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✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Brandt Wendland

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: B. Sydow School: Bruce

✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: B. Rust/A. Baker School: Bruce

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

Sun., Sept. 28: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
4:00 pm – Pastor J. Fleischer Installation (Sioux Falls, SD)

Wed., Oct. 1: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Oct. 5: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
8:45 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality

Oct. 7-8: MN Pastoral Conference (Morris, MN)

Sun., Oct. 12: Mission Festival Service & Potluck

Sun., Oct. 19: 8:30 am – Dr. Menton Seminar

Sun., Oct. 26: 4:00 pm – MN Joint Reformation Festival (Mankato, MN)

Last Week's Stats: Sept. 14, 2014 Sun.: 80 S.S.: 11 B. Cl.: 46 Wed.: 27			
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$5,551.17	CLC: \$1,220.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,200.00	CLC: 1,040.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+2,351.17	CLC: +180.00
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$121,787.87	CLC: \$37,441.65
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	121,600.00	CLC: 39,520.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+187.87	CLC: -2,078.35
GLC Other:	555.00	Living Faith:	0.00 Tuition Aid: 50.00
SAF Endowment:	45.00	MDF:	50.00 Kinship: 40.00
ILC Student Aid:	50.00	ILC Bldg.	50.00 IIF: 0.00 CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Projection:	-439.67	Tuition Aid: +7,625.12

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*"If my people who are called by my name
humble themselves, pray, seek my face,
and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will ... forgive their sin"*

2 Chronicles 7:14, 1

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 16

Date: September 28, 2014

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 2: To Thy Temple I Repair

TLH 379: I Do Not Come Because My Soul

TLH 399: Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

TLH 45: Now, the Hour of Worship O'er

Worship Prep:

Ps. 119, 17, TLH p. 151

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 9:5

Scripture Reading:

Proverbs 25:6,7

Hebrews 13:1-8

Sermon: Luke 14:1-11

¹ Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely. ² And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" ⁴ But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go. ⁵ Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" ⁶ And they could not answer Him regarding these things. ⁷ So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: ⁸ "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; ⁹ and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." (NKJVTM)

Jesus Teaches True Humility

1. Know Yourself

2. Know God

Preaching Today: Vicar Rob Sauers

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Berea Hymnal Committee Report:** Next Sunday, during Bible Class, Steve Kuehne from our sister congregation, Berea in Inver Grove Hts., will be presenting the results of 18 months of study and discussion by its 10-member hymnal committee. This report was also heartily accepted by the pastors of the CLC Minnesota Conference. Because of the likely discontinued publication of The Lutheran Hymnal (1941) and availability of recent confessional Lutheran hymnals (Christian Worship - 1993, Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary - 1996, and the Lutheran Service Book - 2006), the committee investigated hymnals which both preserved the time-tested and beloved key elements of The Lutheran Hymnal (and Worship Supplement), included some of the newer hymns and liturgies that have gained acceptance, and provided some helpful language updates and other features that could serve Berea in their worship life. The committee carefully reviewed the hymnal and liturgical texts for doctrinal accuracy and clarity, looked at the music for singability, playability, and pleasing reflection of the text and formed general impressions of each hymnal. The Berea committee had a unanimous preference for The Lutheran Service Book (LSB) and recommended its use. Since Berea has now decided to use this as its primary hymnal and are recommending its use at our preaching station in Eden Prairie, the Elders of Grace have invited Steve Kuehne to summarize the committee's report. The full study of the report is at www.bereaclc.org > Resources > Hymnal Presentation.
- ◆ **Mission Festival:** Vicar Rob Sauers will be our guest speaker for Mission Festival on October 12. Vicar Sauers was on the Mission Helper Trip to Nepal this summer. He will have a presentation for Bible Class at 9 am and will be our preacher during our 10 am worship service. Following our worship service there will be a potluck in which members are invited to bring a dish to serve.
- ◆ **Blood Drive:** During our Mission Festival potluck, on Oct. 12 from 11-3, there will be a blood drive here at the church. Sign up at redcrossblood.org to secure a time, or simply show up with a valid ID.
- ◆ **Creation Seminar:** We are privileged to have Dr. David Menton present a creation seminar here at Grace on Sunday, October 19, 8:30 am. Please be aware that this will start earlier than our normal Bible Class time but will in place of it. The theme will be, "Three Ways to Make an Ape Man."
- ◆ **Minnesota Reformation Festival:** A joint Reformation festival will be held at Immanuel in Mankato on October 26, 4:00 pm.
- ◆ **Bridal Shower:** A bridal shower will be held for Abbie Hein at the church on Nov. 1. Details can be found on the bulletin board. Please RSVP to Heidi Nelson.
- ◆ **Collection:** A purse is being collected for Vicar Sauers. If you wish to contribute, mark "Vicar" on your offering envelope.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Thomas Schuetze of Faith in Coloma, MI, has accepted the call to St. Paul in Lakewood, CO (Denver Area). ✠ Pastor John Johannes of Mt. Olive/St. Paul in Detroit Lakes/Ponsford, MN, has received the call to Grace in Live Oak, FL. ✠ Pastor Neal Radichel of Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI, has returned the call to become the third pastor at Messiah in Eau Claire, WI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work: #4 – Second Commandment**

Evolutionism—Is There Such a Word?

by Dr. David Menton on November 19, 2013

Why is it we often encounter the comparison of creationism vs. evolution but rarely creationism vs. evolutionism? Is there no such thing as the word evolutionism? Surprisingly, many English language dictionaries, including even some large unabridged dictionaries, fail to define the word evolutionism and some don't even list it as a word. For example, the unabridged edition of the Random House Dictionary of the English Language I have in my library weighs ten pounds and has nearly 2,000 pages of definitions yet fails to include the word evolutionism. Those dictionaries that do include the word generally leave it undefined and merely list it as a noun related to the main entry "evolution."

