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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 17/Mission Festival

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## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Hymn: ..... *TLH 658: Onward, Christians Soldiers*

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 unfailing 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 12:4-8*

Second Reading: ..... *John 17:20-26*



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.

Choir & Children: ..... *Everywhere I Go*

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 496: Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying*

Sermon: ..... *Ephesians 4:7-16*

(7) But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. (8) Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." (9) (Now this, "He ascended"; what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? (10) He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) (11) And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, (12) for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, (13) till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; (14) that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, (15) but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head; Christ; (16) from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

**“E PLURIBUS UNUM: OUT OF MANY, ONE!”**

I: WE ARE MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE WITH MANY DIFFERENT GIFTS, YET WE ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST.

II: AS MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE WITH MANY DIFFERENT GIFTS WE WORK FOR ONE PURPOSE—BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST.

GUEST SPEAKER: PASTOR MARK BERNTHAL

Create in Me:

Musical notation for "Create in Me" in C major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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: ..... *WS 769: Lift High the Cross*

Musical notation for "Lift High the Cross" in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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-phant sign, The
- 3. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise

Musical notation for the continuation of the hymn. The lyrics are: 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.

## Offering, Prayers, and Lord's Prayer:

### The Service of the Sacrament:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [Spoken] And also with you.

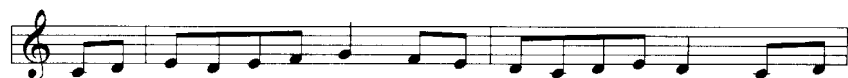
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: [Spoken] We lift them up to the Lord.

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



### Holy, Holy, Holy:



C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho-



san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly



blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### Words of Institution:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

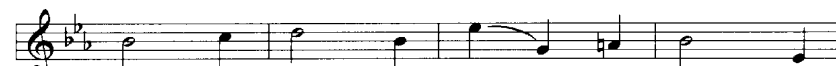
### Lamb of God:



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose



blood, once shed, true life re-stored, Im-



part Your joy, our faith in-crease. Sus-



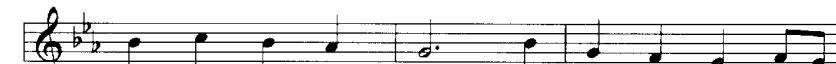
tain with Your mer-cy and grant us Your peace.

### Communion Distribution Hymns:.....TLH 314; 467; 477

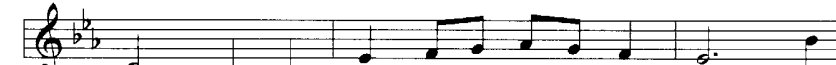
### O Lord, Now Let Your Servant:



C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser-vant De-  
2 All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, All



part in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the



glo-ry Of Your re-deem-ing grace: A  
Spir-it, For-ev-er Three-in-One; For



light to lead the Gen-tiles Un-  
as in the be-gin-ning, Is



to Your ho-ly hill, The glo-ry of Your  
now, shall ev-er be, God's tri-une name re-



peo-ple, Your cho-sen Is-ra-el.  
sound-ing Through all e-ter-ni-ty.



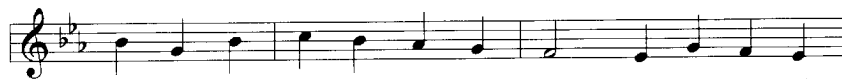
## Post-Communion Prayer:

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



## Thanksgiving:



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es



tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your



bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## 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 505: *O'er the Hills of Gloomy Hills of Darkness*

