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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost

Date: June 4, 2006

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 51, TLH p. 134 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 224: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 15 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

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

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C: And kindle in them the fire of Your love.

P: How many are Your works, O Lord.

C: In wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

P: When You send Your Spirit, they are created,

C: And You renew the face of the earth. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 466, st. 4*

Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,

Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,

One in might and one in glory, While unending ages run.

First Reading: *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

Dry bones come to life by the power of the Spirit, even as souls do the same.

Gradual:

P: I will pour out My Spirit on all people.

C: Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

P: It is with the heart that man believes and is justified,

C: And it is with his mouth that he confesses and is saved.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful people,

C: And kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

Choir: *Jesus Loves Me*

Second Reading: *John 14:25-27*

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to His disciples, the Holy Comforter.

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

Hymn: *TLH 225: Come, Holy Spirit, Come*

Sermon: *Psalm 51:10-12*

(10) Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. (11) Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. (12) Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. (NKJV)

**“CREATE IN ME A CLEAN
HEART, O GOD”**



Offertory: *TLH p. 22 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 234: Holy Ghost, with Light Divine*

Offering & Prayer:

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

Distribution: *TLH 307; 226; 227*



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 230: Holy Spirit, God of Love*

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!

- ♦ **CLC Ladies Luncheon** is to be held on June 21st with choir rehearsal starting around 11:30am, lunch at Noon, and the program to follow. Cost for lunch is \$5.00, payable ahead of time or at the door. If you plan to attend send name and home congregation to Evelyn Carile at carileoa@yahoo.com or 4716 Kappus Drive #1, Eau Claire WI 54701. Registration helps to properly plan the amount of food needed, so if possible RSVP. If there is a lady that has been special to the congregation that you would like to honor and thank, please send along a photo via email or mail.
- ♦ **Invitation:** Rick and Heidi Nelson invite members of Grace to a celebration of their marriage. This will be held at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park on July 8, 4-9 pm. Please inform Rick's parents, Larry or Sue, by June 18 or else call Rick and Heidi at 651-592-7486 or 651-206-0326 (email: nelsonRSVP@yahoo.com). A brochure is on the bulletin board.
- ♦ **Arise and Shine Retreat:** Faith Lutheran Church in the St. Louis area invite Christians in their 20's and 30's to the 3rd annual Arise and Shine Retreat to be held June 29th - July 2nd at Cuivre River State Park. The theme for 2006 is "Running and Waiting In God's Timing" Isaiah 40:31. You can find out more at: www.ariseandshineretreat.com
- ♦ **CLC News:** Teacher Candice Ohlmann of Faith in Markesan, WI, has received the call to be teacher and principal at Our Savior's Lutheran in Jamestown, ND. † Mr. Harvey Callies passed away a week ago Sat., the memorial service was this past Wed. He served as the former shepherd at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Winner, SD, in the special Limited Ministry; in the Videotape ministry for 15 years; and CLC Synod statistician for 20 years. Harvey's wife Edna lives at 1629 Mitscher Ave. Eau Claire, WI 54701 Tel. (715)832-2806.

† MONTHLY STATISTICS †

Monthly Statistics:	May Totals	Year-to-Date
Sunday Attendance.... (Ave. 132.0) ..528 .. (Ave. 133.7) 2,942		
Special Services..... 45 ... (Ave. 72.8) .. 582		
Sunday Bible Class.... (Ave. 39.7) ..119 ... (Ave. 35.3) .. 635		
Sunday School..... (Ave. 22.7) ...68 ... (Ave. 22.8) .. 387		
Wed. Bible Class..... (Ave. 18.0) ...54 ... (Ave. 19.5) .. 234		
Communed..... 85 ... (Ave. 87.2) .. 523		
Grace General Fund \$10,274.21 \$65,484.38		
Grace Tuition Fund 186.00 1,139.00		
Grace Living Fund 21.00 208.74		
Grace Dorcas 175.00 619.00		
Grace Floor Fund 125.00 609.00		
Grace Furnace Fund 1,937.00 2,577.00		
Grace Other 6.25 1,024.54		
CLC Budget (Missions) 2,764.00 19,107.00		
Church Extension Fund (CEF) 122.00 932.00		
Mission Development (MDF) 1,123.00 2,064.00		
Kinship (for orphans) 265.00 1,275.00		
ILC Improvement (IIF) 23.00 292.00		
ILC Building 69.00 474.00		
ILC Student Aid 15.00 445.00		
Total Offerings:	\$17,105.46	\$96,250.66

STRONGER THAN THE MOUNTAINS:

The child of God---the Christ believer--- is beset in this world by the devil, world, and flesh. In addition the forces of evil align themselves to abuse the child of God. The hatred of the world is not unexpected, if we will faithfully confess the faith and cling to the Lord Jesus. Jesus said, "Remember the word that I said unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me" (John 15:20-21). Under the stress of the world's animosity, it may appear that the Lord has forgotten us.

In addition, we at times because of our own indifference and neglect invite the discipline of the Lord. Discipline itself can also be severe. But the writer of the book of Hebrews records the purpose of chastening or correction that occurs in the life of the Christian. "And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaks unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives. If ye endure chastens, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chastens not?" (Hebrews 12:5-7).

