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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 15

Date: September 17, 2006

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 31, TLH p. 130*

Hymn: *TLH 342: Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

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

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

P: Trust in the Lord and do good;

C: Dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

P: Delight yourself in the Lord,

C: And He will give you the desires of your heart.

P: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this.

C: The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord, He is their stronghold in time of trouble. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 377, st. 10*

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise

To Father, Son, and Spirit,

The God that saved us by His grace, - All glory to His merit!

O Triune God in heaven above,

Who hast revealed Thy saving love,

Thy blessed name be hallowed.

First Reading: *Romans 1:1-12*

Paul is called by God to share the Gospel, praying for those in his care.

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. When Your words came, I ate them;

C: They were my joy and my heart's delight. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *John 17:18-21*

Jesus prays that His disciples ministries will be blessed and that through their preaching many will believing in His saving work.

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

Hymn: *TLH 487: How Beauteous Are the Feet*

Sermon: *Ephesians 3:8-21*

(8) To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, (9) and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; (10) to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, (11) according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, (12) in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. (13) Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. (14) For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, (15) from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, (16) that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, (17) that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, (18) may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height; (19) to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (20) Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, (21) to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (NKJVTM)

"Preachers Bowing Their Knees Before God"

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 493: Thou Who the Night in Prayer Didst Spend*

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

Hymn: *TLH 45: Now, the Hour of Worship O'er*

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:** As previously announced, former member, Ruth Sydow, also mother of Benno Sydow, fell and broke her hip recently. She had surgery and is undergoing rehab at Dove Healthcare and Rehab Center; 1405 Truax Blvd.; Eau Claire, WI 54703.
- ◆ **CLC Proceedings:** The business of this past summer's CLC Convention is all compiled into a booklet called the Proceedings. Copies are available by the guest book.
- ◆ **Grace Men's Retreat:** The men's retreat is next weekend at Remer, MN, same location as last year. Cost will be \$77 for students and \$97 for adults. This includes four meals and lodging. The theme for the retreat will be "A Daily Dose of the Word."
- ◆ **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 Financial Situation:** Enrollment for the fall term at our Immanuel Lutheran College has fallen below the estimate that was used to set the budget for the year. There are a total of 149 students in the high school, college, and seminary enrolled which is 11 students less than anticipated. This lower enrollment results in significantly less student payments and therefore a major shortage in dollars to operate our school. In two weeks the CLC Coordinating Council will meet to address what steps will need to be taken to address this problem, and will need to make cuts in the school and missions budgets. The cuts in the budget will be smaller if the offerings of the CLC membership to the General Missions Fund are increased. We pray the Lord for guidance as reductions are considered, and that He will move the hearts of His people to respond to this need. (Note: The full August financial report is posted by the bulletin board near Pastor's office.)
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Luke Bernthal of Bethel in Spring, TX (Houston area), has returned the call to be the CLC's second full-time foreign missionary.



THREE FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS concerning the Ministry- While addressed to young men entering the ministry, it is sage scriptural advice also to lay people as to their expectations of a pastor. It is taken from "*Preaching to Preachers*" and is written over 50 years ago by Norman Madson, at the time dean of Bethany Lutheran Seminary in Mankato, MN. Toward the end of his life he was with the CLC.

1. "*Let no man despise Thy youth*" (1 Timothy 4:12). While we as younger men should ever bear in mind that there is a Fourth Commandment, which enjoins upon us due respect for our elders, that respect must never take the form of silence when truth is at stake. For silence then, so far from being a virtue, becomes a grievous sin. Here the words of the poet must be given due heed:

To sin by silence, when we should protest,
Makes cowards out of men;
The human race has climbed on protest.
Had no voice been raised against
Injustice, ignorance, and lust,
The Inquisition yet would serve the law,
And guillotines decide our last disputes.

2. "*If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God*" (1 Peter 4:11). The word for "oracles" in the original Greek is "logia," that which is *uttered, spoken, revealed*. This does not mean that we must simply repeat verbatim what God in His word of truth has uttered, but it means that it must be based upon that divine word and be in strict accord with it. It will always be an excellent rule to follow, that when you have discoursed upon some definite doctrine, you do not leave that question until you have quoted directly from Scripture itself the very words which cover the point in question. Then your hearers will know that you have spoken as you have because, "thus saith the Lord." You will this be preaching them *into* the Bible.

3. "*But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*" (2 Peter 3:18). For unless you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Him who must be the lodestar in all your preaching, you may preach ever so eloquently, ever so interestingly, ever so brilliantly, but you are not going to preach *saving* sermons. May it never be said by any of your hearers at the end of any of your sermons, "We would see Jesus." It is told of an American who was visiting London when two of the most talked-of preachers in that world metropolis were Joseph Parker and Charles H. Spurgeon, that he went into hear both of them. After hearing the brilliant Parker in his pulpit at City Temple, he spoke to one of the ushers as he left the place of worship: "What a wonderful *preacher* you have here." On the Sunday following, after hearing Spurgeon in his Tabernacle, he said to the usher upon leaving: "What a wonderful *Savior* you have here." And that alone will be effective preaching which leaves the hearers, not marveling at the gifts and abilities of the one who has preached, but which makes them adoringly look up to a Savior which has evidently been set forth, crucified among them (Galatians 3:1). The humble confession of the forerunner in the wilderness might well be inscribed on the study desk of all preachers: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson *Elder:* Benno Sydow

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: Miller *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 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales

Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice Sandhoefner; Bill Ryan

Church Cleaners: E. Lentz/Miller *School:* Dick

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service; 11:00 am – Hospitality

Wed., Sept. 20: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sept. 22-24: Grace Men's Retreat @ Remer, MN

Sun., Sept. 24: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service; 11:00 am – Hospitality

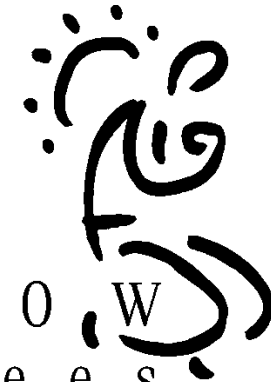
Sept. 27-28: CLC Coordinating Council @ Eau Claire, WI

Sat., Oct. 7: 9:30 am – Women's Seminar @ Mankato, MN

Last Week's Stats: Sept. 10, 2006 B.Cl.: 41 S.S.: NA Sun.: 138 Wed: NA

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	3,488.16	CLC:	964.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,970.00	CLC:	850.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+518.16	CLC:	+114.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	107,286.47	CLC:	31,596.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	109,890.00	CLC:	31,450.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,603.53	CLC:	+146.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	15.00	Tuition:	67.00	
GLC Other:	154.00	MDF:	188.00	Kinship:	117.00
ILC Student Aid..:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	65.00	IIF: 12.00	CEF: 64.00

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