## 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 †

- ◆ **THANKS!:** Thanks to Pastor Mark Bernthal for sharing with us the message of God's grace which we have the privilege of sharing with others. Pastor Bernthal serves Peace Thru Christ Lutheran in Middleton, WI (Madison area) and is also the CLC Vice President. May the Lord grant he and his wife, Ruth, safe travel home.
- ◆ **Today:** Following our worship service everyone is invited and encouraged to remain for a potluck meal. Committee #3 will be serving.
- ◆ **Funeral:** This past week was the funeral for our brother in Christ, Clifford Schwieger. He is now enjoyed the eternal victory His Savior obtained for him. Marion Schwieger extends her thanks to all who assisted in the funeral. This includes those who setup, brought food, served, cleaned up, ushers, pall bearers, organist, and the children who sang.
- ◆ **Reformation Service:** This year Berea of Inver Grove Hts. will be hosting the MN Area Reformation Service on Sunday, October 29, at 3:30 pm. A luncheon will be held following the service. Any who are attending are welcome to bring a dessert plate. All else will be provided by Berea. To help with planning, please sign up if you think you might go. Music has also been distributed. There will be a mass choir, men's chorus, and children piece.
- ◆ **Sponsors Needed:** CLC Project KINSHIP provides for orphans and seminary students in India and Africa through the kind sponsorship of stateside CLC members. There are seldom openings for new sponsors, but right now we have quite a few. At the moment we are in need of: 15 sponsors for students at the newly established seminary of the BELC (cost: \$35/month); 2 sponsors for students at the CLCI seminary (cost: \$35/month); and 1 sponsor for a new student at the NCLC Bible Institute (cost: \$30/month). At last report, all 45 children at the Nidubrolu orphanage and all 9 at the NCLC Children's Home have sponsors, so there's no need right now for sponsors for children. If you are interested in sponsoring a young man who is preparing for the Lutheran ministry in India or Africa, please contact KINSHIP Committee member Rev. Tom Schuetze, 6768 Paw Paw Ave, Coloma, MI 49038, phone (269) 468-4368; e-mail tschuetze@netzero.net.
- ◆ **CLC News:** The CLC Board of Missions has called the following pastors to serve, in a part-time capacity, our overseas mission fields: (1) Pastor P.D. Nolting of Immanuel, Mankato, MN, to our CLC affiliates in East Africa (LCEA and CLCEA); (2) Pastor Matthew Gurath of Gift of God, Mapleton, ND, to our CLC affiliate in Nigeria (NCLC); (3) Pastor Todd Ohlmann of Faith in St. Louis, MO, to India (BELC and CLCI). Pastor Ohlmann, having already served in this capacity for some time on an informal basis has accepted this call with the concurrence of his congregation. Pastors Nolting and Gurath are considering their calls, in consultation with their respective congregations.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** First Commandment

## **“THE CHURCH OF AMBIGUITY”**

The “THE CHURCH OF AMBIGUITY” is found in every community of our country.

The Scriptures (God’s Word), the source of Christian teaching, are not ambiguous (uncertain, unclear, doubtful, subject to private interpretation). Teaching drawn from the Bible acknowledges God as the Creator of all things. It recognizes that man corrupted God’s creation through sin, and brought death and condemnation into the world. Since the fall all people are born in sin and under the wrath of God. The gracious God in His mercy promised a Savior, and in the fullness of time sent the Lord Jesus Christ into the world, “conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary.” The coming of Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. The Messiah, the Anointed One of God offered His life upon the cross for the sins of the world, fully satisfying the unpayable debt man owed to God. Christ Jesus is the only Savior from sin. Whoever believes in Him shall be saved. In this brief paragraph we have encapsulated the law and the gospel, the two chief doctrines of the Bible. As they say, you can look it up.

Though the Bible has not changed since God Himself moved the writers to write His inspired Word, acceptance of and respect for the Bible has deteriorated. The heathen have always rejected the Bible, but increasingly Christian churches have followed suit, while giving lip service to Christ. From inspiration to the incarnation of Christ, from creation to the teaching of the end times, from justification to sanctification, from the fall into sin to the teaching of forgiveness- everything in the Bible has become the playground of small minds that think themselves wiser than God. Ambiguity makers have succeeded in making the Scripture and thus Christianity itself ambiguous to many. The Pilate question is in vogue: “What is truth?” Or, “how can anyone claim to have the truth?” Or, “Truth is whatever one wants it to be and whatever provides the answers we want.” To them there is no such thing as right and wrong, truth and error, salvation or condemnation.

A sad consequence of the ambiguity promoted within Christianity is the abysmal ignorance of Scripture that characterizes the majority. Consequently for those to whom the Bible and Christianity have become ambiguous it makes no difference if they attend church or which church they attend. People flit from church to church- if they go at all- like humming birds looking for something sweet- something that satisfies their curiosity and tickles their fancy and entertains their mind. The idea that doctrine is important is foreign, and that false doctrine is wrong and to be avoided is even more so. Obviously, if doctrine is not important, there is no false doctrine.

As Christian teaching is watered down to the least common denominator and “Christian” churches play loosely with God’s Word, people are without foundation or anchor. If they are concerned about sin and its consequence at all they are without hope!

