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✠ **TODAY AT GRACE** ✠

Organist: **Janelle Hein** Elder: **Phil Radichel**
Ushers: **Pat Paplow, Alex Baker, Kevin Baker, Dan Degnan,
 Brian Eichstadt, Ryan Oman, Brandon Paplow**
Counting Team 4: **Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl;
 Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner**
Hospitality Team 5: **Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick;
 Frank & Ann Radichel**
Church Cleaners: **Rosendahl** School: **Flesner**

✠ **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** ✠

Ushers: **Pat Paplow, Alex Baker, Kevin Baker, Dan Degnan,
 Brian Eichstadt, Ryan Oman, Brandon Paplow**
Counting Team 1: **Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel;
 Pat Paplow**
Hospitality Team 6: **Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian &
 Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt & Teresa Wendland**
Church Cleaners: **Sydow** School: **Gillenwater**

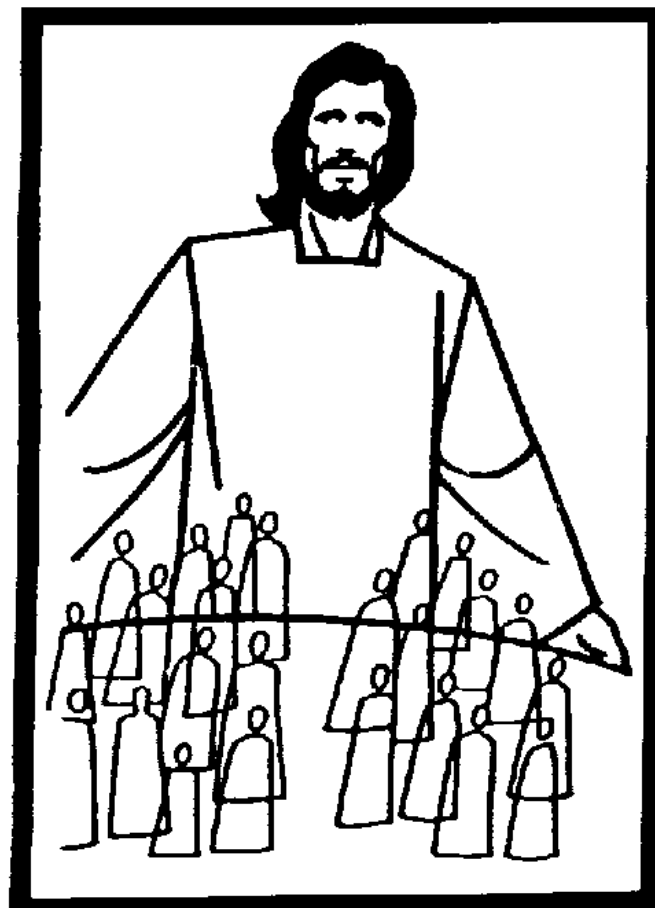
✠ **OUR SCHEDULE** ✠

Sun., Nov. 9: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality
 12:00 pm – Council Meeting
Wed., Nov. 12: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
Fri., Nov. 14: ILC Visitors Day
Nov. 14 & 15: 7:00 pm – ILC Band Concert
 7:30 pm – ILC Fall Play, "Our Miss Brooks"
Sun., Nov. 16: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality
Wed., Nov. 26: 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Worship
Thu., Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 2, 2014 Sun.: 124 B.Cl.: 53 S.S.: 23 Wed.: 23

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,384.25	CLC:	\$1,442.50	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,200.00	CLC:	1,040.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,184.25	CLC:	+402.50	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$140,680.02	CLC:	\$44,730.15	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	140,800.00	CLC:	45,760.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-119.98	CLC:	-1,029.85	
GLC Other:	324.31	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	195.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	145.00	Kinship:	60.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	275.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	+545.00	Tuition Aid:	+2,052.12

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"And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

1 John 2:28

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Church Year: Last Judgment

Date: November 9, 2014

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 604: Great God, What Do I See and Hear?

TLH 610: And Will the Judge Descend

TLH 609: Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Worship Prep:

Psalms 90, TLH p. 142

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 32 (Matins)

Scripture Readings:

Daniel 7:9-10

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Sermon: Matthew 25:31-46

(31) "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. (32) "All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. (33) "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. (34) "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: (35) 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; (36) 'I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' (37) "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? (38) 'When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? (39) 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' (40) "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.' (41) "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: (42) 'for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; (43) 'I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' (44) "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' (45) "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.' (46) "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (NKJVTM)

"Are You Worried About Judgment Day?"

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Parking Lot:** The Voters have determined to start saving in order to replace the parking lot in the near future. With the substantial cost that is expected, a special fund has been created. To make a contribution, write in "Parking Lot" on one of the Project lines.
- ◆ **Wedding Invitation:** An invitation to the congregation is posted on the bulletin board by Pastor's office for Abbie Hein/Nathan Noeldner wedding at 1 pm on January 3.
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day:** This opportunity to learn more about a continuing education with Christ will be on November 14. On Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm will be a presentation of the school's fall play, "Our Miss Brooks." A band concert will precede it on both nights at 7:00 pm. Speak with your pastor about questions.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Jay Hartmann of Resurrection in Corpus Christi, TX, has received the call to Faith in Coloma, MI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #9 – Seventh Commandment

New Book: Pastor Emeritus Daniel Fleischer has produced a new book entitled "Standing on the Wall- A witness of faith in a dying world." The book is 468 pages, containing articles that he has written over the years, some of which appeared in the Lutheran Spokesman and many that have appeared in our church bulletin. The cost is \$15. If you are interested, there is a signup list by the guestbook. Pastor Fleischer will provide copies of the book and you may pay him directly.