To whom shall we turn to endure the hatred of the world? The children of God turn to the Father and listen to His Word. What shall we do when we are chastened and disciplined? Children of God turn in penitent sorrow to the Father. Isaiah 54 is so eminently comforting in our various conditions of life:

"Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called ... For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer. For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth (angry) with thee, nor rebuke thee. For the

mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee. O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles (crystal), and all thy borders of pleasant stones. And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake ... No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD."



We cannot deny the seriousness of the difficulties, afflictions, trial, and tests that the child of God must endure in this world, some from the world, others of our own making— a consequence of sin. Jesus' temptation in the wilderness was real (Matthew 4). He was severely tried and tested in the garden (Matthew 26). In each case He turned to the Word and to His Father. Therein lies the deliverance of our own body and soul. God the Father does not forsake His children. He has redeemed us with the holy precious blood of His only begotten Son. He cannot forget His children, His adopted children in Christ Jesus. It is His word to us!

The Apostle Paul wrote, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). How could Paul be so sure? He endured, and we endure and may be at peace because *God's love, His kindness, His mercy, is stronger than the mountains*. The covenant of peace He made with us in Christ is unassailable, for "the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee."

How wonderful is our Father! How blessed are the children of God!

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer (5/21/2006)

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ♦ **Among Us:** One of Laurie and Joshua Benzer's twin daughters, Allyson, was diagnosed this past week with blue rubber bleb nevus syndrome. She had been in the NIC unit at the Children's Hospital but was released on Friday. Having completed radiation, Jean Gunther began her last series of chemotherapy treatments this past week. She has two more monthly treatments to complete her course of treatment for her uterine cancer. Sue Anne Kirkham's father, Bill Williams, passed away this past Thursday due to complications with emphysema. Gil Maestas will be having back surgery. Nate Doring, son of Betsie and Jim Doring, members of Berea, died in a helicopter accident in Iraq. Nate was serving in the Marines. His memorial service is planned for June 10, 3 pm, at Berea. May the Lord send His Spirit to comfort His people.



- ♦ **50th Anniversary Service:** Grace Lutheran of Fridley, MN, invites you to its 50th anniversary celebration on June 25th. The service will be at 9:00 am, followed by a video presentation and then a luncheon. Our guest speakers will be Pastor Daniel Fleischer and Prof. John Ude, the theme being "Glory Be to God!" Come and join us as we celebrate this milestone!



- ♦ **50th Anniversary Fellowship Meal:** Committee #2 will be serving. Meat (chicken and ham) will be provided, along with dessert (an anniversary cake). Salads and side dishes will be potluck.
- ♦ **50th Anniversary Pictures:** If you have any good pictures of Grace's past 50 years, please share them with Marie Stifter. She is compiling a presentation for our special occasion.
- ♦ **Hospitality:** The Elders, with support of the Council, have decided to suspend hospitality for the summer. If any person or persons would like to make coffee or serve a treat after worship service during the summer, please signup on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
- ♦ **Lutheran Spokesman Registration:** The Lutheran Spokesman is a publication by the CLC which is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. It also shares news items from around the CLC. If you'd like to receive a monthly copy throughout the year, please check your name on the list by the guest book. In order to alleviate further cost to the congregation, please add \$11 to your General Fund Offering if you are able.
- ♦ **Convention Prospectus:** This is another CLC publication that shares the business items that will be presented at this year's CLC Convention in June. Please add \$2 to your General Fund Offering if you take a copy.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** Elder: **Michael Dick**
Ushers: **Bill Rust; Don Dahlin; Dan Degnan, Jr.; Michael Englehorn; Bob Maki; Roger Ochsner; Joel Stifter**
Counting Team 1: **Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Rick Nelson; Phil Radichel; Ryan Libby**
Church Cleaners: **M. & T. Wales**

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: **Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Keith Radichel; Dave Rust; Bill Ryan; James Squires; Eli Wales**
Counting Team 2: **Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales**
Church Cleaners: **M. & T. Wales**

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost)
 10:15 am – Catechism for Public School Children
Wed., June 7: 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
Sun., June 11: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Worship Service (Trinity)
 10:15 am – Board Meetings; 11:00 am – Council
 3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conf. @ Berea - Inver Grove Hts.
June 19-23: CLC Convention at Eau Claire, WI
Sun., June 25: 9:00 am – 50th Anniversary Worship Service
 50th Anniversary Video Presentation
 Fellowship Meal
July 31-Aug. 4: Vacation Bible School

Last Week's Stats: May 28, 2006		Sun.: 97	Wed.: 17
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,109.75	CLC: 463.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,970.00	CLC: 850.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-860.25	CLC: -387.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	65,484.13	CLC: 19,107.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	65,340.00	CLC: 18,700.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+144.13	CLC: +407.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition: 75.00
GLC Other: 382.00	MDF:	1.00	Kinship: 0.00
ILC Student Aid.: 15.00	ILC Bldg.	6.00	IIF: 0.00 CEF: 2.00