
*Grace Lutheran
Church & School*

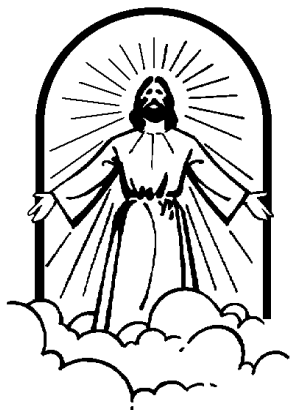
ALL POWER



in heaven and earth

THE POWER OF JESUS

- **TO PROTECT**
- **TO PROVIDE**
- **TO HEAL**
- **OVER DEATH**
- **OVER EVIL SPIRITS**



**GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
VBS REVIEW/PENTECOST 8
JULY 30, 2017

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All Power in Heaven and Earth

Worship Preparation *Psalm 110, TLH p. 146 f.*

Opening Prayer:

Opening Hymn: *TLH 239: Come, Thou Almighty King*

Responsive Opening:

P: We begin our service in the name of Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

C [Spoken]: Amen.

P: This all-powerful Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

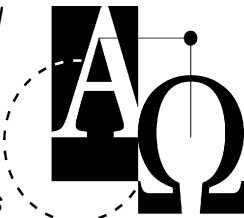
P: Dear friends in Christ, aware of God's providence and grace, let us bow before Him to confess our sins ...

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in desire, thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We pray You: in Your mercy forgive what we have done, amend what we do, and direct what we shall do; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, giving thanks in all circumstances through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Friends, hear the Good News: By the direction and in the place of and in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

C: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: All glory be to God. Amen.



Responsive Reading:..... *Colossians 1:15-20*

P: *Our Lord Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,*

C: The firstborn over all creation.

P: *For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers.*

C: All things were created through Him and for Him.

P: *And He is before all things,*

C: And in Him all things consist.

P: *And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,*

C: That in all things He may have the preeminence.

P: *For it pleased the Father*

C: That in Him all the fullness should dwell,

P: *And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven,*

C: Having made peace through the blood of His cross.

INTRODUCTION:

ALL POWER IN HEAVEN AND EARTH

Memory Passage:.....*Matthew 28:18 (Level 2, Grade 1)*

"All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth."

Hymn:*TLH 339, st 1-4: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

THE POWER OF JESUS TO PROTECT

Lesson 1: *The Stilling of the Storm — Mark 4:35-41*

(35) On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." (36) Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. (37) And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. (38) But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" (39) Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. (40) But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How *is it* that you have no faith?" (41) And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

Memory Passage:...*Matthew 28:20 (Level 1, Pre-School-Kindergarten)*

"I am with you always."

Hymn:*TLH 649: Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

THE POWER OF JESUS TO PROVIDE

Lesson 2: *The Feeding of the 5,000 — John 6:1,5-11*

(1) After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ... (5) Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" (6) But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. (7) Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little." (8) One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, (9) "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" (10) Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. (11) And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. ...

Memory Passage: *Psalm 103:1-5 (Level 3, Grades 2-6)*

Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Hymn: *TLH 36: Now Thank We All Our God*

THE POWER OF JESUS TO HEAL

Lesson 3: *The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus — Mark 10:46-52*

(46) Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. (47) And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (48) Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" (49) So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you." (50) And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. (51) So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." (52) Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

Memory Passage: *Psalm 121 (Level 4, Grades 7-8)*

I will lift up my eyes to the hills -- From whence comes my help? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.

Hymn: *TLH 427, st. 2-4: How Firm a Foundation ...*

THE POWER OF JESUS OVER DEATH

Lesson 4: .. *The Raising of Lazarus from the Dead — John 11:38-39,43-45*

(38) Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. (39) Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." ... (43) Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" (44) And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." (45) Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.

**I AM
THE RESURRECTION
AND THE
LIFE**

Memory Passage:..... *John 11:25 (Level 2, Grade 1)*
"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Hymn: *TLH 200, st. 1-3: I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

THE POWER OF JESUS OVER EVIL SPIRITS

Lesson 5: *The Curing of the Demoniac — Mark 5:1-2,11-13*

(1) Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. (2) And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, ... (11) Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. (12) So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them." (13) And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

Hymn: *TLH 198, st. 1-3: He's Risen, He's Risen*

Offering:

Children's Hymn:..... *TLH 652, st. 1 & 2: I Lay My Sins on Jesus*

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains

I lay my wants on Jesus, All fullness dwells in Him;
He healeth my diseases, He doth my soul redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases, He all my sorrows shares.

Prayers:



Benediction:*Based on Revelation 1:4-6*

P: *Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, ... and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.*

C: [Sung] Amen. Amen. Amen.

P: *Now to Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father,*

C: To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn:*TLH 339, st. 5-7: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Silent Prayer:

*Let all our thoughts be winging To where Thou didst ascend,
And let our hearts be singing: "We seek Thee, Christ, our Friend,
Thee, God's exalted Son, Our Life, and Way to heaven,
To whom all power is given, Our Joy and Hope and Crown."*

(TLH 214, st. 5)

