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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 5

Date: July 1, 2012

## ✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

**Worship Preparation:** ..... Psalm 46, TLH p. 134

**Hymn:** ..... WS 743: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

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

P: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:

**C: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.**

P: For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling;

**C: He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.**

P: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

**C: At His tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy;**

P: I will sing and make music to the Lord.

**C: The Lord is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear?  
Glory be to God!**

**Gloria in Excelsis:** ..... TLH 9, st. 5

New graces ever gaining

From this our day of rest,

We reach the rest remaining

To spirits of the blest.

To Holy Ghost be praises,

To Father, and to Son;

The Church her voice upraises

To Thee, blest Three in One.

**First Reading:** ..... 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

## 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. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts,

**C: The Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." Alleluia.**

**Second Reading:** ..... Mark 4:35-41

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

**Hymn:** ..... TLH 532: Thy Way, Not Mine, O Lord

**Sermon:** ..... Job 38:1-11

(1) Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: (2) "Who is this who darkens counsel By words without knowledge? (3) Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. (4) "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. (5) Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? (6) To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, (7) When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy? (8) "Or who shut in the sea with doors, When it burst forth and issued from the womb; (9) When I made the clouds its garment, And thick darkness its swaddling band; (10) When I fixed My limit for it, And set bars and doors; (11) When I said, "This far you may come, but no farther, And here your proud waves must stop!" (NKJV™)

## THE GREATNESS OF OUR GOD!

1. Something we should not question

2. Something we acknowledge in repentance

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

**Hymn:** ..... WS 744: How Great Thou Art

**Offering & Prayer:**

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

**Distribution:** ..... WS 755, TLH 304

**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 39, st 1, 5: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Hospitality:** Today hospitality will be held following the worship service. It will be hosted by Jackie Radichel and Jan Sandhoefner.
- ◆ **Work Day:** Thanks to all who helped yesterday!
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** This is scheduled for August 6-10. A registration sheet is on the narthex table.
- ◆ **IT Manager at ILC:** The recent CLC Convention approved the filling of an IT Manager position at ILC. The Board of Regents feels the need to proceed quickly to bring an individual into the position before the opening of the school year. The limited compensation package consists of a total cost which must remain under \$25,000 (including hidden employer costs ie: workman's comp, SS contribution, housing, utilities, health insurance, etc.). Resumes must be received by Craig Ryan no later than July 15. Interviews will be held after that date. Send resumes to: Mr. Craig Ryan; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131; or cryan@page1printeres.com. Pastor has a job summary available if you have interest.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Teacher Jeff Karnitz of St. Stephen in Mountain View, CA, has returned the call to teach at Holy Trinity in West Columbia, SC. ✠ Pastor Karl Stewart reports that in spite of the severe flooding in Live Oak, FL, the congregation and he are fine. The church is high and dry, although the swamp in the backyard is higher than he's ever seen it. Thank the Lord for his providential care!

*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!*

**WHY IS THE** Sea of Galilee a living water full of fish, while the Dead Sea has no life at all? Because while they both receive the same river, and the Dead Sea even more, the Sea of Galilee also gives, while the Dead Sea does not. "Give and it shall be given to you."

— Selected

**THE FABRIC OF SCRIPTURE:** Many individual threads of different colors make up the fabric from which beautiful garments are sewn. Pull one thread and one can unravel the garment. Scripture consists of individual words and doctrines, all woven by the Spirit Who inspired its words and thoughts into one cohesive and beautiful whole. By denying one word, denying one doctrine, one violates the whole and robs the hearer of the confidence which Scripture gives and of the Truth which Scripture is. It undercuts the Gospel, the beauty of Scripture.

## Council Meeting Notes – June 10, 2012

The meeting opened with prayer. Minutes from the May 6 meeting were approved as read with one minor correction.

### Treasurer's Report:

- May was a slow month for offerings - resulting in a drop of \$1,458.00 to the account balance. This isn't bad, considering that the retaining wall project expenses were paid in May.
- Giving to the Tuition Aid Fund was good.
- Giving to the CLC was lower than usual.
- A \$20.00 error in the offering deposit was reported in May.

### Pastor's Report:

- Recommendation to Voters: Anne Rhinesmith and Brooke Wendland to be ratified as communicant members.
- Pastor has begun an instruction class with Kevin and Tracy Baker.
- Pastor is working on substitutes to cover his pending absences. Mark Tiefel will preach on July 29. No arrangements yet for July 8 (since meeting, Prof. Paul Schaller has been secured).
- VBS staff will be Emily H., Brooke W., and Pastor Hein. Anne Radichel will also help if needed. (Rachel Eichstadt since added)
- CLC Convention is approaching, & the Delegate Conference is today.
- Copies of the CLC Prospectus are available by mailboxes.

### Elders' Report:

- Organ: The need to keep children away from the organ was stressed. Someone recently changed the pitch setting which resulted in some ongoing problems. Humidity is also affecting the organ.
- Future graduation acknowledgements were discussed with regard to the timing: Could it be on a Sunday other than Memorial Day weekend? Discussion followed with no action taken.
- Arrangements for assisting Pastor with communion were discussed.

### Board of Education Report:

- The school play, year-end party, and field day went well.
- Chairmanship of the board is aligned with the school year: The senior board member will step down as chair so that the junior member can begin his chairmanship with the school year.

