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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Trinity 15

Date: September 4, 2005

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: ..... *Psalm 46, TLH 134*

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

Liturgy: ..... *TLH, p. 15 ff.*

Introit (*followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie*): ..... *TLH, pp. 16-17*

P: Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,

**C: The world and those who dwell in it;**

P: Let the rivers clap *their* hands;

**C: Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD,**

P: For He is coming to judge the earth.

**C: With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity. Glory be to God!**

Gloria in Excelsis: .... *TLH 237, st. 1: All Glory Be to God on High*

P: All glory be to God on high, who hath our race befriended!

**C: To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.**

**God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!**

First Reading: ..... *Genesis 7:6-11, 17-23*

Even in the Judgment of the Flood, the Lord shows His grace by preserving the human race through Noah's family.

Gradual:

P: We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks,

**C: For Your name is near, men tell of Your wonderful deeds.**

P: Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,

**C: Who finds great delight in His commands.**

P: He will have no fear of bad news, his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**C: His heart is secure, he will have no fear; Splendor and majesty are before him. Glory be to God!**

Second Reading: ..... *Matthew 8:23-27*

The Lord Jesus reminds us that His might is even over the storming sea.

Confession of Faith: ..... *Nicene Creed, TLH p. 22*

Hymn: ..... *TLH 651: Be Still, My Soul*

Sermon: ..... *Psalm 93*

(1) The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved. (2) Your throne *is* established from of old; You *are* from everlasting. (3) The floods have lifted up, O LORD, The floods have lifted up their voice; The floods lift up their waves. (4) The LORD on high *is* mightier Than the noise of many waters, *Than* the mighty waves of the sea. (5) Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever. (NKJV™)

*A lmighty Father, S trong to S ave,*

*Whose A rmH as Bound the Restless Wave*

Offertory: ..... *TLH p. 22 f.*

Hymn: ..... *Almighty Father, Strong to Save (see insert)*

Offering & Prayer:

Liturgy for the Lord's Supper: ..... *TLH p. 24 ff.*

Distribution: ..... *TLH 370, 324*

**Note:** In obedience to God's Word, and out of concern for the welfare of souls (1 Corinthians 11:29), and finally that we may honestly express the unity of faith and hope that binds us, we ask that only such as have identified with Grace through public confession of faith or another CLC congregation, approach the altar at the usher's direction.

Nunc Dimittis, Prayer, Benediction: ..... *TLH 29 ff.*

Hymn: ..... *TLH 577: God Bless Our Native Land*

*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!*

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

◆ **Fall Schedule:** Next Sunday, Sept. 11, marks the change in schedule so that the worship service is at 10:00 am, with Bible Class and Sunday School at 9:00 am. Our parents are urged to bring their children to Jesus through Sunday School. They will be well-equipped with the stories from the Bible to help them in their faith-life. Of course we are all children of God no matter what our age, so even adults are encouraged to expand their Biblical knowledge by attending Bible Class. This year we will be studying First Corinthians, a book of the Bible that has a lot of application in our day and age. By increasing our understanding of the Bible, our congregation will prosper in many ways.



◆ **Pastoral Visits:** Please indicate on the sheet by the guest book what days or time of day might work best for you.

◆ **Men's Retreat:** Men of all ages are invited to this retreat at Remer, MN, for the weekend of Sept. 24. Cost is \$40. Signup is by the guest book.



◆ **Invitation:** Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church of Mankato invites fellow Christian women to join them for The

◆ Christian Women Today Seminar to be held on Sat., Oct. 1. This year's theme is "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). Registration forms are by the guest book. Please pick up a brochure and register by Sept. 25.

◆ **Hurricane Katrina:** The devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina along the U. S. Gulf Coast is certainly cause for our prayers and concern. While we pray in behalf of those who have lost so much, we also are reminded to count our own blessings. The way that our Lord provides for the daily needs of our bodies, and the comforts of home, ought not be taken for granted. Those who are able are encouraged to share in this world's goods with those who are now in desperate need. One of the best ways to do this is through contributions to the American Red Cross. You may donate with a credit card by calling 1-800-HELP NOW (1-800-435-7669). Or, you may mail a check to: American Red Cross, P. O. Box 37243, Washington, D. C. 20013. Indicate "Disaster Relief Fund" on the memo line. May the Lord bring needed help and comfort to these storm victims, and the Word of His grace in Christ to all!



## Almighty Father, Strong to Save

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm has  
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain O'er which our  
 3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a -  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Your peo - ple

bound the rest - less wave, Who bids the might - y o - cean  
 traf - fic runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley  
 broad the fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by your  
 shield in dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and

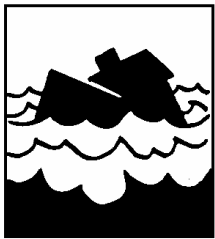
deep Its own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: Oh, hear our  
 low; Wher - ev - er, Lord, your peo - ple go, Pro - tect them  
 might Save all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them  
 foe, Pro - tect them all wher - e'er they go; Thus ev - er -

earn - est, hum - ble plea For those in per - il on the sea.  
 by your guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.  
 by your watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.  
 more to you shall be Glad praise from air and land and sea.