Consequently the church is becoming more and more irrelevant, which is obvious from the low percentage of worshipers on any given Sunday. Because the church has set forth an ambiguous message, and the whole

Word of God is no longer the foundational teaching of the modern church, the Christian religion has become less and less influential in the life of people. That which now influences for the most part is music, philosophy, pleasures, activities, and allurements of the world. Unfortunately and sadly, we find that even within a fellowship such as ours the church seems to less a factor as the worldly influences become stronger. Our challenge as a church is to impress upon the people the importance of hearing and studying the Word, as well as standing firm against the rampant and prevalent theological ambiguities. Preach the Gospel!

Ultimately each individual member of the church and the fellowship has to look at self, to root out the strain of ambiguity that lurks within the heart, and which leads to a desire and satisfaction to be little more than religious. We speak unambiguously: Man is a sinner. He cannot save himself by his works or good intent! Being religious does not save a soul! Only Jesus saves, and only faith in Jesus Christ saves the soul! Calling oneself a Christian does not make a Christian! Following God’s Word makes a disciple of the Lord Jesus (John 8:31,32). Christianity is not a system of ethics. “Christianity ... is a religion of faith, of trust in Christ” (Pieper: *What is Christianity*, p.5, CPH 1933).

The Lord God is not ambiguous about sin and its consequence, “The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). He is not ambiguous about the judgment day. “He that does not believe shall be damned (Mark 16:16). He is not ambiguous about His desire for all to be saved. “God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself” (2 Corinthians 5:19). He is not ambiguous about how the sinner is saved. “To him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness” (Romans 4:5). He is not ambiguous about how one comes to faith. “He called you by our Gospel” (2 Thessalonians 2:14). He is not ambiguous about the place of good works in the life of the Christian. “We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works ...” (Ephesians 2:10). He is not ambiguous about the church’s mission. “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world” (Matthew 28:19-20). He is not ambiguous about what our action is to be over against practiced ambiguity (false doctrine). “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple” (Romans 16:17-18). The Lord is not ambiguous about the future of those who trust in Him and believe His Word. “My sheep hear My voice and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them eternal life ...” (John 10:27).

One concerned about his soul now and hereafter will reject today’s ambiguous Christianity! Rather, he will say with Paul, “I know whom I have believed ...” (2 Timothy 1:12). Jesus says to the majority of today’s society, “Ye worship, ye know not what ...” (John 4:22). No faithful Christian will choose membership in the “Church of Ambiguity!”

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 9/17/2006

## † 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 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack**  
**Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Ole Olmanson**  
Hospitality: **None – Mission Festival Potluck**  
Church Cleaners: **No Volunteers**              School: **Dick**

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: **Michael Dick; Larry Nelson; Larry Brandt; Roger**  
**Brandt; Dale Enns; Scott Dauer; Lynn Sandhoefner**  
Counting Team 4: **Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust;**  
**Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel**  
Hospitality Team 2: **Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Peter**  
**Fleischer; Alice Weibye**  
Church Cleaners: **No Volunteers**              School: **Hein**

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
10:00 am – Mission Festival Service  
11:15 am – Mission Festival Potluck

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

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

**Sun., Oct. 8:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:00 am – Hospitality; 12:00 – Council Mtg.

**Oct. 10-11:** MN Pastoral Conference @ Inver Grove Hts.

**Sun., Oct. 15:** 11:30 am - Quarterly Voters’ Meeting

**Sat., Oct. 28:** 9:00 am – Congregational Work Day

**Sun., Oct. 29:** 3:30 pm – MN Reformation Service @ Inver Grove Hts.

**Last Week’s Stats:** Sept. 24, 2006 B.Cl.: 37 S.S.: 19 Sun.: 119 Wed: NA

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	3,099.55	CLC:	1,782.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,970.00	CLC:	850.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+129.55	CLC:	+932.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	112,111.42	CLC:	34,358.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	115,830.00	CLC:	33,150.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-3,718.58	CLC:	+1,208.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	12.00	Tuition:	182.00	
GLC Other:	166.25	MDF:	17.00	Kinship:	67.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	12.00	IIF:	23.00
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*There is one body  
and one Spirit ... one  
Lord, one faith,  
one baptism.*

*Ephesians 4:4-5*