◆ ✚ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✚

- ◆ **Thanks** be to the Lord for the successful VBS He enabled us to have this past week! Several young souls attended and were nourished around the Word of God. May God's power sustain them in their lives. Here are some interesting stats: 50 registered, 46 attended, 38.0 average attendance, 28 were 3rd grade and younger, 29 non-members registered, and 26 non-members attended. A hearty thanks to all those who taught and helped out with the Vacation Bible School this past week, including: Sarah Eichstadt, Victoria Kitzman, Olivia Lentz, Bea Lentz, Jessica Maki, Kylee Yang, Jen Kleifgen, Jan Davis, Mikey Oman, Deb Maki, Sue Nelson, Janelle Hein, and Pastor.
- ◆ **School Volunteers:** Grace Lutheran School is looking for volunteers to assist the teachers with the upcoming school year. If you can help with these or other school activities, please speak to Janelle Hein or a Board of Ed member (Chad Hestekin, James Bomber, or Michael Ude). Specific areas to help include:
 - Recess monitor: daily 11:35-11:55 and 1:50-2:05
 - Lunch monitor: daily 11:55-12:20
 - Study hall monitor: daily 9:30-11:15 or as otherwise arranged.
 - Field trip coordinator
- ◆ **Youth Group:** It has been suggested that a youth group be organized for our high-school-aged members, perhaps to meet six times a year on Sunday evenings. The months of Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., and April were suggested. The Elders would like to see if a member might volunteer to coordinate this for Pastor who would still be involved in leading devotions/topical discussions. Also, those high school youth who are interested in this, please sign-up by the guest book.

- ◆ **Sunday School:** Those interested in teaching, subbing, or helping out in any kind of way may speak with either Pastor or Michael Ude.
- ◆ **Facebook Page:** If you're on Facebook, be sure to like or share items that are on the Grace Lutheran Church page. This can help promote the page to others, along with events that we publicize there. The more shares, etc., the more Facebook promotes our church page to others.
- ◆ **Reformation Celebration:** This October we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation and the important doctrinal truths it has and continues to faithfully proclaim. We will be focusing on five unique and important doctrines of the Reformation, through a "pastor exchange" with other CLC congregations in Minnesota. We will study the doctrines of Justification (J. Naumann), the Means of Grace (J. Hein), the Theology of the Cross (R. Sauers), Vocation (N. Mayhew), and the Two Kingdoms (D. Baker). Each pastor will rotate to the five congregations and present a Bible Class study and worship service/sermon on one of these important Biblical truths. Lord, through our study of Your Word grant us understanding of these important truths, comfort us in Your abounding mercy and grace toward sinners, and give us strength to live our lives to Your glory.
- ◆ **Man Up Weekend:** The weekend is intended to offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The theme: "Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). The weekend will include Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team and Relationship Building and Worship, as well as several outdoor activities. The retreat will be held Sept. 22-24 at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie Du Chien, WI, south of LaCrosse. For more information and registration, see www.manup.clclutheran.org. The cost is \$75 for the weekend and includes lodging, meals, and activities. Registration deadline is August 1. If you have any questions please speak to your pastor or contact Nathanael Mayhew (ndmayhew@juno.com/404-729-4602).
- ◆ **Harvest Festival:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church invites you to their annual Harvest Festival at the Marvin Hansen place on the State Line Road between Hecla, SD, and Oakes, ND. Join us for an outdoor service at 4 pm Sun. Aug. 13 followed by a turkey BBQ dinner. For more info., please contact Pastor Daub (pastor_daub@hotmail.com/605-994-2145).
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of Morning Star Lutheran in Fairchild; Peace with God Lutheran in Onalaska; and Trinity Lutheran in Millston, all in WI, has received the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran in Lemmon, SD. † Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran in Lynnwood, WA (Seattle area), has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. † Mrs. Katie Naumann has returned the call to teach grades 3-4 at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY, will be postponing the opening of its school, due to the inability to acquire a teacher.

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!

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner**

Elder: **Benno Sydow**

Ushers: **Michael Ude; James Bomber; David Hein; Ryan Oman; Eli Wales**

Counting Team 2: **Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker**

Church Cleaners: **Lentz**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Michael Ude; James Bomber; David Hein; Ryan Oman; Eli Wales**

Counting Team 3: **Brian Eichstadt; Duane Enns; Phil Flesner; Chad Hestekin; Benno Sydow**

Church Cleaners: **Anderson**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., July 30: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/VBS Children

Sun., Aug. 6: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper

Sat., Aug. 12: 9:00 am – Grace School Work Day

Sun., Aug. 13: 9:00 am – Worship Service
11:00 am – Council Meeting

Mon., Aug. 14: 7:00 pm – Grace School Meeting w/Ice Cream Social

Sun., Aug. 20: 3:00 pm – Opening Service at Immanuel (Eau Claire, WI)

Mon., Aug. 28: 8:00 am – Opening Service for Grace Lutheran School

Wed., Aug. 30: 4:30-6:15 – Catechism Begins for Public School Students

Sun. Sept. 10: 8:30 am – Choir Practice Begins
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School Begin
10:00 am – Worship Service (Regular Schedule Resumes)
11:00 am – Hospitality Begins

Sun., Sept. 17: Annual Church Picnic

October Sundays: Lutheran Reformation Pulpit Rotation

October 3-4: Minnesota Pastoral Conference @ Grace

October 18-20: CLC Teachers' Conference @ Mankato, MN

Sun., Oct. 29: Special 500th Anniversary Reformation Service @ Grace
4:00 pm – Joint Reformation Service @ Mankato, MN

October 31: 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation

Last Week's Stats: July 23, 2017 Sun.: 82

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,340.25	CLC:	\$890.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	950.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-387.14	CLC:	-60.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$93,257.78	CLC:	\$27,511.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	99,000.00	CLC:	28,500.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-5,742.22	CLC:	-989.00
GLC Other: 260.00	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	239.00
SAF Endowment: 53.50	MDF:	10.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid: 10.00	ILC Bldg.	20.00	IIF: 20.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot:	27,332.75	Tuition Aid:	3,945.62