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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 15

Date: September 9, 2012

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: Psalm 119, Part III, TLH p. 149

Hymn: TLH 459: Come My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare

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

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

P: Trust in the Lord and do good;

C: Dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

P: Delight yourself in the Lord,

C: And He will give you the desires of your heart.

P: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this.

C: The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord, He is their stronghold in time of trouble. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: WS 758, st. 4

**C: Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Our Lord stresses the need to train our children in His ways. We are to teach these things at all times, not only when they go to bed. Do we take the necessary time to do this? Or are we too busy with the ways of this world?

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. When Your words came, I ate them;

C: They were my joy and my heart's delight. Alleluia.

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:1-4, 10-13

There are specific directives toward both children and parents. Children are to be obedient to their parents. Parents are to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. With both groups doing their part, we may all be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, being able to withstand all the spiritual wickedness that Satan may send our way.

Confession of Faith: Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12

Hymn: TLH 630: Ye Parents, Hear What Jesus Taught

Sermon: 1 Kings 3:5-14

(5) At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" (6) And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day. (7) "Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I *am* a little child; I do not know *how* to go out or come in. (8) "And Your servant *is* in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. (9) "Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" (10) The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. (11) Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, (12) "behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. (13) "And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. (14) "So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." (NKJVTM)

Hearing Hearts:

What Could be Better for Our Children?

Offertory: TLH p. 12 f.

CDS Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend

Hymn: TLH 629: Let Children Hear the Might Deeds

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: TLH p. 14

Sunday School Teachers Installation: TLH p. 14

Hymn: TLH 283: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

✠ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✠

- ◆ **Church Picnic:** Next Sunday there will be a church picnic here on the church grounds following our regular church service. Plans are to set up an inflatable jumping gym for the children. Grilled meat will be provided. Members are asked to bring salads, chips, and/or desserts.
- ◆ **Sunday School Teachers:** We pray that our Sunday School teachers will have a blessed year as they serve the Lord. May their instruction be fruitful as it falls upon the ears of God's little lambs. The teachers are the following: Age 4-K: Pat Dick; 1st-2nd: Rachel Eichstadt; 3rd-5th: Jan Davis; 6th-8th: Mark Wales. May the teachers and students be richly blessed around the Word: "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11
- ◆ **Christian Day School:** Two weeks ago the school year began here at Grace. There are ten children attending this year: Kindergarten – Alexandra Baker & Naomi Story; 1st – Dayne Flesner; 2nd – Natalie Story; 3rd – Cole Flesner & Daniel Hein; 4th – Kathleen Baker; 5th – Patrick Baker; 6th – Julianna Hein; and 8th – David Hein. We pray that our students will be richly blessed through the spiritual training they will receive through daily contact with God's Word. We also pray that our teachers will be upheld by God's promises that their work is not in vain but is done to the glory of God and for the welfare of His kingdom.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Maynard Hammond had successful surgery this past Tuesday at the Veterans hospital where he is still recovering. Many thanks to all those who helped out at the Alice Weibye funeral this past Friday, Sept. 7.
- ◆ **Baby Shower:** A baby shower for Jessica Ude will be held on October 13 here at church. Details can be found on the invitation on the bulletin board. Please let Heidi Nelson know if you will be attending.
- ◆ **The Christian Women Today Seminar** will be held at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, on Sat., Oct. 6, 2012. Seminar brochures with registration information are now available.
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day** will be held on Nov. 9. It will introduce students to the Immanuel foundation and experience. Come and learn more about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ! Lodging and meals will be provided. Speak with your pastor about questions and attendance. Please convey attendance information and any housing requests to Prof. John Ude, the ILC academic dean, before Nov. 6: work phone 715-836-6631; home phone: 715-955-4127; e-mail john.ude.ilc@gmail.com.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Thomas Skinner has applied for re-entry into the public teaching ministry. The re-entry committee will meet Oct. 3rd in Eau Claire. Pastor Mark Bernthal is the chairman.

CLC E-Devotion

Saturday, August 29, 2009

1 Kings 3:9 Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil.

GIVE US WISDOM TO VALUE THE RIGHT THINGS, O GOD

The Lord presented King Solomon with an amazing choice, "Ask! What shall I give you?" There were no limitations to what Solomon could receive because the Almighty God was the one making the offer.

Solomon showed a glimmer of the greater wisdom that he was about to receive with his answer above. He knew the value of being able to discern between good and evil, especially as he would be in a position of power and authority as the King of Israel.

This is a worthy petition that we may address to the Lord as well. Satan is laying traps for us day by day. He dresses up evil to make it look very appealing to us. He knows that the one who values anything above God will end up losing his faith in God. Sin, then, is portrayed as exciting, while righteousness is dismissed as boring. Selfishness is cloaked with an aura of fun, but paying attention to the things of God is presented as drudgery.

