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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 5

Date: July 9, 2006

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

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

Hymn: *TLH 352: O Savior, Precious Savior*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 5 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie): *TLH, pp. 6-7*

P: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:

C: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

P: For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling;

C: He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

P: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

C: At His tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy;

P: I will sing and make music to the Lord.

**C: The Lord is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear?
Glory be to God!**

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 239, st. 1, 4: Come, Thou Almighty King*

1. Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise.
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days

4. To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
His sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see
And to eternity
Love and adore!

First Reading: *Job 38:1-11*

The LORD reminds Job and therefore us: Who are we to question Him?

Gradual:

P: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

C: His greatness no one can fathom.

P: I will meditate on Your wonderful works,

C: And I will proclaim Your great deeds.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts,

C: The Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Mark 4:35-41*

With Jesus calming the storm, we are reminded that we need to simply trust in Him, especially in the various "storms" of our life.

Confession of Faith: *Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12*

Hymn: *TLH 365: Jesus I Will Never Leave*

Sermon: *2 Corinthians 5:14-21*

(14) For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; (15) and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. (16) Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer. (17) Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (18) Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, (19) that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. (20) Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. (21) For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (NKJVTM)

"Why Am I Here?"

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

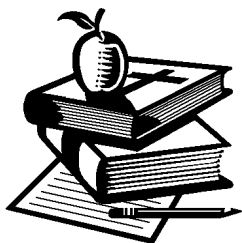
Hymn: *TLH 409: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: *TLH p. 14*

Hymn: *WS 769: Lift High the Cross*

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

♦ **Teacher Call:** Last Sunday Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Jamestown, ND, extended a divine call to Mr. Ryan Libby to teach at their school. This means he will need to prayerfully consider where the Lord would best have him serve, either here at Grace or there at Our Savior's. Mr. Libby requests your prayers and constructive advice as he considers where the Lord would best utilize his gifts.



♦ **Among Us:** Last Sunday Angela and Travis Valley were blessed with a baby boy, Samuel Lawrence, weighing in at 7 lb. 14 oz. Samuel became a child through Holy Baptism the following day. Mom and baby are doing fine. May the Lord bless and keep Samuel!

♦ **The Branches:** Copies of an advertisement with further details for this CLC women's publication are by the guest book.

♦ **Voters Meeting:** Slated for next Sunday.

♦ **Dorcas Guild:** Next week the women will meet at the same time as when the Voters convene. Following the meeting Marj Rosendahl will be stepping down as the president of the Guild. The group is seeking any interested individual to step up and serve their Lord and church.

♦ **CLC News:** Paul Meyer, member at Peace With God Lutheran in Onalaska, WI, has accepted the job as the ILC Boys Dorm Supervisor.

“A SAD ANNOUNCEMENT”

With great regret we announce the loss of one of our church's most valuable families. Mr. and Mrs. Someone Else have moved away. The vacancy they have left will be hard to fill. The Else family had been with us for many years. They did far more than their share of work around the church.

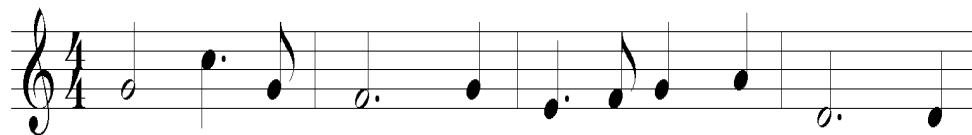
Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to arrange or attend, their name was on everyone's list: “Let Someone Else do it.” Whenever visitation was mentioned, this wonderful family was looked to for inspiration as well as results: “Someone Else will bring people to church.” Mr. and Mrs. Else were also the biggest givers in the church: “Let Someone Else make up the difference.”

The Someone Else family were wonderful people, but they were only human. They could spread themselves only so far. They did the best they could, but people expected too much from them.

Now Mr. and Mrs. Else are gone. They left us a wonderful example, but who will follow it? Who is going to do the things that Someone Else did?

– *Selected*

Lift High the Cross



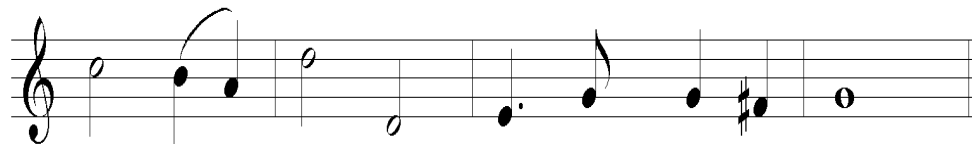
Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro - claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1. Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our cap-tain trod, Our
2. Led on their way by this tri - um-phand sign, The
3. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise



King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

“GENEALOGISTS DISCOVER ROYAL ROOTS FOR ALL”

In an article by that title it is reported that there is some royal blood in almost every person on earth. It claims “the odds are virtually 100 percent that every person on earth is descended from one royal personage or another” (MSN, on line, July 4, 2006). The article says actress Brooke Shields has among her ancestors 5 popes! Each of us might want to look through his family tree. Possibly we will find a hint of royal blood, and thus find some heretofore unknown royalty. In reality, we do not know the validity of such claims relative to physical genealogy. It really is not very important in the whole scheme of life.

