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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 13

Date: September 11, 2011

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 91, p. 143*

Hymn: *TLH 467, st. 1-4, 7: Built on the Rock ...*

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

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

P: Seek the Lord while He may be found;

C: Call on Him while He is near.

P: Let the wicked forsake his way

C: And the evil man his thoughts.

P: Let him turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him,

C: And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 377, st. 10*

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God that saved us by His grace, - All glory to His merit!

O Triune God in heaven above, Who hast revealed Thy saving love,
Thy blessed name be hallowed.

First Reading: *Psalm 144*

This Psalm was written by King David, a man whose responsibility was that of protection for the nation he ruled. May we be mindful of our rulers as we pray for their wisdom, strength, and courage.

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: *Luke 13:1-5*

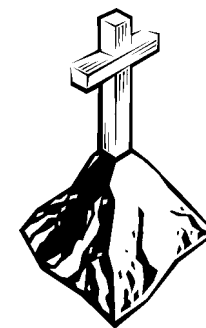
It is so easy to speculate about the reasons why God would permit tragedies to occur. As Jesus addresses tragedies in His day, we see that we are to put such speculation aside. Any speculation on our part is putting ourselves in the mind of God. Instead such horrific events should lead us all to personal repentance lest we too perish. Such repentance includes not only the sorrow over our sin, but also our trust in Jesus' mercy and forgiveness.

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

Hymn: *TLH 579: Almighty Lord, Before Thy Throne*

Sermon: *Psalm 61:1-4*

(1) HEAR my cry, O God; Attend to my prayer. (2) From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. (3) For You have been a shelter for me, A strong tower from the enemy. (4) I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.



Christ Jesus -

Our Steadfast and Invincible Tower

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 370: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (Navy Tune)*

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

Sunday School Teacher Installation:

Hymn: *TLH 577: God Bless Our Native Land*

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 †

- ◆ **Cleaning:** Volunteers are needed for the month of September.
- ◆ **Golf Tournament:** Details about the Sept. 24th 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.

- ◆ **Mission News:** This past Monday Pastor Nathanael Mayhew and Mr. Russ Schmitt left for East Africa. They have already met up with Pastor Mike Gurath who is again serving in the Moi's Bridge area of Kenya under a call from Holy Cross in Phoenix, AZ. The three men will spend the next five weeks visiting many districts of the Kenya-CLC and Tanzania-CLC. Also, David Lueck continues to work in India as a self-funded Mission Helper. All CLC Missionary blogs are available on the lutheranmissions.org site.

Last Week's Stats: September 4, 2011 Sun.: 119

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,199.55	CLC:	\$456.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,850.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+349.55	CLC:	-504.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$105,313.94	CLC:	\$30,888.50	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	102,600.00	CLC:	34,560.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+2,713.94	CLC:	-3,671.50	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	5.00	Tuition Aid:	513.91	
GLC Other:	20.00	MDF:	5.00	Kinship:	55.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	15.00	IIF: 5.00	CEF: 8.00

UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH – “GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND”

NOTE: ORIGINALLY WRITTEN FOLLOWING THE 9/11/2001 ATTKC

This past week presented us with a tragedy of unheard of proportions in this country. We were confronted with an example of the bankruptcy of human nature and of evil in starkest proportions. We are suffering the evil effects of unbelief at the hands of people who believe that their gods will give them a place in eternity for their evil. They dream! In the meantime they cause grief and anguish. The evil this nation has suffered will affect the thoughts, attitudes, and lives of people within our country for a long time. And surely at this time we mourn the loss of many fellow Americans who lost their lives in the evil deed of godless and wicked men. We pray that the survivors will be comforted and strengthened. We are thankful and remember with gratitude those who risked their lives and in many cases lost their lives in the rescue efforts.

We pray for our nation:

For her our prayer shall rise to God above the skies;

On Him we wait.

Thou Who art forever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye,

To Thee aloud we cry, God save the state.

But we cannot fail to ask the question. Why should the Lord God bless our native land? Unfortunately there will be those who in the face of these events may well ask, “Where is your God? How could He permit such tragedy to come upon this nation?” And therein lies one problem. It is the rejection of the true God wherein lies the root of such wickedness as we have witnessed. As we look about us and see the immorality, the greed, the abortion, the growing approval of homosexuality, the abuse of marriage, the greed, the paralyzing and sometimes anti-Christian “political-correctness” of the citizens of this land, we are surprised that this nation still exists. The so-called “religious-community” itself has invited judgment by turning away from Jesus and the Truth of His holy and inviolate Word. In the face of the magnitude of what has happened it is not popular to confess that we have sinned! The other night there was a congressional prayer meeting. There were many references and approaches to “God.” If there was a reference to repentance it was so vague as not to be noticeable. Why do we still exist? Because, “The Lord is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance”(2 Peter 3:9). We still exist because Lord is gracious. Our Lord is not the causer of evil. But surely the evil such as we have witnessed should lead us all to repent, and call upon the Father, for Jesus' sake, to have mercy on us.