While the current Wikipedia entry for evolutionism concedes that the word exists, it assures us that it is "seldom used in the scientific community" and implies that its continued use is mostly by creationists.² But a Google search for evolutionism gives over a million results—with the vast majority of uses coming from evolutionists themselves! A search for evolutionism on Google Books gives over 200,000 results and on Google Scholar (generally limited to the academic and scientific literature) about 25,000 results.

So why is there a seeming reluctance to admit the very existence of such a commonly used word as evolutionism? Most likely it involves the shade of meaning that the suffix -ism adds to the word evolution. When the -ism suffix is added to a word it forms complex nouns that often imply a system of belief or worldview, and this is what many evolutionists refuse to acknowledge about evolution. To put a point on it, evolutionists do not want you to associate belief with evolution.

Do You Believe in Evolution?

In the recent video *Evolution vs. God*, evangelist Ray Comfort asked the faculty and students at several universities if they believe in evolution, and all firmly acknowledged they did believe. But more astute evolutionists resent being asked if they "believe" in evolution because such a question implies that their strongly held evolutionary convictions involve some trace of belief, a fact they adamantly deny. In a lecture at the 2006 meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in St. Louis, evolutionary apologist Dr. Eugenie Scott cautioned her audience about the question, "Do you believe in evolution?" and insisted that the question should always be phrased, "Do you accept evolution?" For her and many other evolutionists, evolution is "settled science" and thus must be accepted as an absolute fact, not merely believed.

But the Word Creationism Is OK

Unlike the word evolutionism, the word creationism is found and defined in almost all dictionaries of the English language. For example, my Random House Dictionary defines creationism as "the doctrine that matter and all things were created, substantially as they now exist, by an omnipotent Creator, and not gradually evolved or developed." This dictionary could have similarly defined evolutionism as "the doctrine that matter and all things evolved over billions of years to their current form by purely natural processes, and not supernaturally created in six days by an omnipotent Creator." But as we have seen, there can be no evolutionism vs. creationism.

Even the Word Darwinism Is OK

Although the word evolutionism is often left undefined in dictionaries, the word Darwinism is usually found and defined. This might seem inconsistent, but to evolutionists the difference between the two words is significant. Evolution they insist is an absolute observable fact while Darwinism is a theory about the mechanism of evolution. Thus an evolutionist might concede that he believes that Darwin has given us a correct explanation for the mechanism of evolution (Darwinism), but regardless of how it happened, he is dead certain of the "fact" of evolution itself.

Think of Evolution the Way You Think of Gravity

Evolutionists like to use the phenomenon of gravity as an example of how we should view the supposed phenomenon of evolution. After all, we don't "believe" in gravity, we observe it and accept it as a fact—and indeed it is a law of nature. Evolutionists insist that we should be every bit as confident in amoeba-to-man evolution as we are that a dropped bowling ball will fall to the floor rather than rise to the ceiling. But thus far, evolutionists have stopped short of calling evolution a scientific law of nature. Evolution is much too nebulous and slippery to ever qualify as a law of nature. Unlike a law, no one has ever attempted to reduce evolution to a mathematical statement applicable anywhere in the universe.

Evolutionary apologists can be devilishly clever in glossing over the failure of molecules-to-man evolution to measure up to the observational status of gravity. For example we often hear that "the theory of evolution is as well-established as the theory of gravity." They apparently hope that the average person will understand this to mean that evolution is as well established as the "theory" that a dropped bowling ball will fall rather than rise. But the theory of gravity must not be confused with the observation of gravity. The theories of gravity attempt to explain the actual mechanism of observed gravitational force. Anyone who troubles to look into the many exceedingly complex theories of gravity may wonder if a testable theory of gravity even exists.

Is Evolution an -ism?

So is evolution a belief system? Evolution is necessarily a belief because molecules-to-man evolution is not observable but rather must be inferred and believed. This is why evolutionists are stumped when asked to give an observable example of one kind of creature evolving into a different kind of creature. If pressed, they inevitably give an example of limited variation within a kind that is not a contested issue between evolutionists and creationists. It clearly takes a lot of credulity (willingness to believe without evidence) for evolutionists to believe that an expanding cloud of hydrogen turned into people over 14 billion years.

Finally, is evolution a worldview? Any belief system that purports to explain the origin of virtually everything that is real is a religion or worldview. Evolution was certainly the worldview of evolutionist Julian Huxley who believed that "evolution is the whole of reality, a single process of self-transformation." Indeed for those who consistently hold the worldview of evolution, nothing can be elevated above evolution because everything that is real must ultimately be a product of evolution, including religion and even God if he is to be considered to be part of reality. And so it is that evolutionism is a widely held, essentially atheistic belief system that dare not speak its name.

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