**HURRICANE:** We have all been mesmerized by, and sad of heart at the devastation hurricane Katrina. We have thanked the Lord that it was not Corpus Christi. The destruction and human drama is staggering and difficult to comprehend. The first thing that we can do is what we have been doing and that is we continue to pray to the Lord of mercy. We have no churches in the area. As pastor I encourage all to contribute to existing, legitimate public disaster relief agencies. This is an opportunity that is before us in which we can live our faith.



We pray that the Lord will strengthen and comfort those who have suffered so severely and have lost family members, and for whom to outward appearance the future looks so bleak and foreboding. We pray also that each of us will appreciate our blessings day by day, not take them for granted, and recognize that indeed we have here no continuing city, but look for the eternal. We pray further that our nation and we have been brought to our knees in repentance. There is a message in each disaster. "Let us search out and examine our ways, And turn back to the Lord" (Lamentations 3: 40) May the Lord have mercy!



While we wait for our eternal deliverance, may the Lord use us according to the ability we have and the measure of faith we have been granted to alleviate the anguish and suffering of those in need.

**GAS PRICES** have of course gone beyond anything that we have ever imagined. Many of us have cut back our driving and will seek to cut out unnecessary travel. If we are reducing our travel, we will not want to reduce the one time in the week where we gather around the Word and Sacrament. To reduce our time in fellowship around the Word with our fellow confessors is not prioritizing our life around the most important necessity. The child of God will bear also this "cross" in recognition that the Lord will bless us. If we live "by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord" (Deuteronomy 8:3) we will want to prioritize our opportunity to be where the Word is proclaimed, as well as support our worship with our private devotion.

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer; 9/4/2005

## **THE GREATEST TRAGEDY, THE GREATEST ANSWER**

Romans 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

Last night on television there was continuing coverage of the recent Gulf Coast disasters. Many of you have probably spent time in prayer as you witness the horrors unfolding. It is truly hard, at least for me, to comprehend the full extent of the devastation that over one million people are experiencing in these hours. One reporter stationed in New Orleans expressed doubt that the city would ever be the same again. The newborn babies stranded in hospitals and the weeping mothers presented particularly sad images.

For all the horror brought on by the flood itself, there is an even worse tragedy to behold. It is the tragedy of human sin. The affected areas are being ravaged by looters and criminal gangs. There are murders, destructions, fights, and violent acts being done which are as scary as the rising water. The natural destruction is terrible enough, but the devil and the sinful flesh of man have taken the opportunity to compound the sorrow by spurring on outbreaks of sin.



Yet in the midst of all this, the God of peace is not absent. He who is in the heavens can help and comfort survivors of this disaster with His words and with His mighty power. He can deliver food, water, and aid to the needy.

More importantly, however, God has provided the answer also to the tragedy of sin. For the lawlessness of humankind, the Creator has the solution. It is the cross of Jesus. By this cross the Savior provides forgiveness and relief for every criminal act of all time. And with this Good News the Holy Spirit burns His way into hearts and minds, transforming and renewing those minds so they can better resist the devil and his wicked ways. God does fight against crime -- just not always with martial law. He tramples Satan himself underfoot with the Gospel.

Author Unknown, CLC Email Devotion (9/2/2005)

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

*Organist:* Susan Nelson                      *Elder:* Ed Lentz  
*Ushers:* Mike Dick; Larry Nelson; Larry Brandt; Roger Brandt; Dale Enns; Scott Dauer; Lynn Sandhoefner  
*Counting Team 2:* Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales  
*Hospitality Team 5:* Mark & Trudy Wales; Al Rosendahl; Karen Auel  
*Church Cleaners:* Wales/Lentz              *School Cleaners:* Davis

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

*Ushers:* Jeff Radichel; Matt Dick; Andrew Rosendahl; Dan Degnan; Gerald Anderson; Brandon & Pat Paplow  
*Counting Team 3:* Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Ole Olmanson  
*Hospitality Team 6:* Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick; Frank & Ann Radichel  
*Church Cleaners:* F. & A. Radichel      *School Cleaners:* Hein

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper  
 10:00 am – Hospitality in Fellowship Hall

**Mon., Sept. 5:** Labor Day – No School

**Wed., Sept. 7:** School Picture Day  
 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Children

**Sun., Sept. 11:** FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS  
 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School  
 10:00 am – Worship Service  
 11:15 am – Board Meetings; Youth Bible Study  
 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

**Fri., Sept. 16:** 6:00 pm – School Volunteer Picnic

**Sept. 24-25:** Grace's Men's Retreat

Last Week's Statistics: August 28, 2005		Attendance: 114	
Sun. Offering:	Grace: 3,067.05	CLC: 819.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace: 2,933.00	CLC: 846.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace: +134.05	CLC: -27.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace: 94,167.99	CLC: 27,748.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace: 102,655.00	CLC: 29,610.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace: -8,487.01	CLC: -1,862.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith: 10.00	Tuition: 52.00	
GLC Other: 20.00	MDF: 15.00	Kinship: 55.00	
ILC Student Aid.: 10.00	ILC Bldg. 3.00	CEF: 36.00	

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*For the earth shall be filled  
with the knowledge of the  
**GLORY of the LORD,**  
as the waters cover  
the sea.*

Habakkuk 2:14

