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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 14

Date: September 10, 2006

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Hymn: *TLH 376: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Liturgy: *WS, p. 12 ff.*

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: [Spoken] Amen.

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unending love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: [Spoken] Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy:



P: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

1.

Glory to God in the Highest:



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray ...

C: [Spoken] Amen.

First Reading: *Romans 10:1-13*

Second Reading: *John 14:23-27*



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

2.

Day School Hymn:WS 743: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, O Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Not wanting nor wasting, You rule in Your might,
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. All life You engender in great and in small,
Of all life Befriender, the true Life of all.
We blossom and flourish in richness and range;
We wither and perish, but You never change.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight.
Our praises we render; oh, lead us to see
The light of Your splendor, Your love's majesty!



Confession of Faith:.....*The Apostolic Creed*

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn:..... *TLH 533: Nearer, My God, To Thee*

Sermon:..... *Ephesians 2:13-22*

(13) But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (14) For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, (15) having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, (16) and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. (17) And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. (18) For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. (19) Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, (20) having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, (21) in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, (22) in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (NKJV™)

“BROUGHT NEAR TO GOD”

Create in Me:

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn:.....*TLH 370: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Offering, Prayers, and Lord's Prayer:

Installation of Sunday School Teachers:

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: [♪] Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn:..... *TLH 15: From All that Dwell Below the Skies*

Silent Prayer:

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 †

- ◆ **Among Us:** Cliff Schwieger is recovering from pneumonia. Melinda Kitzman had successful surgery this past week. May the Lord continue to watch over His people and bless them with peace.
- ◆ **ILC Web Site:** Several changes have occurred over the summer with the ILC web site, www.ilc.edu. You'll find it more user friendly, containing more items of interest that will help you follow along through the school year.
- ◆ **Immanuel Athletic Booster Club:** There is now a newly organized Immanuel Athletic Booster Club. Please go to our weblink at the ILC website www.ilc.edu for membership information, current officers, contact information, bylaws, and budget plan for this year. Also, please spread this information to as many others as you can. As you will see on the website, we've already made some significant accomplishments, but hopefully are only just getting started. Many more opportunities exist for our efforts. Thanks, Tom Beekman; IAB President.
- ◆ **Berea Open:** This year's golf event is next Sat., Sept. 16, 12:00 pm, at the Hidden Greens Golf Course in Hastings, MN. The entry fee is \$53. The entry form has more information. Copies are by the guest book.
- ◆ **Grace Men's Retreat:** The men's retreat will be held Sept. 22-24 at Remer, MN, same location as last year. Cost will be \$77 for students and \$97 for adults. This includes four meals and lodging. Those interested in being sponsors or being sponsored may speak with Jeff Radichel who is organizing the event. The theme for the retreat will be "A Daily Dose of the Word," seeing how the Word is like medical treatment for the soul.
- ◆ **Women's Seminar:** Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato, MN, invites fellow Christian women to join us for The Christian Women Today Seminar to be held on Sat., Oct. 7. This year's theme is "No Worries!" Jesus says, "I tell you, do not worry about your life ..." (Matt. 6:25). Registration forms may be found by the guest book. Please pick up a brochure and register by Oct. 1.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Messiah, Hales Corners, will dedicate its newly remodeled/expanded church and school to the Lord's glory on Sunday, Oct. 1st, at a 3:00 p.m. service. Prof. John Pfeiffer is the guest speaker. A lunch will follow the service. You're all invited! † Paul Tiefel III accepted a one year call to serve as 5th & 6th grade teacher of Messiah Grade School in Eau Claire, WI.



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Bible Study

IF GOD BE FOR US WHO CAN BE AGAINST US? The Apostle Paul asked the question in the 8th chapter of Romans. As Christ believers living in a world that is contrary to Christ, and is not bashful to let it be known through word and action, it is certainly not difficult to make the case that the world is against us. In fact we expect it. What we would not expect is that within Christendom, Christ deniers would make life miserable for confessing Christians. But the truth be known we should not be surprised either for the same apostle, as a spokesman of God, said, "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:29-30). In fact the greatest danger to the Church and to Christ believers is not the world, but false brethren who arise among them and from within and raise havoc.

As Christ believers, yet still clothed in our own sinful flesh, it is very easy to become discouraged. As one reads the Old Testament, we see how men of God such as Elijah and Jeremiah experienced the uneasy ride on the roller coaster of changing emotions. To the extent that misery loves company we draw some strange comfort that such men of God experienced what we experience.

