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## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner**      Elder: **Frank Radichel**  
Ushers: **Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner**  
Counting Team 2: **Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales**  
Hospitality Team 3: **Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Ryan & Mikey Oman; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan**  
Church Cleaners: **K & A Baker**      School: **DeBoer**

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner**  
Counting Team 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland**  
Hospitality Team 4: **Mark & Trudy Wales; Bob & Suki Vandever**  
Church Cleaners: **K & A Baker**      School: **Flesner**

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., Oct. 26:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service  
 11:15 am – Hospitality  
 4:00 pm – MN Joint Reformation Festival (Mankato, MN)  
**Wed., Oct. 29:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class  
**Sat., Nov. 1:** Abbie Hein Bridal Shower  
**Sun., Nov. 2:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper  
 11:15 am – Hospitality  
**Sun., Nov. 9:** 12:00 pm – Council Meeting  
**Wed., Nov. 26:** 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Worship  
**Thu., Nov. 27:** Thanksgiving Day

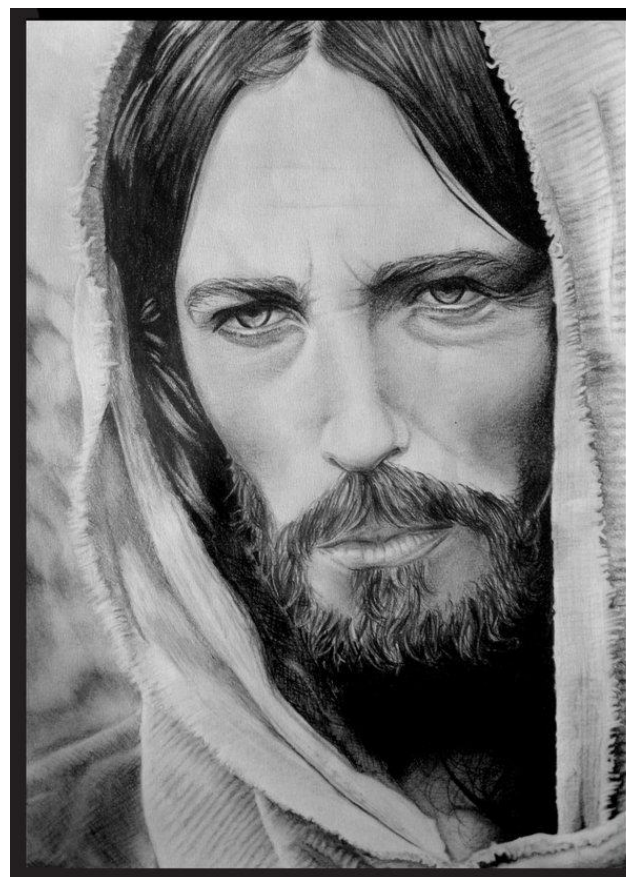
**Last Week's Stats:** Oct. 19, 2014    Sun.: 105 B.Cl.: 86    Wed.: 22

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,199.80	CLC:	\$1,665.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,200.00	CLC:	1,040.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-0.20	CLC:	+625.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$134,686.42	CLC:	\$42,617.65	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	134,400.00	CLC:	43,380.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+286.42	CLC:	-1,062.35	
GLC Other:	64.00	Living Faith:	12.00	Tuition Aid:	182.00
SAF Endowment:	100.00	MDF:	62.00	Kinship:	115.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	195.00	IIF:	10.00
				CEF:	0.00
Current Balances:			Tuition Aid: +1,857.12		

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**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Church Year:** Pentecost 20/Reformation

**Date:** October 26, 2014

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

WS 774: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

TLH 473: The Church's One Foundation

(Note: Women alone on st. 3; men alone on st. 4)

TLH 657: Beautiful Savior

TLH 283: God's Word is Our Great Heritage

Children: I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

### Worship Prep:

Psalms 33, TLH p. 131

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 19:1

### Scripture Readings:

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

### Sermon: Psalm 90:14-17

(14) Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days! (15) Make us glad according to the days *in which* You have afflicted us, The years *in which* we have seen evil. (16) Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. (17) And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