Our Lord on the other hand invites us to pray and to find our comfort in Him. As we believe the 46th Psalm which says, “God is our Refuge

and strength,” we will also pray with confidence, “I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence cometh my help. My help comes from the Lord which made heaven and earth” (Psalm 121). We can expect that in this world there will be more of the violence that we have seen. No doubt our actions against terrorism will spawn more hatred and more violence. As citizens we should be ready for it, and as Christians we should be prepared. But how can we be prepared? By giving heed unto the Word so that we may find our quietness in the salvation which Christ has accomplished for us. We want to grow in the faith so that we may say with Paul who faced violence for his faith and confession, “There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that day, and not to me only but also to all who love His appearing” (2 Timothy 4:8).

As Christians we pray to be strong, to stand for the Truth of God’s Word, and stand in the Truth, as well as for the strength to die for the Truth if need be. At the same time we pray with penitent hearts to put away in the church the petty jealousies, the distrust of one another, and the attitudes that keep us from hearing the Word or assimilating the comfort of the Gospel. On this very day when people are heavy of heart because of what has happened, and are fearful of the future, there are many who bear it alone and have no remedy for it, because they are not where the Gospel is preached. They have absented themselves from the blessings of the Gospel which we see in the face of Jesus Christ. The greatest “in your face” rejection of Satan and his evil ones is to “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, Rejoice” (Philippians 4: 4)!

Parents, it lies primarily with you to help your children understand the cause of evil in the world, and to share with them the love of Jesus, so that they may see Him as their Good Shepherd who holds them in all circumstances in His arms and will not let them go. It is above all your responsibility to show them the Truth so that they may avoid the evil that lurks to ensnare them and their souls, and rob them of the joy of God’s love, and the will to walk in His ways until in His grace He takes them to the heavenly home where there is no more evil. Let respect for one another begin within our family. Let us worship with them. In Christ love one another.

The assurance of our national existence does not lie in the might of arms. It is found in the comforting arms of the Savior. Let us pray for our nation, for its people, and for those who serve this nation. May God give them wisdom to rule with courage and according to His will. As children of God whose home is heaven, but who dwell on the earth until the Lord is pleased to relieve us we pray:

*Lord of the nations, thus to Thee
Our country we commend.
Be Thou her Refuge and her Trust,
Her everlasting Friend.*



Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer (9/16/2001)

What are you seeking?

This is what you will find among us:

- *The Bible preached as it is — the living Word of the living God; not the preaching of social, political, theological, or ethical opinions of men.*
- *Man acknowledge as he is — born in sin, prone to error and doomed to hell unless rescued by God Himself; not man morally capable of redeeming himself.*
- *Jesus Christ worshipped as the Son of God made flesh to redeem lost and condemned mankind; not a Christ molded to accommodate the modern mind.*
- *God confessed as He has revealed Himself: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost — three divine Persons, one divine Essence; not some god fashioned either by the hand or the mind of man.*
- *Salvation proclaimed by grace through faith in the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; not by the works or efforts or striving of man.*
- *The Gospel preached and the Sacraments administered as the means of grace whereby the Holy Spirit creates and preserves faith; not self-induced religious experience or any so-called faith apart from that which is created by the Spirit through the Gospel.*
- *The Church accepted in faith as the congregation of believers — the creation of the Spirit of God; not a human organization subject to the manipulations of men.*
- *The business of the Church considered to be the preaching of forgiveness for the regeneration of individuals into eternal life; not the redemption of the world to conform to some social pattern of men.*
- *Ecumenism as Spirit-created unity in the Gospel; not as ‘agreement to disagree’ for the sake of power, organization, or the demands of expediency.*
- *Christian liberty in all that is neither forbidden nor commanded by our Lord; bondage to no word of man.*
- *All the Bible teaches — nothing more, nothing less.*



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† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Frank Radichel

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

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

Counting Team 4: Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl;
Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner

Hospitality Team 6: Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian &
Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland; Eli & Laura Wales

Church Cleaners: ??

School: Baker

† OUR SCHEDULE †

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

Mon., Sept. 12: 10:00 am – MN Pastoral Study Club @ Mankato, MN
7:00 pm – Grace School Open House

Wed., Sept. 14: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class Resumes

Sun., Sept. 18: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 pm – Hospitality
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

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