As we decry the tendency to victim hood so prevalent in human experience, and more so in our age it seems, we will want to pray for the strength to stop concentrating on those "who are against us." Instead we will want to concentrate on the first part of the apostolic observation and recognize that God is for us. God is for us, not because of who we are or what we have done, but because He is Who He is.

Our Lord has redeemed us from sin. He has given us new birth through Holy Baptism. By His Spirit He sustains us through the Means of Grace through which He speaks to us forgiveness of sins, and gives promise of eternal life. The accomplishment of all that we possess as children of God came not without price, the price of the very lifeblood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth." Furthermore, "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." (Romans 8:33,34). God "did not spare His only begotten Son, but delivered Him up for us all" (32), and now in Him and through Him "we are more than conquerors..." (37).

When the enemies of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified Him, they had a momentary feeling of relief. "Finally," they thought, "we are done with Him." But how fleeting is the satisfaction born of hate, unbelief and rejection of Christ, and of what is right and true. "...We remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again" (Matthew 27:63) There is no peace to the wicked, Scripture says. At the same time there is discomfort for the Christ believer. The undulating emotions of the children of God stabilize whenever we contemplate the grace of God, look to the cross, peer into the empty tomb, and bask in the promise and blessing of the ascended Lord.

*"Ever shall Mine eyes behold thee; On My bosom thou art laid,
Ever shall My love enfold thee; Never shalt thou lack Mine aid.
Neither Satan, war, nor stress Then shall mar thy happiness:
With this blessed consolation Be Thou firm in tribulation"* (TLH, 268:5)

If God is for us who can be against us? The world and false brethren may win the battle. They have already lost the war! Let not your heart be troubled!

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer (7/9/2004)

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: **Janelle Hein** *Elder:* **Benno Sydow**
Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; John Auel; Scott Baker; Arnold Gehrls; Ryan Libby; David Stifter; Lyle Trulin; Michael Ude**
Counting Team 5: **Mike Dick; Brad Kitzman; Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner**
Hospitality Team 6: **Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick; Frank & Ann Radichel**
Church Cleaners: **B. Sydow** *School:* **Davis**

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

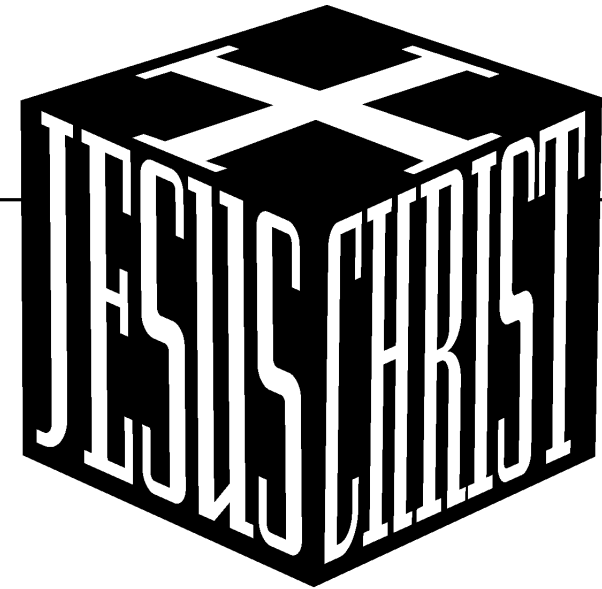
Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; John Auel; Scott Baker; Arnold Gehrls; Ryan Libby; David Stifter; Lyle Trulin; Michael Ude**
Counting Team 1: **Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Ryan Libby**
Hospitality Team 7: **Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland**
Church Cleaners: **E. Lentz** *School:* **Davis**

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service; 11:00 am – Hospitality
 11:15 am – Board Meetings; 12:00 pm – Council
Mon., Sept. 11: 10:00 am – MN Pastoral Study Club @ Mankato
Wed., Sept. 13: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
Sun., Sept. 17: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service; 11:00 am – Hospitality
Sept. 22-24: Grace Men's Retreat @ Remer, MN
Sat., Oct. 7: 9:30 am – Women's Seminar @ Mankato, MN

Last Week's Stats: Sept. 3, 2006		Sun.: 119	Wed. B.Cl.: 13
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,129.35	CLC: 559.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,970.00	CLC: 850.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-840.65	CLC: -291.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	103,798.31	CLC: 30,632.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	106,920.00	CLC: 30,600.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-3,121.69	CLC: +32.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition: 22.00
GLC Other: 275.00	MDF:	26.00	Kinship: 5.00
ILC Student Aid.: 0.00	ILC Bldg.	55.00	IIF: 0.00 CEF: 0.00

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**himself being
the chief
corner stone...**

Ephesians 2:20