*REFORMATION IS ABOUT KEEPING  
JESUS AS OUR BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR*

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Among Us:** This past Monday Maynard Hammond ended up in the hospital due to elevated potassium levels. These have stabilized and he is now in a facility, Golden Living Center Lynwood in Fridley. He will be there for a couple of weeks. May the Lord tenderly care for him.
- ◆ **Work Day:** Thanks to all who helped with work day yesterday.
- ◆ **Reformation:** The celebration of the Lutheran Reformation occurs on October 31, honoring the time when Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. In a day when churches are willing to compromise and set aside many of the basic tenets of their faith, it is good for us to honor this day as one in which we are reminded to stand fast in doctrine of the apostles and prophets that has been handed to us in Holy Scripture. Please keep the church and its teachings in your prayers as we struggle to remain loyal to our Savior who bought us with His precious blood. A blessed Reformation to you all! – Pastor Hein
- ◆ **Minnesota Reformation Festival:** A joint Reformation festival worship service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN, today at 4:00 pm. The theme, "Faith of Our Fathers," will consider the background that caused selected hymn writers to pen their words to music. Following the worship service there will be a potluck meal in which you may bring a dish to share. An adult choir will sing during the service with a 3:00 pm rehearsal for those who wish to participate. Also, the children are invited to sing a song together with a rehearsal at 3:45 pm (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade room of the school).
- ◆ **Bridal Shower:** A bridal shower will be held for Abbie Hein on Nov. 1. Details are on the bulletin board. Please RSVP to Heidi Nelson.
- ◆ **Parking Lot:** At the October quarterly voters' meeting there was discussion on the need to replace the parking lot in the near future. With the substantial cost that is expected, the voters approved the creation of a special fund to start saving for this project. Please use one of the Project lines on your offering envelope and write in "Parking Lot" when contributing to this fund.
- ◆ **Mexico:** Pastor Olvera from our affiliated church in Mexico informed Jack Kirkham that his children are in need of some cold weather clothing. His daughters need girls size large and his boy needs boys size 5. Donations can be sent to an El Paso address: Rev. J. J. Olvera, c/o Jose Hernandez, P O Box 71282, El Paso, TX 79917-1282. For more info., please speak with Jack.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Teacher Doug Libby of Immanuel in Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Calvary in Marquette, MI. Pastor David Schaller of Redeemer in Dowagiac, MI, has now received the call. Pastor Schaller is also now the vacancy pastor at Faith in Coloma, MI. ✠ Pastor Doug Priestap of Resurrection in Calgary, Alberta, has received the call to Grace in Live Oak, FL.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #8 – Sixth Commandment

# OUR ROOTS

(a poem for the Festival of the Reformation)

We are not Lutherans really because of Dr. Martin.  
If we worshipped a man it would surely be sin.  
Back at the Reformation they gave us a name.  
First and foremost that noble title we claim.  
As our forefathers in Christ proclaim salvation is free,  
They were hailed as “the evangelical party.”

Please do not confuse us with those who right now  
Claim that title, but do not to all the Word bow.  
We still in our midst, as the orthodox do,  
Bear in these sinful clay vessels all the Word true.  
This is not a boast, but we quite simply do mean  
Our pride is in Romans chapter one, verse sixteen.

There was pastor, teacher, professor, theologian;  
Jonas, Amsdorf, Spalatin, and Bugenhagen;  
The first martyrs in Holland burned at the stake;  
Duke George of Brandenburg who'd let them take  
His head from his body before he would forgo  
His faith and the Truth which he'd come to know.

There was artist, knight, tradesman, and unnamed peasant;  
Cranach, von Hutten, Schmidt, and Kopp the merchant.  
And there were the wives who stood by their men,  
Like Dr. Luther's hard-working, faithful Kaettchen,  
Who in the face of turmoil, war, and commotion  
Did all their chores and tended children with devotion.

These and more held the Reformation as their own.  
To them clearly the Truth of God's Word had been shown:  
We are saved by grace and through faith in Him alone,  
In the Redeemer who for the world's sins did atone.  
Today we are yet as they were way back then,  
His unworthy instruments, ordinary sinful men.

Whether apostles of the year 45 A.D.  
Or those of 1520 in Germany,  
Or yet today in India, Nigeria, the USA,  
We have not departed from the orthodox way.  
As Evangelical Lutherans we tenaciously cling  
To the true Divine Word and joyfully sing:  
*“Glory to God who uses us to proclaim  
Under heaven on earth the one availing Name.”*

--author unknown

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## Notes on this poem:

- ★ The 4 men mentioned in the third verse were dear friends and colleagues of Luther who, along with the great Reformer, were staunch defenders of the teaching of salvation by grace alone through faith in Christ apart from Law-works.
- ★ The “first martyrs in Holland” referred to in that same verse were Heinrich Voes and Johann Esch. These two Lutherans were condemned to death and burned at the stake because of their faith in Brussels, Belgium, on June 30, 1523. Luther wrote Hymn #259 in our hymnal (“Flung to the Heedless Winds”) in their honor.
- ★ Duke George of Brandenburg was a God fearing German prince who, when asked by Emperor Charles V to compromise his faith, replied: “Before I let anyone take from me the Word of God and ask me to deny my God, I will kneel and let him strike off my head.”
- ★ The 4 individuals mentioned in the fourth verse also were contemporaries of Luther and staunch defenders of the Truth of Holy Scripture.



