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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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 Church Year: Easter 4 Date: April 29, 2012

✠ ***THE ORDER OF WORSHIP*** ✠

Worship Preparation: Psalm 23, TLH p. 128

Hymn: WS 783: Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

Liturgy: WS, p. 12 ff. (Pastor sings Lord Have Mercy, top of p. 13)

First Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

We can marvel that God in His mercy has made us His children. We cannot expect the world to recognize this because it does not know God. But we are God's children and shall be revealed as such when the Lord comes again.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 23

- 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.**

Second Reading: John 10:11-18

Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He contrasts Himself as caring for His sheep over and against the hirelings who abandon the sheep when dangers threaten.

Alleluia: WS p. 14 f.

Confession of Faith: *Apostles' Creed, WS p. 15*

Hymn: TLH 346: Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be

Sermon: Acts 4:23-33

(23) And being let go, they [Peter & John] went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. (24) So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, (25) "who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: 'Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things? (26) The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the LORD and against His Christ.' (27) "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together (28) "to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. (29) "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, (30) "by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." (31) And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. (32) Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. (33) And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

Be Bold and Daring with the Gospel!

Offertory: WS p. 16

Hymn: WS 769: Lift High the Cross

Offering, Prayers, Benediction:

Hymn: WS 799: This Is the Feast of Victory

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 speak with you!

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is already beginning to plan for the 2012-13 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, there are enrollment forms available by the guest book.
- ◆ **Graduates:** Please list any member of Grace that is graduating this year on the sheet by the guestbook. Graduation Sunday is May 27.
- ◆ **Labels for Education:** Grace Lutheran School has the opportunity to earn some bonus points for Campbell's labels. The students will be hosting a food drive with delivery of the food being Monday, May 15. 500 bonus points can be earned for participating in a community service event. If you normally participate in the Stamp Out Hunger campaign hosted by the postal service on May 13, consider bringing your donation to church on May 14 instead. Also, 400 more labels are needed to receive a 20% bonus. If you have any questions, please speak to Janelle Hein or Norma Rust.
- ◆ **CLC News:** The victory service for Pastor Robert Mackensen will be on Fri., May 18, 2012, 10 am, at Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN. The Ladies Group will serve lunch following. If you have any questions contact Pastor David Baker at elpan@juno.com. ✠ The Call Committee on Graduates assigned the call from Bethel in Morris, MN, to Candidate Mark Tiefel. ✠ Sherman Carstensen has accepted the call to Trinity in Watertown, SD, to teach k-8 grades. ✠ Teacher Kirsten Gullerud of Holy Cross in Phoenix, AZ, has received the call to teach lower grades at Holy Trinity in West Columbia, SC.
- ◆ **ILC President:** The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Pastor Wayne Eichstadt; Professor Joseph Lau; Professor John Pfeiffer; Professor Jeffrey Schierenbeck; Professor Steven Sippert; Professor Paul Sullivan. The term of the call for President of Immanuel Lutheran College is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2014. The call committee for educational institutions of the CLC will meet on the evening of June 18, 2012. Members of CLC congregations are invited to comment on the nominees. Comments on the nominees should be submitted in writing and must be mailed or E-mailed no later than midnight June 11, 2012 to: Mr. Craig Ryan; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131; E-Mail: cryan@page1printers.com.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #25 - Baptism 4

Last Week's Stats: Apr. 22, 2012 Sun.: 121 S.S.: 18 B.Cl.: 35

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,440.23	CLC:	\$725.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-589.77	CLC:	-235.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$48,050.90	CLC:	\$15,842.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	51,510.00	CLC:	16,320.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-3,459.10	CLC:	-478.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	55.00	Tuition Aid:	185.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	5.00	Kinship:	5.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	5.00	IIF:	5.00
			CEF:	5.00

CLC E-Devotion

Monday, July 13, 2009

Acts 4:32-33 And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them. And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.

INCLUDE THE RESURRECTION

This congregation was united. In their frequent gatherings they were joyful. They were concerned for each other even to the point that people would voluntarily sell their possessions to provide for those in need. So where did this amazing unity come from? What drew these people together into such an intimate, compassionate fellowship? Their unity came from the resurrection of Christ. The first Christian congregation was what it was because the resurrection of Christ drew them together and united them like nothing else could.

If you read through the first six chapters of Acts you'll find the apostles preaching what we call the Gospel, or the Good News of Jesus, a number of times. That Good News says that Jesus died so that our sins could be forgiven and that all who trust in Him have this forgiveness. But if you go back and look, the apostles don't stop at Christ's death in the sinner's place. They include His resurrection from the dead in their message (Acts 2:32, 3:15, 4:10). The apostles didn't leave out the resurrection of Christ because it was proof that Christ's message was true. He was the Savior that God Himself had sent. All who look to Him for forgiveness are forgiven. And with sins forgiven, they are also set free from sin's ruling over them in life.

The resurrection means the same thing for me and you. If Christ is risen, our sins were paid for, and by faith we have received full pardon before God. When you share the Good News of forgiveness with people, don't forget to include the resurrection. It is key. Without it, the cross means nothing. With it, the cross means sure peace with God.

HE IS NOT HERE;
He is RISEN!

