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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost

Date: May 27, 2007

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 ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 51, TLH p. 134 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 224: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!*

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

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

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C: And kindle in them the fire of Your love.

P How many are Your works, O Lord.

C: In wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

P: When You send Your Spirit, they are created,

C: And You renew the face of the earth. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 466, st. 4*

**Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,
One in might and one in glory, While unending ages run.**

Scripture Reading: *Acts 2:1-21*

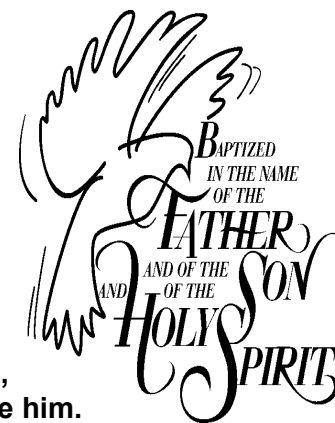
The Day of Pentecost in which the Holy Spirit clearly was at work.

Baptism: *Alexander Thomas Dick*

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

Hymn: *WS 750: See This Wonder in the Making*

1. See this wonder in the making:
God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping,
His to be, awake or sleeping.
2. Miracle each time it happens
As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, "Beloved,
Heir of gifts a king would covet!"
3. Far more tender than a mother,
Far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place him,
With Your love and peace embrace him.
4. Here we bring a child by nature;
Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter,
Born again by Word and water.



Sermon: *John 15:26-27*

(26) "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. (27) "And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning." (NKJV™)

"New Beginnings"

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Choir & Children: *First Song of Isaiah*

Offering & Prayers *TLH p. 14*

Profession of Faith: *Karen Gilberg*

Grace Graduation: *Christina Hein*

Graduation Recognition:

Sarah Stifter – Forest Lake High School

Amy Rosendahl – St. Cloud State, Bachelor of Science in Sports Management & Recreation Therapy

Brandon Paplow – Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Associate of Science

Alumni Choir: *Go Now in Peace*

Hymn: *TLH 412: May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill*

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

◆ **Congratulations:** To little Alexander Dick who has become a child of God through Holy Baptism; to Karen Gilberg for becoming a communicant member at Grace; to Grace's graduate, Christina Hein, who has accomplished the goal of fulfilling her Gospel-orientated elementary education.; to Sarah Stifter, Amy Rosendahl, and Brandon Paplow for their educational accomplishments that have equipped them to serve the Lord in various capacities.

◆ **Among Us:** Matt and Joey Dick were blessed with a baby boy this past Thurs., Alexander Thomas. Delores Englehorn was hospitalized with dehydration this past week at Unity due to a reaction to some medications. She remains there at this time. Cards may be sent to her daughter's address: 9267 3rd St. NE; Blaine, MN 55434. Ellen Bergstrom completed her series of radiation treatments this past week. The doctors believe Linda Wagner may have had another mini-stroke. Ray Stifter was diagnosed with lung cancer last Sunday. He will be having doctor visits and tests this week as to what kind of plan he should undertake. The Lord be with His people as they both rejoice and face challenges.

◆ **Summer Hospitality:** As with last summer, the Elders are suspending hospitality. For those who may wish to host a hospitality gathering on any Sunday, there is a signup sheet on the fellowship hall's bulletin board.

◆ **Church Cleaning:** There are currently no volunteers listed for the cleaning list during the month of June. Please consider this labor of love as one way that you can contribute toward the Lord's work.

◆ **School:** The school year ended this past Friday. Last Thursday night was the school play, The Snow Queen. The children all did very well, thanks to the directing efforts of the teachers and the hard work put in by the students. A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who assisted in the work and especially to the teaching staff for all the hard work put in during the year. We encourage all our parents at Grace to consider the spiritual blessings of this school for your children.

◆ **Flooring:** At their last meeting the Voters decided to go ahead with the floor project in the fellowship hall, including the kitchen, storage room, and bathrooms. The total for the project is \$9,424. About \$7,500 is now in the floor fund. The project will start on June 25, likely finishing in less than a week's time. Since there is preparation work we need to do as a congregation, President Lentz is calling for a special work day following the church picnic on Sunday, June 24. The storage room will need to be cleared and bathroom fixtures removed. Please mark this on your calendar as an important task to get done.



◆ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The Lutheran Spokesman is a publication by the CLC which is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. Those who currently receive the publication are listed on a sheet by the guestbook. If you no longer wish to receive it, please cross out your name. If you don't receive it and would like to, please signup for a copy. The congregation will cover the cost.

◆ **The Branches:** The CLC women's newsletter is published under the name: "The Branches." Should you desire a subscription, sign your name on the signup sheet by the guest book. The congregation will cover the cost.

◆ **Youth Conference 2007** will be held at Como, CO, August 7-12. This is open to 8th grade graduates through young adults of 2nd year college age. Coach bus transportation will originate in Mankato. If any financial assistance is needed for the cost (\$275), please speak with one of the Elders (Michael Dick, Dave Rust, or Benno Sydow) or Pastor. Information may be found in the brochures by the guest book and at www.ilcactivities.org/yc/home.htm.