### Board of Trustees Report:

- Concerns raised during the meeting: Weeds to be sprayed. The sanctuary carpet is showing wear in some places. Discussion followed on the need to start budgeting for carpet replacement.

### New Business:

- Pastor asked if the council had anything they wished to be addressed at the CLC Convention. No issues were raised.

Adapted from Minutes submitted by Secretary, Jack Kirkham

# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

## **Part 3**

### **THE MEANS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — NOT MORALISM:**

Every Society has its own code of ethics or moral code. The ancient Greeks of Sparta valued physical fitness, endurance of pain, and courage in battle. To show pain was to manifest weakness and so bring

disgrace upon oneself. The Spartan women sent their men off to battle with the understanding that they would return with their shields or on them — honorable either in victory or in death, but not without their shields. For only the coward would throw away his shield so as to flee from the enemy.

We hear much about the Puritan ethic today — as something that is on the way out. It's characteristics were hard work, patriotism, a sense of responsibility, thrift, lack of emotionalism, prudishness. The work ethic is being replaced with the concept of "welfare rights." Prudishness is being replaced with sexual license, pornography, and nudity. Moral standards are changing! [Note: This was originally written in 1972. Such changes are still occurring.]

For many Christian education means training the younger generation according to the Judeo-Christian ethic. In more meaningful terms this means training the youth to live according to the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, and the Golden Rule. What this means in practice is training children to live by a set of "Dos" and "Don'ts" However, in our climate of moral permissiveness today even Christian moralists are finding it difficult to determine what the proper "Thou shalt" and "Thou shalt not" are. Situation ethics has destroyed any absolute standard for right and wrong behavior. Love is supposed to be the guiding principle, but such "love" becomes a highly subjective feeling of what the person wants and thinks is best at a given moment.

The motivation for such moralism may be self-respect, some honor code, desire for reward from society and the ultimate hope of reward from the Judge of all flesh. This is the "Be good, do good, and you are good" religion of the vast majority of those who profess Christianity. The end result is a "Pharisee" who may dazzle the outward eye but whose "righteousness" smells before God.

### **THE MEANS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — LAW AND**

**GOSPEL:** The moralist misuses the Law of God. He cannot help but present the Law as a standard that man can live by if he tries hard enough and that God must in all justice reward him who tries. But the prime purpose of the Law is not to show man how he **can** live but how he **should** be living but **doesn't** live. St. Paul expressed it very succinctly: "*By the law is the knowledge of sin*" Rom. 3:20.

A child must learn to know that God demands the impossible of him — that which no one ever has or can achieve no matter how hard he tries. A child must learn to understand that God directs his demands at the heart, not only the lips, the hands, or the eyes. The Law never says: "Do the best you can, and God will be satisfied." No, the Law says: "Be perfect or be damned!" The Christian moralist simply doesn't understand this. If asked, "How are you going to be saved?" the Christian moralist will possibly answer: "By keeping the Ten Commandments!" But the person who so answers does not realize that he or she is pronouncing the death sentence upon him or herself. Certainly there is life for anyone who does keep the Ten Commandments, but the fact of the matter is that no one has ever achieved that goal, and so all stand condemned by the very law through which the moralist hopes to be saved and to save mankind.

There is one exception to the above. He is Jesus Christ. He could and He did challenge His enemies: "*Which of you convicts Me of sin?*" John 8:46. No one took up the challenge. To be sure, Caiaphas tried to establish an indictment of blasphemy against Him, but he only succeeded in exposing the unbelief of himself and his fellows. The means for educating a child to be a Christian is the Gospel which assures him that not **he** but **the Lord Jesus** has kept the Law, that not **he** but **the Lord Jesus** has suffered for his failing to keep the Law. The Law itself can but create in the individual fully exposed to it a feeling of spiritual nakedness before the eye of the Judge of all flesh and the accompanying feeling of guilt and despair. It is the knowledge of the gift of righteousness-forgiveness in Christ Jesus that is the means both for making the child right with God and for giving him the spiritual power to live right before his God and with his fellowman. The Christian educator works with a divine power without the child to change the child completely and so train him for a full life here and endless life hereafter.

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Ed Lentz

Ushers: Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn & Ned Sandhoefner

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

Church Cleaners: Fleischer

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Pat Paplow, Dan Degnan, Brian Eichstadt, Eric Eichstadt, Ryan Oman, Brandon Paplow

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

Church Cleaners: Fleischer

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., July 1:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper

10:00 am – Hospitality

**Sun., July 8:** 9:00 am – Worship Service

11:00 am – Council Meeting

**Sun., July 15:** 9:00 am – Worship Service

10:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

**August 6-10:** Vacation Bible School

**August 20:** ILC School Year Begins

**August 27:** Grace School Year Begins

**Last Week's Stats:** June 24, 2012 Sun.: 81

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,854.02	CLC:	\$700.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,175.98	CLC:	-260.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$71,758.53	CLC:	\$23,952.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	78,780.00	CLC:	24,960.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-7,021.47	CLC:	-1,008.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	460.00	
GLC Other:	4.00	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	4.00	ILC Bldg.	170.00	IIF: 30.00	CEF: 0.00

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

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*Naked I came from my mother's womb,*

*And naked shall I return there.*

*The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away;*

*Blessed be the name of the LORD.*

Job 1:21