Oh, that the Lord would grant us wisdom to value what is good and right--His will and His ways. Pray the Holy Spirit that you may value the eternal over the temporary.

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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Part 10

FORMAL EDUCATION: PUBLIC EDUCATION VERSUS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — SECULAR VERSUS CHRISTIAN POINT OF VIEW:

Two teachers,

one with a secular philosophy of life and the other with a Christian view of life, can be teaching the same set of facts, but the impression that each will leave with the student can be the direct opposite. What makes the difference? It is the point of view of the teacher. Here is the big difference in every educational imprint upon the character of the child — in the home, school, or church.

DISCIPLINE: Every child needs discipline. Is the child going to be corrected according to the standards set by his peers and society — which may well mean letting the child do his own thing — or will he be corrected according to the standards of behavior set by the Lord God in the Ten Commandments? Will guilt be treated as a psychological problem that can be reasoned or talked away or [will guilt be treated] as a moral problem that can be cured alone by the blood of Christ? Is motivation for good behavior to be based on an appeal to the natural good that allegedly resides in every child or is the motivating force to be moment by moment gratitude for the priceless gift of divine forgiveness and righteousness? Is the aim of discipline to be the approval of society or the approval of God? In every case of discipline are you dealing with a person equipped with native goodness that needs only to be brought out or are you dealing with a person conceived and born in sin that needs to be born again and kept on the straight and narrow by the continuous application of Law and the Gospel in his life? It all depends upon the view of life of the one who disciplines. But the result will be either the development of a self-righteous “Pharisee” or the training of a child of God living in the fear of the Lord.

SUCCESS: Every parent and every school wants to help a child become a success in life. But how is success to be measured? The common secular standard is the earning power

that the child can achieve when he or she becomes an adult. A higher standard is serving society in some way or manner. But such success, measured in earning power, career achievement, social or political advancement, even serving mankind, can be a complete failure in the sight of God. Hell will be filled with people who were very successful in the eyes of their contemporaries. Success from the Christian point of view is not achieving great earning power, but knowing how to use that gift, as well as all other gifts, to the glory of God and the welfare of one’s neighbor. Success in the sight of God is learning to live humbly before one’s God, boldly before men in the fear of the Lord with a moment by moment resting of one’s faith upon the Lord at all times and in all places and under all circumstances.

VALUE: All education develops consciously or subconsciously within the person a set of values, for life is but an unending succession of decisions as to what comes first. Are athletics and social advantages more important than hearing and learning the Word of the Lord? Is being popular with the guys and girls a greater value than remaining faithful to the Lord? Is satisfying one’s own ego more thrilling than submitting to the lordship of Christ in one’s life? Is getting and possessing, owning and using the endless things of this life more important than growing in grace, deepening one’s understanding, and abounding ever more and more in the fruits of faith?

SUBJECT MATTER: The same facts can be taught differently, depending upon the point of view of the teacher. Are the facts of science to be used to discredit the revealed Word of the Lord? Are the scientific theories as to the origin of life to challenge God’s revelation? Are man’s achievements in all fields to glorify man or is the sober biblical standard of the ultimate failure of all human endeavor to be applied? No matter what subject is touched or taught there will be a basic difference between the way it is taught — depending upon the view of life that the teacher has. A good Christian teacher can have a blessed influence upon a child for time and eternity. A good secular teacher can also influence a child — irreparably in this life and in the hereafter.

✠ **TODAY AT GRACE** ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Ed Lentz

Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel,
Bob Vandevener, Bobby Vandevener, Matt Vandevener

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

Hospitality Team 5: Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick;
Frank & Ann Radichel

Church Cleaners: Sandhoefner School Cleaners: A. Baker

✠ **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** ✠

Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel,
Bob Vandevener, Bobby Vandevener, Matt Vandevener

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

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

Church Cleaners: Dick/Englehorn School Cleaners: A. Baker

✠ **OUR SCHEDULE** ✠

Sun., Sept. 9: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Wed., Sept. 12: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class Resumes

Sun., Sept. 16: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Annual Church Picnic

Last Week's Stats: Sept. 2, 2012 Sun.: 92 Funeral: 125

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,757.04	CLC:	\$915.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-272.96	CLC:	-45.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$99,456.96	CLC:	\$31,761.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	109,080.00	CLC:	34,560.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-9,623.04	CLC:	-2,799.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	155.00	
GLC Other:	105.00	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	129.00	ILC Bldg.	50.00	IIF:	0.00
				CEF:	0.00

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