◆ **Cancer Walk:** This summer Mary Brandt will be walking in the Susan G. Komen 3 day to help support efforts for cancer. She has a letter with information posted on the bulletin board by pastor's office. There is also a web site with information about the walk and how to submit donations at www.the3day.org/twincities07/marybrandt. You may also email Mary for more information at nanapapa@citescape.com.

◆ **A Thank You:** Dear Members of the CLC, I would like to thank each of you personally for all the good wishes and gifts that I have received at my time of retirement from Immanuel Lutheran College. I cannot do this because I do not know who you are. Many of the gifts and good wishes were anonymous. I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and all of you for your gifts, your good wishes and your prayers. It is greatly appreciated and quite overwhelming. Eunice and I wish to express our heartfelt thanks to each of you. In Christ our Savior, Prof. Ron Roehl

◆ **Another Reminder:** This June, an organization called "Answers in Genesis" will be opening a \$28 million Creation Museum near Cincinnati, Ohio. Some of our local CLC congregations are considering plans for a bus coach trip to visit the museum this summer, possibly in July or August. You can find out more about the organization and the museum at: www.answersingenesis.org. From their website: "The 50,000 sq. ft. Creation Museum located within the greater Cincinnati area will proclaim the Bible as supreme authority in all matters of faith and practice in every area it touches on. Set to open in June 2007, this 'walk through history' museum will counter evolutionary natural history museums that turn countless minds against Christ and Scripture." Please let the pastor know if you might be interested in such a trip – more details will be forthcoming.

◆ **CLC News:** Seminary graduate Chad Seybt, has received the call to teach upper grades and be principal at St. John's in Okabena, MN. † Rev. Ed Starkey, who was recently colloquized into the CLC, has received the call to serve St. Peter's in Stambaugh, MI. † Pastor Caleb Schaller at Redemption in Lynnwood, WA (Seattle area) has received the call to be the 2nd Foreign Missionary to India. † Mr. Greg Boldon of Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call to be a teacher at Messiah in Eau Claire, WI.

"YOU CAN INVITE THE SPIRIT INTO YOUR HEART" is a message that hangs on a fence in our city (Corpus Christi, TX). Just how does one do this? Can an unbeliever ask the Spirit to come into his heart? If it were possible, just how would the Spirit enter into the heart? Does He float down from the heavens like the falling leaves? The fact is that is that such a suggestion is part of the emotionalism that for many passes for Christianity in our day.

First of all, "Who is the Spirit?" The Spirit of God is the third person of the Trinity, coequal with the Father and with the Son, Who with "the glory equal, the majesty coeternal" composes the Godhead (Athanasian Creed). Divine names, divine power, and divine attributes (characteristics) are ascribed to the Holy Ghost. Indeed without the work of the Holy Ghost within the heart, no one can say that Jesus is Lord (1 Corinthians 12:3).

Of our call to faith, Scripture says, "... but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Corinthians 6:11). To do this the Spirit employs the Gospel in Word and Sacrament – the Means of Grace. The question is asked in Romans 10:14 where we read - and this speaks specifically to our subject- "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed...? They can't! "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). In James we read, "Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth...(1:18).

All by nature are dead in trespasses and sins. The dead cannot invite the Spirit into the heart! The Spirit calls through the Word. So then, He does not come through wishful thinking. He does not come through an appeal of emotion. He does not come through a frenzied golden-toned orator!

Through the Gospel the Spirit works saving faith so that the Christ believer rejoices in the love of God, the remission of sins, and in the salvation of his soul. Through faith in Christ we are children of God, and the Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.

To His disciples, Jesus promised the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of truth who would guide them into all truth. Now as disciples we implore the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom, increase our faith, strengthen us in our hope, and keep us unto salvation. Now we pray the Spirit of God to sanctify us by the truth, God's Word (John 17:17). All that the Spirit did and does is connected with the Word of God! Further Christ believers pray that the Spirit sanctify our will and desires so that our whole conduct and life may serve to the glory of God. "This is the will of God, even your sanctification" (1 Thessalonians 4:3). God's will for us is brought to pass through the Spirit of God for "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God has before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

All this is without merit or worthiness on our part! It is by grace alone.

As unregenerate, we did not invite the Spirit into our heart. He overcame our heart by the Gospel. Now as a fruit of the Spirit Christ believers desire to stand in truth, trusting in Christ, bringing forth the fruits of repentance, and manifesting the will of God in our lives. As children of God we will resist grieving the Spirit "by whom you [we] were sealed for the day of redemption" (Ephesians 4:30). We pray the Holy Spirit to sanctify us body and soul until the day of the Lord's appearing. Our prayer daily is, "Create in me a clean heart, O God...and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me" (Psalm 51: 10, 11). (Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer 6/5/2005)

It All Depends Whose Hands It's In

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19.

