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Church Year: Easter 5 **Date:** May 6, 2012

✠ ***THE ORDER OF WORSHIP*** ✠

Hymn:..... TLH 204: Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

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

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

P: The Lord is gracious and compassionate,

C: Slow to anger and rich in love.

P: All You have made will praise You, O Lord;

C: Your saints will extol You.

P: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.

C: Let every creature praise His holy name. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis:..... TLH 199, st. 4

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!

Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

First Reading:..... 1 John 3:18-24

By abiding in Christ, love is to be expressed in our lives.

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. Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again;

C: Death no longer has mastery over Him. Alleluia.

Second Reading:..... John 15:1-8

By abiding in Jesus and His Word, we are to bear forth fruit for God.

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed, TLH p. 22

Hymn: TLH 290: We Have a Sure Prophetic Word

Sermon:..... Acts 8:26-38

(26) Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. (27) So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, (28) was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. (29) Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." (30) So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" (31) And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. (32) The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. (33) In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." (34) So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" (35) Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. (36) Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" (37) Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." (38) So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. (NKJVTM)

Spiritual Exercise:

Learning How to Learn from the Scriptures

1. By reading and rereading the Bible
2. By asking the Spirit for the Spirit-intended meaning
3. By asking the appropriate guide to help guide
4. By comparing Scripture with Scripture
5. By beginning with Jesus and ending with Jesus
6. By doing what you have learned to do

Offertory: TLH p. 22 f.

Hymn: TLH 284: Father of Mercies in Thy Word

Offering & Prayer:

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

Distribution: TLH 207: Like the Golden Sun Ascending

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 189: He is Arisen! Glorious Word!

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Among Us:** Mark Wales' brother, Wayne, unexpectedly passed away recently. Mark and Trudy will be attending the funeral in the Phoenix area this week. May the certain hope of the resurrection be that which comforts their hearts at this time.
- ◆ **Grace Kindergarten Call:** Brethren in Christ, With the help of the Spirit, I look forward to fulfilling my call as kindergarten teacher for the 2012-2013 school year at Grace Lutheran Church. Please keep the school and teachers in your prayers. Ann Radichel
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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 – Sacrament of the Altar

Last Week's Stats: Apr. 29, 2012 Sun.: 109 S.S.: ?? B.Cl.: 38

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,309.10	CLC:	\$941.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+279.10	CLC:	-19.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$51,360.00	CLC:	\$16,783.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	54,540.00	CLC:	17,280.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-3,180.00	CLC:	-497.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	454.00
GLC Other: 4.00	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	100.00
ILC Student Aid: 20.00	ILC Bldg.	150.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 4.00

CLC E-Devotion

Friday, October 1, 2010

Acts 1:8b You shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

YOU ARE A WITNESS

Today, of course, all of the apostles are dead. There has not been an eyewitness of Christ walking the earth for nearly 2000 years. Yet testifying as witnesses of Jesus still continues today through Christians who have seen our Lord through faith. You have heard from the apostles through the Holy Scriptures. Even more importantly, these are words authored by the Holy Spirit Himself. You are indeed witnesses of wonderful events, and are called upon to testify by the Lord.

Normally we hear that word "testify" or "witness" in a courtroom setting. If you are called into court to be a witness, you have been called so that justice could be served, so that the innocent go free and the guilty are punished. As a Christian, you'll find that your testimony of Jesus will be about the Innocent being punished and the guilty going free. Yet you'll still be speaking of justice because God doled out the punishment for sin. You are a witness to justice intersecting with love because the punishment for sin was laid upon Jesus. This is what you believe. This is what you know by faith.

The news of salvation can be told in about thirty seconds by reciting John 3:16. But you can say even more than that. You can tell about what great punishment we have escaped because of God's mercy. You can speak of the importance of repentance. You can relate how salvation is free of charge and tell of how three persons of the Trinity are involved in salvation. You can tell of how God creates and preserves faith through the means of grace. There is much more to say than thirty seconds worth. You could not plumb the depths of God's love in 30 years of talking. There's no time like the present to get talking with those in your life.

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!

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Larry Nelson

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

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: David Stifter, Scott Baker, Al Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter,
Lyle Trulin, Michael Ude

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

Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Ryan & Mikey
Oman; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan

Church Cleaners: B. Rust

School: Story

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., May 6: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

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

Wed., May 9: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:30 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital

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

Sun., May 13: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality

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: 9:00 am – Confirmation Examination
10:00 am – Confirmation Worship Service

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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Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at
this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

Acts 8:35