF: 16.00

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JESUS FEEDS



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