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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 12

Date: September 4, 2011

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: ..... *Psalm 75, TLH p. 139*

Hymn: ..... *TLH 1: Open Thou Thy Gates of Beauty*

Liturgy: ..... *TLH, p. 15 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie): ..... *TLH, pp. 16-17*

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: ..... *WS 758, st. 4*

**C: Praise and honor to the Father,**

**Praise and honor to the Son,**

**Praise and honor to the Spirit,**

**Ever Three and ever One,**

**One in might and one in glory**

**While unending ages run!**

First Reading: ..... *Romans 9:1-5*

Paul expresses his great desire that his apostate people be saved.

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: ..... *Matthew 14:22-33*

Jesus demonstrates His power over the obstacles of life.

Confession of Faith: ..... *Nicene Creed, TLH p. 22*

Hymn: ..... *TLH 263: O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe*

Sermon: ..... *1 Kings 19:9-18*

(9) And there [Elijah] went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (10) So he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." (11) Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake; (12) and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. (13) So it was, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice *came* to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (14) And he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." (15) Then the LORD said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael *as* king over Syria. (16) "Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi *as* king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint *as* prophet in your place. (17) "It shall be *that* whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. (18) "Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## Take Heart,

## Listen to the LORD's Still Small Voice

Offertory: ..... *TLH p. 22 f.*

Hymn: ..... *TLH 473: The Church's One Foundation*

Offering & Prayer:

Liturgy for the Lord's Supper: ..... *TLH p. 24 ff.*

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.

Nunc Dimittis, Prayer, Benediction: ..... *TLH 29 ff.*

Hymn: ..... *TLH 309: O Jesus Blessed Lord, to Thee*

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Cleaning:** Volunteers are needed for the month of September.
  - ◆ **Fall Schedule:** Next Sunday, September 11, the regular instruction and worship schedule will resume. Bible Class and Sunday School will be held at 9 am with worship service following at 10 am. Hospitality hour will also resume following each worship service. Midweek Bible Class will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm starting September 14.
  - ◆ **Among Us:** We offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Micah Richard Holland, born early yesterday to Mike & Pat Dick's daughter Erin and her husband Nathan Holland. Mom and baby are doing great!
  - ◆ **Grace Men's Retreat:** This year's retreat has been canceled due to lack of interest. Speak with Eli Wales for questions.
  - ◆ **Golf Tournament:** Details about the Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> Snell Memorial golf outing are found in brochures by the guest book.
  - ◆ **Professor Call:** The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran College announces the following nominations to fill the office of professor at Immanuel Lutheran College to be vacated by the impending retirement of Professor Michael Buck at the end of the 11-12 school year:
    - ⇒ Nathan Albrecht – Spokane, WA
    - ⇒ Matt Busch – Mankato, MN
    - ⇒ Sherman Carstensen – Eau Claire, WI
    - ⇒ Dean Marzofka – Marinette, WI
    - ⇒ Michael Nieuwenhuis – Peoria, AZ
    - ⇒ Kyle Ochsner – Mankato, MN
    - ⇒ David Rodebaugh – Milwaukee, WI
- The individual called must be able to teach biology and physical science and health at both the high school and college levels. Duties will commence with the 2012-'13 school year. The Board of Regents invites comments regarding the nominees' educational background and teaching experience. Individuals may also indicate how a nominee might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions, or submit any other comments which may be helpful to the call committee in its considerations. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates should be in the hands of the secretary of the Board of Regents no later than Sunday, September 18, 2011. Comments should be sent to: Mr. Craig Ryan, secretary; ILC Board of Regents; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131; cryan@page1printers.com.
- ◆ **Anniversary:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, invites you to celebrate with us 50 years of being gathered around God's Word. On September 18, 2011 we plan to have a related Bible Class and Sunday School at 9:00 am, Worship at 10:00 am, followed by a pot luck meal. To plan for the meal please let us know if you might make it. lmsbade@gmail.com
  - ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor David Lau of Peace with God in Onalaska, WI, has retired from the public ministry due to health reasons. † Next Sun., Sept. 11, 2 pm, Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer will be installed as pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA.

## PEOPLE OF FAITH ARE "CLOSED-MINDED":

It was reported recently (*WND* April 11, 2008) that a professor in a public college requires students to acknowledge the possibility that God does not exist in order to participate in a philosophy class. This case of discrimination has been addressed by the American Center for Law and Justice. This in an obvious "example of how some in the academic world believe it's acceptable to violate the First Amendment rights afforded to all students – especially students who hold Christian beliefs," said the Chief Counsel of the ACLJ. The student was required to take the class and received good grades in the class "until her religious beliefs became known." According to the report the professor believes that "it is his job to get students to change their own personal viewpoints or state that they are unsure of whether their own personal beliefs are correct." The particular student at risk would not compromise her "Christian faith."

