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Church Year: Pentecost 6 **Date:** July 8, 2012

✠ *THE ORDER OF WORSHIP* ✠

Worship Preparation:Psalm 30, TLH p. 129 f.

Hymn:..... TLH 537: Every Morning Mercies New

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

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

- P: Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.
- C: Shout for joy to the Lord, come before Him with joyful songs.**
- P: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His;
- C: We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**
- P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
- C: Give thanks to Him and praise His name. Glory be to God!**

Gloria in Excelsis:..... TLH 36, st. 3

**All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven:
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.**

First Reading:..... Lamentations 3:22-33

God's mercies are new every morning.

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. May Your priests be clothed with righteousness;
- C: May your saints sing for joy. Alleluia.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-14

The free grace of God empowers us to freely give in return.

Confession of Faith: Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12

Hymn: TLH 427: How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord

Sermon:..... Luke 12:32-40

³²“Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Let your waist be girded and *your* lamps burning; ³⁶and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. ³⁷Blessed *are* those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down *to eat*, and will come and serve them. ³⁸And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants. ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and^[a] not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” (NKJVTM)

“Freedom from Fear”

Offertory: TLH p. 12 f.

Hymn: TLH 651: Be Still, My Soul

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: TLH p. 14

Hymn: TLH 230: Holy Spirit, God of Love

✠ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✠

- ◆ **Thanks** to Prof. Paul Schaller for preaching the Good News today. He teaches at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. May the Lord continue to bless his ministry there!
- ◆ **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@page1printer.com. Pastor has a job summary available if you have interest.
- ◆ **CLC News:** xxxxx

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Part 4

WHEN TO START CHRISTIAN

EDUCATION: Parents have a tendency to rush their children into school. Sometimes this is a matter of necessity because both parents work. The child is placed in a nursery, pre-school class, and then

Kindergarten. To regulate this tendency to start children in school at an ever earlier age the state sets a date by which the child must be six years old before it can be enrolled in the first grade. There are sound psychological reasons for this because a child's mental, emotional, and social development can be irreparably damaged by being placed in a structured environment in competition with other children who are more mature. You realize that we have thus far been speaking of **formal** education that we generally call schooling.

BEFORE YOUR CHILD IS BORN: But if one thinks of education as a lifelong process, then the time to begin thinking about the Christian education of your child or children is long before the first child is born. Secular educators understand full well the effects of environment upon children. One of the reasons for the bussing of children from the inner city or ghetto areas to the suburbs is to give the child an opportunity to experience a different and better environment. If illiteracy, welfarism for generation after generation, the "law of the jungle," disease and crime are the normal environment for a child from the time it becomes aware of its environment, certainly those environmental factors will have and do have a dominant influence upon the maturing of the child. How can an illiterate parent help a child with his homework? How can a parent conditioned to living on welfare inculcate a work ethic in a child? How can a child learn to know right from wrong in an amoral society and environment? From this series of negatives which are the problem many public educators it is evident how important environment is for the educating of the child.

ESTABLISH A SAVIOR-GOD ENVIRONMENT IN YOUR HOME: If you have children, what kind of a home environment have you created for your child or children? If you are anticipating

parenthood, what kind of spiritual environment are you establishing? Expectant parents may well be concerned about medical insurance to cover the expense attending upon the birth of a child. They may take special courses in pre- and postnatal care of the child. They will acquire the necessary equipment for caring for the physical needs of the child. But all this the heathen do also. What concern and what effort do Christian parents make for the creation of the proper spiritual environment atmosphere for their child?

If you haven't or don't think about this, you have already been creating an anti-spiritual environment for your child. If insurance, child-care, equipment have been your chief, and possibly only, concern, then you have failed to put first things first.

FIRST THINGS ALWAYS FIRST: The art of creating the best possible spiritual environment in your home for the Christian training of your children can be reduced to these simple four words: First things always first! Is your Savior-God like a fire extinguisher hanging on the wall — to be used only in case of an emergency? Is the Bible lying on your end table just a spiritual status symbol? Are you content with having spent a large sum of money for that symbol, but are you unwilling to feed your soul with it on a regular basis? Is the Name of your Savior-God seldom on your lips — unless something goes wrong and you feel compelled to vent your feelings by using it in vain? Is the House of your God a place to show off a new outfit on Easter Sunday rather than a place in which you refresh your spiritual life Sunday after Sunday? Is having things more important than having the eternal Truth? Is enjoying the questionable company of people of this world more pleasing than the fellowship of the saints? Is small talk so much more natural than witnessing? Is living now far more thrilling than the hope and expectation of living forever? Answer these questions honestly for yourself, and you will have the answer as to whether you are or have created an environment in your home that is conducive to the Christian training of your children.

✠ **TODAY AT GRACE** ✠

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Larry Nelson

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

✠ **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** ✠

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

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland

Church Cleaners: ??

✠ **OUR SCHEDULE** ✠

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: July 1, 2012 Sun.: 107

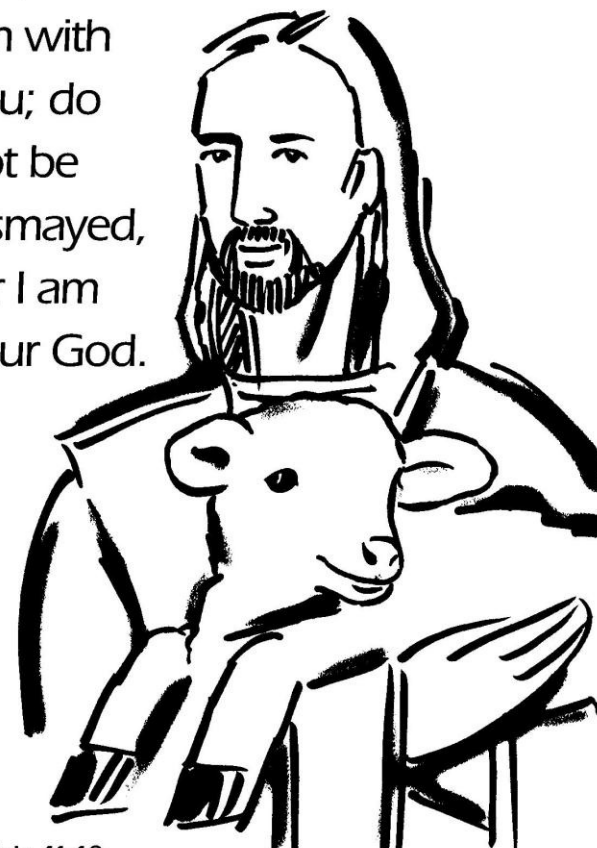
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,965.80	CLC:	\$630.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-64.20	CLC:	-330.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$74,724.33	CLC:	\$24,582.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	81,810.00	CLC:	25,920.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-7,085.67	CLC:	-1,338.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	125.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	105.00	IIF: 0.00	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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So do not
fear, for I
am with
you; do
not be
dismayed,
for I am
your God.



Isaiah 41:10