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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 24

Date: November 11, 2012

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation:Psalm 139, TLH p. 154 f.

Opening Hymn: TLH 444, st. 1-3: Rise! To Arms!

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

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

P: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

C: But the way of the wicked will perish.

P: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked

C: Or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

P: But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

C: And on His law he meditates day and night.

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.

C: Whatever he does prospers. 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:Malachi 4:1-2b

The Day of the Lord will be a day to fear for those who have rejected Christ, but a day of healing for those who eagerly looked forward to His coming.

Gradual:

P: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;

C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

C: Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth,

C: That we might be a kind of firstfruits of all He created. Alleluia.

CDS Hymn: WS 747: Earth and All Stars

Second Reading: John 5:19-24

There is a distinction between the Father and the Son in so far as their Persons, even though they both deserve the honor as the one true, living God.

Confession of Faith: Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12

Hymn: TLH 420: My Jesus, as Thou Wilt

Sermon: James 4:13-17

(13) Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; (14) whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. (15) Instead you *ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." (16) But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. (17) Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin. (NKJVTM)

"My Times are in Your Hands, O Lord"

1. The folly of planning without Him

2. The wisdom of planning with Him

Offertory: TLH p. 12 f.

Hymn: TLH 413, st. 1-2, 5-6: I Walk in Danger All the Way

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: TLH p. 14

Hymn: TLH 444, st. 4: Rise! To Arms!

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!

CIVIL GOVERNMENT:

Many of us are breathing a deep sigh of relief because the election campaign is over. (At this writing we thought it was!) While free elections set our country off from many others, and our manner of choosing our government is an envy of many, the fact is that it also reveals the dark side of the human nature in the lies, innuendo, and slander that characterizes many campaigns. However good the system, it is a flawed one in that winners often seek to win by destroying the opponent rather than promoting their program.

While each nation is free to choose its government in its own way, the fact is that the institution of government is of God. While we may find it difficult to have respect toward individuals, yet we are to have respect toward God's institution. In Romans 13 we read, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor." In 1 Peter 2 we read, "Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king." Our Lord Jesus Himself told the people to render to Caesar what is Caesar's (Matthew 22:21). Jesus and His apostles lived during the time of a heathen and corrupt government. Nevertheless, they did not counsel rebellion.

Martin Luther who is remembered for being God's instrument in the Reformation of the church, also had an influence on the political life of his time. He speaks yet today. "Government is instituted, not in order to seek its own profit at the expense of its subjects and to exercise its self-will on them but in order to provide for the best interests of its subjects" (WLS, Vol II, para.1767). He wrote in 1523, "Here you see that government should be elected by the votes of the people. Reason also dictates this. ... For to force a government upon a people against its will is perilous and pernicious" (Para. 1755). One time he said that if a country cannot have a wise and prudent ruler a wise and wicked ruler is to be preferred over a saintly but stupid one.

With the conclusion of the election, some will feel they got a "ruler" with whom they completely disagree. Others, even those whose man won, will not have gotten the one with whom they agree in all things.

Yet the Christian realizes that the will of the people has been worked under God. God has permitted to come to office for His own purposes that one who now is elected. We realize also that ultimately it is God who is the determiner of the fates of nations (Acts 17:26). Regardless of who sits in the seat of authority, the Lord will work His will for the welfare of the nation whether it is for judgment or blessing. And without doubt the will of God will serve the benefit of His chosen, holy nation – the believers in Christ Jesus. It certainly is not to the loss of a Christian if the governance of this nation should fill us with greater longing for heaven!

In the meantime, Christians who are pilgrimming through this world will respect God's institution and pray that the Lord will bless all who are elected with wisdom, courage, integrity, and moral strength and rectitude to govern for the welfare of the nation they serve.

Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 11/2012

✝ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✝

- ◆ **Among Us:** Curt Miesen was moved to the Univ. of MN Medical Center this week. He is receiving an aggressive chemo treatment for his leukemia. Recently an MRI revealed that Pete Fleischer's tumor is growing and he will receive radiation. We commend them to the Lord's gracious care!
- ◆ **Christmas Eve:** Parents, please let Pastor know about the involvement of your children in this year's Christmas Eve service.
- ◆ **New Book:** Now available at the CLC Bookhouse for \$14.95, and just in time for Christmas, the CLC Board of Education and Publications announces the publication of the following: Preaching to Preachers by Norman A. Madson. Reprint - original copyright 1952 Devotional sermons by Norman A. Madson (1886-1962). "Don't let the title fool you. Although the sermons were written and delivered primarily to those in the preaching and teaching ministries, every Christian home would benefit from these scripturally-based and well-written devotions. Rev. Madson's application of Law and Gospel toward the servants in the public ministry will give you an insightful and instructive glimpse into the lives of your pastors and teachers as the gifts that God means them to be for you." Paperback, 234 pages. clcbookhouse.org
- ◆ **Annual Evangelism Workshop:** This will be held at 3 pm on Sun., Nov. 25, at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. The theme and outline for this year's workshop is "*The Three S's of Evangelism*": 1) Seeking with pre-evangelism, 2) Sharing with evangelism proper, and 3) Serving with post-evangelism. There will be a topical presentation for each section, followed by break-out group discussions. The sessions will close with a chili supper. Plan now to come, share, and learn! For more information, you may contact Messiah's Outreach Chairman, Mr. Dan Sullivan, at (646) 388-1716, or daniel.sullivan.978@gmail.com.

✠ **TODAY AT GRACE** ✠

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Ed Lentz
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 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Jenny
 Kleifgen
Church Cleaners: Olmanson School Cleaners: A. Baker

✠ **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 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Ryan & Mikey
 Oman; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan
Church Cleaners: ?? School Cleaners: A. Baker

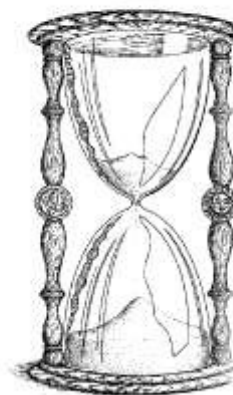
✠ **OUR SCHEDULE** ✠

Sun., Nov. 11: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality
 12:00 pm – Council Meeting
Wed., Nov. 14: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
Sun., Nov. 18: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality
Wed., Nov. 21: 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Sun., Dec. 2, 9, 16: 12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsals

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 11, 2012 Sun.: 122 S.S.: 20 B.Cl.: 46 Wed.: 19

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,239.00	CLC:	\$705.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+209.00	CLC:	-255.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$124,707.53	CLC:	\$39,274.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	136,350.00	CLC:	43,200.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-11,642.47	CLC:	-3,926.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	410.00
GLC Other: 38.00	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid: 24.00	ILC Bldg.	155.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

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