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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 24

Date: November 19, 2006

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 90, TLH p. 142*

Hymn: *TLH 7: As We Begin Another Week*

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

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

P: Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in His ways.

C: You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.

P: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine with your house;

C: Your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

P: Thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord.

C: May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem, and may you live to see your children's children. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 246, st. 1,4: Holy, Holy, Holy*

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

First Reading: *Romans 8:18-23*

Since the Fall, the entire creation labors under the duress of sin. This is why we as the children of God eagerly look forward to our eternal redemption.

Gradual:

P: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;

C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

C: Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in Him;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *John 6:26-35*

After feeding the 5,000 miraculously with 5 loaves of bread and 2 small fish, people come to Jesus to seek more physical blessings. Jesus reminds them that laboring for food is not the real goal in life. Rather we are to believe on Him who is the Bread of Life, Jesus Himself.

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

Hymn: *TLH 540: With the Lord Begin Thy Task*

Sermon: *Ephesians 6:5-9*

(5) Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; (6) not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, (7) with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, (8) knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether *he is* a slave or free. (9) And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him. (NKJV[®])

"God's Blessing and Order of Work"

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 572: Praise to God, Immortal Praise*

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

Hymn: *TLH 566: Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored*

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!

CLC Email Devotion

Thursday, October 5, 2006

Ruth 2:2-3 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter." So she went out and began to glean in the fields behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she found herself working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelech.

FIELDS OF LABOR

These days it seems almost "fashionable" for people to grumble about their work. They complain about their bosses, their working conditions, and their salaries. In the midst of all these complaints, they forget what a blessing their labor can be.

When Ruth looked out into the harvest field, she saw that field as God's way of providing for the needs of herself and her mother in law. "Let me go to the fields" she said. We find no indication of complaint nor did she suggest to the LORD that He ought to provide for her in another way.

By means of our work, God can take care of our earthly needs as well. Our fields of labor are fields through which He provides clothing and shoes, food and drink, land, goods, and all we need. Even if the kind of work we do doesn't put a paycheck in our hands directly, God can use it to bring all sorts of blessings to us and others.

Lest you think that the LORD simply sits around while you work, consider that while Ruth was laboring in the harvest field, He was working in that same field! It was among those very sheaves that God led her to Boaz whom she married. Boaz was the great-grandfather of David -- who was the great ancestor of our Lord Jesus Christ.

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Among Us:** Melinda Kitzman has returned home from kidney surgery. Tests have revealed that Gilbert Maestas did not have a back tumor as reported last week. There was a loose fastener in his back. He has received a nerve block. Blessed be the LORD God from whom we all receive our healing, both spiritual and physical.
- ◆ **Thanksgiving Worship:** Our worship service will be this Wed. evening, Nov. 22, at 7:00 pm. What an opportunity for us to come before the throne of God's grace to praise His name for all the blessings He extends to us on a daily basis! *"It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night, ..."* Psalm 92:1-2.
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Service:** Today the children will be receiving the layout of the Christmas Eve Service. We ask that all parents take an active role in ensuring that the children learn their parts. The better the children learn them, the better the service will be in presenting the glorious message of our Savior's birth. The service will Dec. 24th at 6:00 pm. Rehearsals are scheduled for Dec. 3 & 10, 12-2 pm; Dec. 17 & 24, 9-10 am. Prior to the first two afternoon rehearsals there will be a light lunch provided at church. We ask that parents of pre-schoolers have one parent present during the rehearsals in case help is needed. Very likely the pre-schoolers will be done with the afternoon rehearsals at least ½ hour earlier.
- ◆ **Christmas Music Recital:** As last year, a recital of our young musicians is again being planned. Right now it is tentatively planned for hospitality on December 10. Please speak with Janelle Hein if you plan on participating in this event.
- ◆ **Special Hospitality Luncheons:** On December 3rd and December 10th, the children will rehearse for the Christmas Eve service beginning at 12:00 noon following the church service. Sandwiches will be provided and will be served by the Hospitality Committee on duty for those Sundays.
- ◆ **Midweek Advent Soup Suppers:** A soup supper will be served prior to Wednesday evening Advent services, from 6:00 - 6:45 pm. Volunteers are needed to bring soup and serve. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. The Dorcas Guild will supply bread and/or crackers. A donation basket will available. Any funds remaining after the cost of supplies has been covered will be donated to the church floor fund.

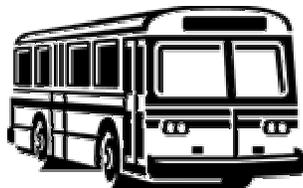


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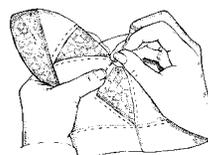


A d v e n t

◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** This year's Christmas concert will be held on Fri., Dec. 15, 7:30 pm, at Eau Claire. The Council has resolved to budget this item as a yearly expense. As a result, there is no fee for the trip. However, should you wish to make a special donation to defray the expense, please indicate so on your offering envelope as "ILC Concert Bus."