The back cover reads: "Though Satan cannot prevail, we should expect that the billowing waves of unbelief and wickedness will increase and will continue to beat upon the foundation of the Church. Particularly disturbing to faithful disciples of the Lord and His Word is the reality that the winds of apostasy are also buffeting the Church in an effort to undermine its foundation and destroy it, if it were possible. We are witnessing precisely the circumstances spoken of by the apostle Paul who warned that the time would come that "from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after themselves" (Acts 20:30). As the Lord God by His Spirit has established His Church on earth, we rest securely in the knowledge and faith that the Church, as God's Word itself, will endure and stand against all foes. That the Lord will protect and defend His Church does not excuse us, however, from heeding the same apostle's urging to "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13). We pray that through the Word of our Lord God's people will be encouraged and strengthened to man the wall, be watchful, and shore up the dikes to the benefit of themselves and their children. We are grateful to the Lord if the book in hand helps the reader to hold fast the faithful Word with the confidence that the Lord through His Gospel will grant such strength in these latter days to all who call upon the name of the Lord in sincerity and in truth."

The following subjects are in the Table of Contents: Prayer, Devotional, Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, Ascension/Pentecost/Trinity, Means of Grace, Doctrine, Martin Luther/Reformation, Lutheranism, Confessionalism, Christian Education, Unionism, Fellowship, Church Life, Christian Life, Citizenship, Words of Faith, and Conclusion.

IN THE WORLD. BUT NOT OF IT

The CEO of Apple has “come out.” In a first person article in a business magazine he wrote, “I consider being gay among the greatest gifts God has given me.” We don’t know who his god is, but we know for sure that his god is not the God of Scripture. The Lord God, the holy Creator of heaven and earth, whose perfect creation was fouled by sin did not create sin and perversion, though as fallen mankind *chooses* to live in sin and perversion God finally gives him up to “vile passions.” “For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful ...” (Romans 1:26-27). We are not going to debate here whether this lifestyle is due to some “sickness” over which one has no control, or whether it is a choice people make. If it is a sickness, a Christian who is sick will pray for healing of this “disease” as well as for the strength to overcome the temptation to practice it. What we do know is that God is not the author of what He calls sin. We also know that God Who desires the salvation of all, desires that all sinners, *whatever the sin*, repent of sin, trust in Him to overcome temptation, and finally by grace through faith in the Savior come to salvation.

Every sin of whatever nature or description is heinous in the sight of God. It offends His holiness. While it is not sin itself which condemns, *but impenitence*, being cognizant of one’s own sins, a child of God will daily pray for forgiveness and cleansing through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. We will pray for the strength to do that to which we are encouraged—“to keep oneself unspotted from the world” (James 1:27).

But as surely as we speak God’s judgment of that which is sin on one hand, and confess our faith in God’s grace on the other, we know that we will be accused of being hateful, intolerant, and holier-than-thou, and such like.

On the same day (10/30/14) that we read the above we read this in the news online: “A trend seen by prolife activists that frequently engage college students on campuses nationwide is the growing acceptance of post-birth abortion, or killing the infant after he or she is born, campus prolife outreach leaders tell *The College Fix*.

“Anecdotal evidence by leaders of prolife groups such as Created Equal and Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust said in interviews that not only do they see more college students willing to say they support post-birth abortion, but some students even suggest children up to 4 or 5-years-old can also be killed, because they are not yet “self aware”... Campuses where the high school, college students, local activists and staff members of Created Equal have encountered this opinion include Purdue, University of Minnesota, and University of Central Florida. And at Ohio State earlier this year, the

group captured a debate on video between one of its members and an older woman on campus who defended infanticide ... As for the trend, Garza said there’s an explanation for it. For one, *the arguments put forth by Peter Singer and other philosophers who support infanticide are given as reading assignments to college students (Our emphasis)*. “Singer wrote in 1979 that “human babies are not born self-aware, or capable of grasping that they exist over time. They are not persons ... [therefore] the life of a newborn is of less value than the life of a pig, a dog, or a chimpanzee.”

This is the poison to which our youth are being exposed on college campuses. We do not suggest that the majority of students believe this or practice it. Nevertheless that even a minority buys this philosophy is incomprehensible as well as reprehensible, though not surprising in a society in which evolution is a common religion.

It is not likely we can get the ogre back under the bridge. But as distasteful as it is to have to continually beat this drum, we must continue to speak the truth as faithful witnesses of our Lord, as well as for the benefit of generations after us, and finally also with the hope and prayer that some hearts will be led to repentance and to salvation, by the grace of God.

We have no delusions. In the world but not of it means that the world will hate us, “Because they (children of God) are not of the world, just as I am not of the world” (John 17:14). We are called to be different and consequently to bear the disdain of the world because, “You He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves ... but God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ [by grace you have been saved,] ... (Ephesians 2:1-5).

In Christ we are dead to sin, and alive to God. “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey its lusts” (Romans 6:12). But as we are in the world, though not of it, we know we shall be faced with temptation of every sort. Of ourselves we cannot overcome. We take comfort then and draw strength from Jesus’ prayer for us, “I do not pray that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one” (John 17:15).

Therefore continue to speak the truth boldly in love, with the prayer and expectation that the Heavenly Father Who has saved us by His grace, may yet save some who are caught in the web of sin.

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 10/2014