“Kaettchen” was a nickname for Luther's wife, Catherine von Bora. Concerning her Luther once wrote in a letter to a friend: “My Katie is in all things so obliging and pleasing to me that I would not exchange my poverty for the riches of Croesus.”

## IN THESE LATTER DAYS:

The loving God has not deserted the world He created. If He had, it would not exist. But people in it have deserted the true God. The world in this sense *is godless* and, without God, godlessness reigns. However, in another sense the world *is not godless*, but has a god—and even this contributes to its corruption and evil—“For all the gods of the peoples are idols” (Psalm 96:5). At the top of the idol list is self—corrupt man has become a god unto himself. This of course is nothing new, but we are living to see the consequences in a nation that is heathen and which loves and promotes evil. Give up the idea that this is a Christian nation! This is not a Christian nation in which heathen live, but a heathen nation in which members of the holy nation of God (1 Peter 2:9), Christ-believers, live while waiting for entrance into the promised home in heaven!

Old Testament history shows that God’s judgment fell on nations where the truth of the Holy God was denied and rejected. It will fall on a people and nation where good is called evil and evil is called good! *Who would ever have thought that in this country the city council and mayor of a major city (Houston) in this country would demand preachers to turn over their sermons because the preachers were speaking out against homosexuality and homosexual unions?* Or that those who for conscience reason will not conduct homosexual and lesbian “marriages” (ugh) would be threatened with jail time? Believe it. It happened! How has it happened that in this nation authority tramples on the constitution even to the point of abusing the pulpit, and speaking the truth of Scripture brands one a criminal? A nation that has forsaken the Lord is a nation where evil thrives!

We thank the Lord for every faithful pastor and church that still proclaims God’s Word. The pastors under the gun in Houston for their stand against homosexuality notwithstanding, the reality is that, many church organizations have engaged in spiritual adultery—Scripture calls it “whoring after other gods”—through an attitude of inclusiveness in which they no longer steadfastly confess the Triune God but allow equal status to other gods. They have set up idols in the temple court. Such churches have traded the Word for the pottage of human reason and idolatrous inclusiveness and have contributed to the foul stench that is moving like a toxic cloud through the land. The question begs an answer: “Why should God bless America?”

This is the national and ecclesiastical culture in which we live. This is the environment in which faithful children of God are called to witness. We are called upon to steadfastly confess the Triune God. We are to preach the Law to the tearing down of idols and exposing sin. We are to proclaim God’s condemnation of that which is evil, and those who love the evil. Beginning in our own homes and churches, we are to preach repentance and remission of sins! We are called upon to proclaim the Gospel to the

comfort of troubled sinners, and to the strengthening of those who confess Christ. We are called upon to proclaim the Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation, and the power unto sanctified living. We are to proclaim the truth of the Gospel with the prayer that the gracious Lord may still pluck some from the fire.

Christ and His Word, and the Body of Christ which is the Church, have always been the object of ridicule and scorn and hatred. Our Lord told us that it would be that way so we expect it from the idolatrous world! While we wish it were otherwise, the Lord also warned that apostasy would arise within the church on earth, and false teachers and compromisers would arise from within. Those who claim to speak for God but compromise with the world in teaching or practice place themselves under the indictment of the Lord in Jeremiah: “Behold I am against the prophets says the Lord who use their tongues and say, ‘He says.’” (Jeremiah 23:31). Of them the Lord says, “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran...But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused my people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their doing” (Jeremiah 23: 21-22). If those who are called to be guardians of truth can be bought off by the world who shall stand in the breach of the wall?

What shall be the lot of faithful people of God who still gather in this spiritual wasteland to hear *faithful* preachers of the Word proclaim His Law and Gospel, and who extol the mercy of the Father Who in Christ gives the grace of forgiveness and eternal life?

Paul wrote in his last letter—his prison epistle—to Timothy “Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal. ‘The Lord knows those that are His’, and, ‘let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity’” (2 Timothy 2:19).

There is comfort in those words. Even in the godless and idolatrous environment in which we live the Lord knows us. “If God is for us, who can be against us” (Romans 8:31)?

The sunshine of God’s love in Christ cannot be extinguished even by the blackest of clouds or the foulest evil. Christ Who died for the sins of the world and rose again gives believers in Christ reason to be confident even in the face of persecution and death, for “In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us” (Romans 8:37).

But let us note and heed the second part of Paul’s final admonition. And...‘let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.’” Beware lest lamenting the direction of this nation, and even much of the church world, we through indifference, neglect of the Word, and compromise with the world become enablers and participants in the very iniquity that we decry!

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 10/2014