A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands.

A tennis racket in Peter Sampras' hands is a Wimbledon Championship.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal.

A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea.

A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy.

A sling shot in David's hands is a mighty weapon.

Two fish and five loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.

Two fish and five loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands.

Nails in my hands might produce birdhouse.

Nails in Jesus Christ's hands produced redemption for the entire world.

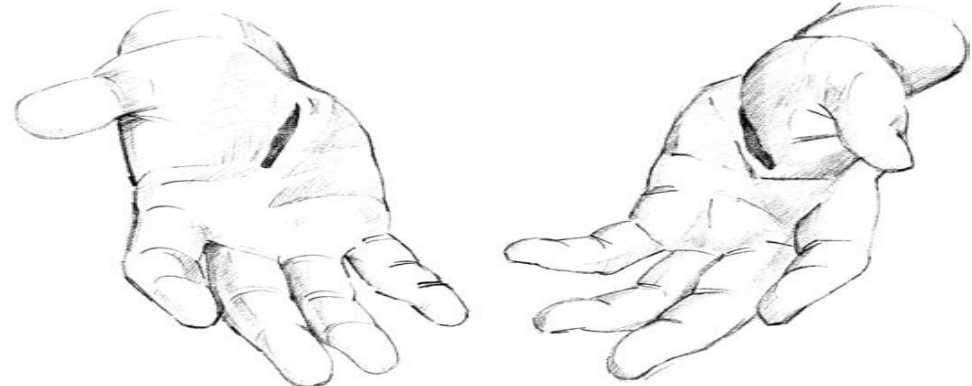
It all depends on whose hands it's in.

As you see, it depends whose hands it's in. So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families, and all your relationships in God's hands because ...



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† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Benno Sydow

Ushers: Roger Ochsner; Bill Rust; Don Dahlin; Michael Englehorn; Bob Maki; Joel Stifter; Arnold Gehrls

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

Hospitality Team 7: Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland

Church Cleaners: Sandhoefner

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Roger Ochsner; Bill Rust; Don Dahlin; Michael Englehorn; Bob Maki; Joel Stifter; Arnold Gehrls

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Ole Olmanson

Church Cleaners: ??

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost)
10:00 am – Hospitality (last one of the season)

Wed., May 30: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Sun., June 3: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Trinity)
3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conference @ New Ulm, MN

Sun., June 17: Confirmation

Sun., June 24: Annual Church Picnic

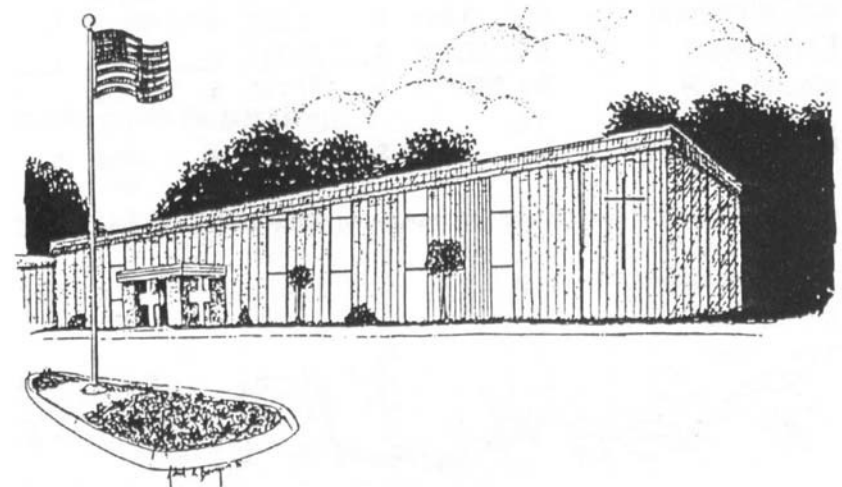
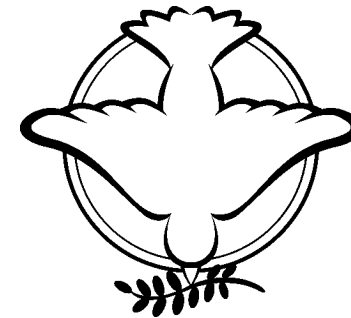
July 30-Aug. 3: Vacation Bible School

Last Week's Stats: May 6, 2007 B.CI.: 41 S.S.: ?? Sun.: 174

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	3,342.71	CLC:	827.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+312.71	CLC:	-133.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	63,707.64	CLC:	19,005.24	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	60,600.00	CLC:	19,200.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+3,107.64	CLC:	-194.76	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	12.00	Tuition:	42.00	
GLC Other:	279.00	MDF:	17.00	Kinship:	67.00
ILC Student Aid:	15.00	ILC Bldg.	38.00	IIF: 12.00	CEF: 39.00

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SEND, O LORD, THY HOLY SPIRIT!