Voters Meeting Notes – April 15, 2012

The meeting was opened with prayer. Minutes of the January 15 meeting were read and approved with one minor correction.

Treasurer's Report:

- 1st quarter was normal
- There is a negative balance in the Tuition Aid Fund, which should recover with continuing contributions by the time of the next disbursement.
- Operating expenditures for the boards are at or below projected levels year to date.
- There were no offering counting errors for this quarter.
- The report was approved as read.

Pastor's Report:

- The Grace 2012 yearbook has been completed and distributed. A major part of the distribution was done electronically by sending PDF files via e-mail to members. Fifty hard copies were made and left at the brochure rack for those who prefer the printed version.
- Lenten service had an average attendance of 68.
- Easter Sunday service attendance was 185 – a record since Pastor Hein began serving.
- Brian Nauman requested a transfer to Messiah at Eau Claire. His transfer has been approved by the council.
- Melissa Starkey has, after 1 ½ years of contact attempts, responded with a request to be removed from membership. A motion to remove her passed.
- The Baker family (Alex Baker's brother) has requested instruction classes.
- Pastor will be in Eau Claire this week attending Board of Regents meetings.
- Pastor noted the need to elect delegates to the Delegate Conference and CLC Convention.
- The report was approved.

Elder's Report:

- Easter breakfast went well. One hundred and three congregants were served. It was nice to see some of the young people step in to serve.
- The report was approved as read.

Board of Education Report:

- We are fortunate to be able to offer kindergarten next year with Ann Radichel stepping forward to volunteer.
- A motion to authorize kindergarten for one year in the next school year passed.
- A motion to call Ann Radichel to teach kindergarten two days a week for one year next year with no compensation passed.
- The report was approved as read.

Board of Trustees Report:

- A work day has been scheduled for Saturday, 4/28/12.
- Everything else is going well.
- Pastor reported problems starting the mower.
- The report was approved as read.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Election of delegates to the delegate conference and CLC Convention:
 - Nominated were Benno Sydow, Dave Rust, and Frank Radichel for the two delegate positions, and Rick Nelson for an alternate position.
 - Voters were asked to vote for two of the three candidates and the two receiving the most votes by a show of hands will be delegates. The third nominee will be another alternate. Benno and Frank were elected to be delegates.
- Harassment Policy development update: The CLC Board of Trustees is meeting this coming week and will work on the development of a policy recommendation for congregations. They should have a policy to present to the convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon with a prayer led by Pastor Hein.

Adapted from the minutes submitted by Secretary Jack Kirkham

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein Elder: Larry Nelson

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

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

Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice
Sandhoefner

Church Cleaners: Sandhoefner School: Hein

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Jenny
Kleifgen

Church Cleaners: B. Rust School: Hein

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Apr. 29: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., May 2: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Sun., May 6: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
11:15 am – Hospitality
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Mon., May 7: 10:00 am – Pastoral Study Club @ Mankato, MN

Wed., May 9: 7:30 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital

Fri., May 11: Grace School Field Day (Grades 5-8) & Field Trip (Grades 1-4)

Thu., May 17: 7:00 pm – Ascension Worship

Fri., May 18: 3:00 pm – ILC Class Day
7:30 pm – ILC Spring Concert @ Messiah in Eau Claire, WI

Sat., May 19: 10:00 am – ILC Graduation Service

Sun., May 20: Confirmation

Thu., May 24: 7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program

Fri. May 25: Grace School's Last Day

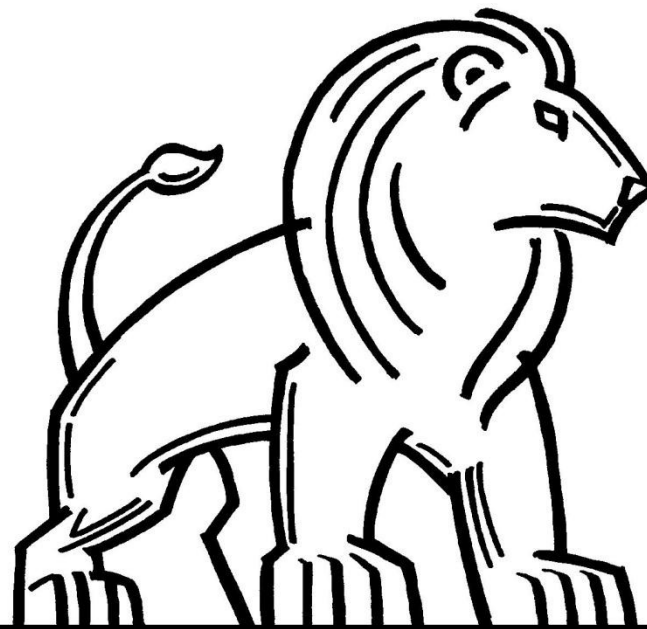
Sun., May 27: Summer Schedule Begins (9 am Worship)

Sun., June 10: 3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conference @ Berea in Inver Grove Hts.

June 18-21: CLC Convention @ Eau Claire, WI

August 6-10: Vacation Bible School

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***The wicked man flees though
no one pursues, but the
righteous are as
bold as a lion.***

Proverbs 28:1