However, children of God can indeed claim royal descent. This descent can be confirmed and validated. It is a descent that holds for us a royal inheritance and is therefore important as well as a blessing. John wrote in Revelation, “... unto Him (Jesus Christ) that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen” (Revelation 1:5-6). Again we read in the 5th chapter, “... And they sung a new song, saying, Thou (the Lamb) art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth” (Revelation 5:9-10). The inspired word written by the Apostle Peter declares, “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light ...” (1 Peter 2:9). In Revelation 17: 14 we read, “... for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.” In 19:16 the victorious Savior is defined as “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” The children of God are recipients and participants of His victory over His enemies. By His grace we are part of the “royal, ruling family.”



But how did we come to such distinction? Not by works of merit, but of grace. As Peter declared, we have been called out of darkness. He also speaks of us as having been begotten again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3). Paul wrote to Timothy, “(God) Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began ...” (2 Timothy 1:9).

Grace has made us what we are - royalty with an inheritance. Again Peter wrote that we have an, “inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Peter 1:4-5).

Though we can speculate about our physical lineage - and even have some fun with an alleged royal lineage - we are limited in understanding it or even proving it. With some exceptions, there is little benefit to any who can identify royal lineage. But the royal lineage that we enjoy having been begotten anew through God’s grace is beyond debate. While the world may ridicule the fact that we are kings under the King, and while we ourselves seldom may appreciate it, the fact remains that as we are connected to Christ through faith and as we trust in His royal perfection, we have the promise that we will reap the blessing of our lineage. One day we shall hear, “the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world ...” (Matthew 25:34). In heaven the royal nature of our relation to Christ shall reach fruition. Of those who now rule with Christ (Matthew 5:5) our royalty shall be manifest: “... they (we) shall reign for ever and ever” (Revelation 22:5).

Royalty can be a curse or a blessing in the world. History has shown that. In the spiritual realm it is only blessing. On this earth royalty possesses no enduring future or security. That is also evident in history. In the spiritual realm kings (royalty) under the King, united to Him by His grace, and through faith, have promise of a better day.

We view the genealogist’s discovery with amusement. We accept the Word of God with all its promises and blessings with thanksgiving.

*“Worthy the Lamb for sinners slain,
Through endless years to live and reign;
You have redeemed us by your blood
And made us kings and priests to God.”*

*Oh, may we tread the sacred road
That saints and holy martyrs trod,
Wage to the end the glorious strife.
And win, like them, a crown of life.*



Worship Supplement 2000 (Initial Draft - Text in public Domain)
“Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take Thy crown” (Revelation 3:11.)

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 7/9/2006

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Benno Sydow; Brian Eichstadt; Gary Gunther;
Richard Rhinesmith; Jeff Stifter; Josh Stifter; Bob
Vandever

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Rick Nelson;
Phil Radichel; Ryan Libby

Church Cleaners: F. & A. Radichel

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Benno Sydow; Brian Eichstadt; Gary Gunther;
Richard Rhinesmith; Jeff Stifter; Josh Stifter; Bob
Vandever

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever;
Clint Welker; Mark Wales

Church Cleaners: F. & A. Radichel

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper
10:15 am – Board Meetings; 11:00 am – Council
5:00 & 6:00 pm – Softball (Field 4)
7:00 pm – Worship at Chaska

Wed., July 12: 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., July 16: 9:00 am – Worship Service
10:15 am – Quarterly Voters Meeting

July 31-Aug. 4: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

Last Week's Stats: July 2, 2006		Sun.: 103	Wed.: 12
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,258.00	CLC: 848.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,970.00	CLC: 850.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-712.00	CLC: -2.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	77,504.20	CLC: 23,700.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	80,190.00	CLC: 22,950.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,685.80	CLC: +750.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	53.00	Tuition: 12.00
GLC Other: 400.00	MDF:	182.00	Kinship: 62.00
ILC Student Aid.: 100.00	ILC Bldg.	65.00	IIF: 16.00 CEF: 12.00

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