There is certainly reason to address the First Amendment issue, especially since those who deny Christianity vehemently and regularly claim First Amendment rights for only themselves while denying it to others. We are not going to address the rights issue, however, since that is not our focus here, except to say that that reality betrays the weakness of their indefensible position.

We do not know what the particular "Christian faith" of the individual who was denied her rights is. Definition of what constitutes Christianity is itself a big subject today. What so often passes for Christian and Christian faith today - teaching of morals and ethical precepts- does not in itself define the Christian faith. The foundation stone, the source, and the life of the Christian faith is Jesus Christ. The substance of Christian teaching is salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ! Morality and ethics as part of the Christian life flow from the Gospel as expression of a living faith in Christ. The Christian faith is not a "how-to" faith-how to live, how to get rich, how to love or be loved, etc. Biblical Christianity is a religion of steadfast trust and faith in Christ- the Promised One of Father, and the Savior of the world. From such faith grows fruit that glorifies the Lord Jesus as naturally as a fruit tree bears fruit.

Such a Christian confession is not welcome in the world. Unfortunately it even creates tension among professing Christians and in Christian churches today. So far has this age departed from God's Word! It certainly creates hostility within public discourse today, and is openly vilified by a hostile academic world and the "bent-left"- media. How ridiculous and detestable it is for a professor to try to get "students to change their own personal viewpoints or state that they are unsure of whether their own personal beliefs are correct." A Christian whose faith is born of the Spirit and is established upon the certain Word of God, and whose hope for time and eternity lies in Christ will not change his conviction or confession to satisfy the whim of a professor whose idea of intellectual attainment and honesty is nothing more than satanic relativism or plain unbelief. Satan's question, "Hath God said?" (Genesis 3:1) is still a devilish mode of operation.

In many areas of life Christians will investigate other possibilities and opinions and be open to suggestions and change of mind, and even compromise. However, where and when God has spoken, there is *no condition* under which we can safely reject the Word of God, or give up our confession-most assuredly not to satisfy the whims of men who elevate themselves above God, and their wisdom above that of the eternal God. To do so would violate conscience and jeopardize faith! Therefore, unless we are shown from clear Scripture that we are wrong, as Luther said at Worms, we are bound to it and by it. As God is eternal and unchangeable, so is His Word. As we confess the unchangeable Word, so must we stand! Is that "closed-minded?" So be it!

Appreciate again Immanuel Lutheran College where students' faith is not undermined and attacked, but where it is fortified through the Word!

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 8/2008

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: **Sue Nelson**

Elder: **Larry Nelson**

Ushers: **Benno Sydow, Brian Eichstadt, Gary Gunther, Rich Rhinesmith, Jeff Stifter, Larry Nelson**

Counting Team 2: **Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales**

Church Cleaners: ??

School: **Bergstrom**

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: **Mark Wales, Don Auel, Ole Olmanson, Eli Wales, Brandt Wendland**

Counting Team 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Michael Ude**

Hospitality Team 5: **Mike & Pat Dick, Pat & Dawn Paplow, Frank & Ann Radichel**

Church Cleaners: ??

School: **Nelson**

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord’s Supper  
**Wed., Sept. 7:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
**Sun., Sept. 11:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School Begin  
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Fall Schedule Begins)  
 11:15 pm – Hospitality  
 12:00 pm – Council Meeting  
**Mon., Sept. 12:** 10 am – MN Pastoral Study Club @ Mankato, MN  
**Wed., Sept. 14:** 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class Resumes  
**Sun., Sept. 18:** 3:00 pm – Delegate Conference @ Eagle Lake, MN  
**Sept. 21-22:** CLC Coordinating Council @ Eau Claire, WI  
**Sat., Sept. 24:** Snell Memorial Open (Golf – brochures by guestbook)  
**Sun., Sept. 25:** Mission Festival Sunday w/Missionary Matthew Ude  
 Mission Festival Potluck (following worship)  
 Blood Drive

**Last Week’s Stats:** August 28, 2011 Sun.: 119

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,516.59	CLC:	\$1,341.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,850.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-333.41	CLC:	+381.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$102,114.39	CLC:	\$30,432.50
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	99,750.00	CLC:	33,600.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+2,364.39	CLC:	-3,167.50
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	50.00	Tuition Aid:	403.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	100.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	50.00	IIF: 10.00	CEF: 0.00

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