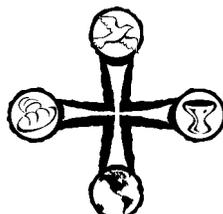
◆ **Sewing Machines:** The 6th - 8th grade home economics class is going to be sewing after Christmas and they are in need of three sewing machines. If anyone has one that they could loan for 6 - 8 weeks, please speak to Janelle Hein.



QUILTING GROUP

◆ **Quilting Party:** The Dorcas Guild will hold a quilting party on Saturday, January 20, 2007 at 9:00 am to sew the quilts which will be donated to the ILC After Banquet Party. Please join us! Call Ann Radichel for more details.

◆ **From the Board of Missions:** The final installments for the India Visitation by Pastors Ohlmann and Fleischer have been added to the CLC Missions website. To read them, go to www.clclutheran.org/missions, and click on the first item under "What's New." We are thankful that our two men have returned safely to their families and congregations. We hope to post some photos from their trip in the near future. Pastor David Povolny of St. Stephen, Mountain View is now on his first visit to the Congo, as part of his call as part-time foreign missionary. He and Missionary Koenig will be working with the pastors and people of the ELCC, in and around Lubumbashi, over the coming weeks. Please pray for their safety and success. – Chairman Bruce Naumann.



MISSION PROGRAM

◆ **Reminder from the Elders:** Per Voter resolution, all loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the four called workers of the congregation.

◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Eighth Commandment and Christmas Eve Parts

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 12, 2006 B.Cl.: 40 S.S.: 28 Sun.: 133 Wed: 24

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	5,448.22	CLC:	994.48	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,970.00	CLC:	850.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+2,478.22	CLC:	+144.48	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	132,816.06	CLC:	40,999.48	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	136,620.00	CLC:	39,100.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-3,803.94	CLC:	+1,899.48	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	52.00	Tuition:	64.00	
GLC Other:	149.00	MDF:	108.00	Kinship:	62.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	44.00	IIF: 12.00	CEF: 37.00

CLC Email Devotion

Monday, September 5, 2005

Genesis 2:15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

THE BLESSING OF WORK

Labor is not something to be avoided -- it is a gift of God. Work is not something we do to get it over with because we have to; work is something we get to do, an activity God has given us that our lives might be full and happy. If you doubt this go to a nursing home or a hospital, talk to someone no longer able to do the work he once did. He or she will tell you.

Better yet, let's turn to the Word of our Maker, the Word of God in Genesis 2:15. Here we see how God created Adam and Eve and placed them in a perfect earthly home in order that they might "dress it and keep it", i.e., "to work the soil and look after it."

Sin has caused labor to be less than pure blessing. But even when work is a heavy burden -- that is not the whole story. It is also a valuable blessing.

God originally created human beings to be free of worry and trouble but not to be free of responsibility. Work was an important part of God's plan for the crown jewel of His creation. After all, the Creator made them -- male and female -- in His own likeness, made them to work even as He had.

So, work is not primarily a thing one does to live, but something one lives to do. It is an expression of the abilities and gifts God has given us, an activity in which we, like Adam, are to find spiritual, mental and physical satisfaction. There is joy and glory in following in the footsteps of our Creator.

Even better, through work we who have been redeemed by the work of the very Son of God, can offer ourselves in thanksgiving to God.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner

Elder: Michael Dick

Ushers: Jeff Radichel; Gerald Anderson; Dan Degnan; Matt Dick; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow; Andrew Rosendahl

Counting Team 5: Mike Dick; Brad Kitzman; Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner

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

Church Cleaners: Sydow

School: Vandevveer

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Jeff Radichel; Gerald Anderson; Dan Degnan; Matt Dick; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow; Andrew Rosendahl

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

Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Peter Fleischer; Alice Weibye

Church Cleaners: Sydow

School: None

† OUR SCHEDULE †

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

Wed., Nov. 22: 12:00 pm – School Dismissal (Return Mon., Nov. 27)
4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Worship Service

Thu., Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Day

Sun., Nov. 26: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service; 11:00 am – Hospitality

Wed., Dec. 6, 13: Midweek Advent Worship Services

Wed., Dec. 20: Candlelight Worship Service

Sun., Dec. 3, 10: 12-2 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsals w/ luncheon

Sun., Dec. 17, 24: 9-10 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsals

Sun., Dec. 17: 12:00 pm – Council Meeting
3:00 pm – Caroling Outing

Sun., Dec. 24: 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service

Mon., Dec. 25 10:00 am – Christmas Day Service

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Always give
yourselves fully
to the work of
the Lord...

1 Corinthians 15:58

