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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Confirmation

Date: June 17, 2007

**WELCOME!** Confirmation Sunday is a reminder to all Lutheran communicants of the commitment each of us once made at the Lord's altar. Our Lord's faithfulness never fails. His Word of promise never fades. His salvation never ends. His divine power never weakens. Confirmation service is one of those reminders to us of our need to be recommitted to our Savior who was committed to us through His life and death and continues to be committed to us as our resurrected, living Lord. Those interested in learning more about our Lutheran heritage as it is found in Luther's Small Catechism, please speak with Pastor Hein.



## † LUTHER REGARDING THE CATECHISM †

Salvation Through the Changeless Christ  
Is the Message of the Catechism

The Catechism is the Bible of the laymen. In it the entire body of Christian doctrine, which every Christian must know in order to be saved, is contained ... Therefore we should by all means love and esteem the Catechism and diligently impress it upon youth; for in it the correct, true, ancient, pure divine doctrine of the holy Christian Church is summarized. Whatever is contrary to this is to be considered an innovation and false, erroneous doctrine, be it ever so ancient, and we are to guard ourselves against it.

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Hymn: ..... WS 776: Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You

1. Lord, 'tis not that I did choose You;  
2. It was grace in Christ that called me,  
3. Haste then on from grace to glo - ry,

That I know could nev - er be,  
Taught my dark - ened heart and mind,  
Armed by faith and winged by prayer.

For this heart would still re - fuse You  
Else the world had yet en - thralled me,  
All but heav'n is tran - si to - ry;

Had Your grace not cho - sen me.  
To Your heav'n - ly glo - ries blind.  
God's own hand shall guide you there.

You re - moved the sin that stained me,  
Now I wor - ship none a - bove You;  
Soon shall end this earth - ly sto - ry;

Cleans - ing me to be Your own;  
For Your grace a - lone I thirst,  
Swift shall pass the pil - grim days,

For this pur - pose You or - dained me,  
Know - ing well that, if I love You,  
Hope soon change to heav'n - ly glo - ry,

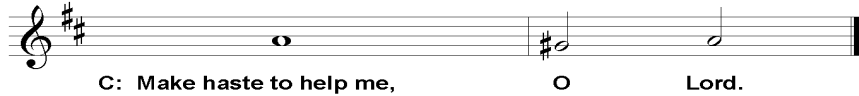
That I live for You a - lone.  
You, O Fa - ther, loved me first.  
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

**Liturgy:** ..... TLH, p. 46, *The Order of the Confessional Service*

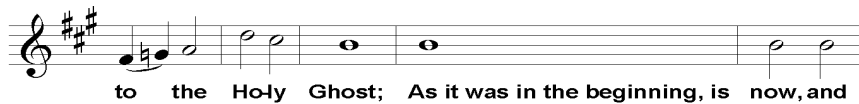
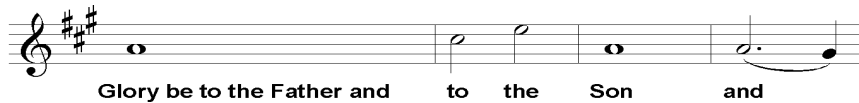
P: *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.*



P: *Make haste, O God, to deliver me.*



P: *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.*



**Confession and Absolution:**

P: Let us confess our sins:

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins by which I have offended You, and for which I deserve Your just judgment. On this Confirmation Day, I especially confess those sins by which I have failed to love and to serve You as I have promised to do. I admit that I have often lacked courage to confess Your name and have failed to do so clearly and boldly when You have presented me with opportunities to do so. I am heartily sorry, O Lord, for these sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You in Your mercy and for the sake of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, would be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Responsive Psalm:** ..... *Psalm 78:1-7*

P: Give ear, O my people, to my law;

C: **Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

P: I will open my mouth in a parable;

C: **I will utter dark sayings of old,**

P: Which we have heard and known,

C: **And our fathers have told us.**

P: We will not hide them from their children,

Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD,

C: **And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.**

P: For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers,

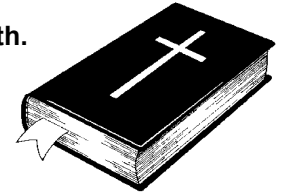
C: **That they should make them known to their children;**

P: That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born,

C: **That they may arise and declare them to their children,**

P: That they may set their hope in God,

C: **And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;**



**Scripture Reading:** ..... *2 Timothy 3:1-17*

A child's doctrinal training prepares him or her for the days ahead.

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 455: Our Heavenly Father, Hear (Tune of TLH 27)*

**Confirmation Examination:**

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 648: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*

**Sermonette:** ..... *John 10:27-28*

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."

**"Follow the Voice of Your Shepherd!"**

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 436: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

**Offering & Prayers:**

**Rite of Confirmation:** ..... *Christina Lynne Hein (John 10:27-28)*

**Children & Choir:** ..... *Like as a Father*

Like as a father, filled with compassion

Pities all his children, pities all his children,

So the Lord has mercy on those who fear,

On those who fear Him.

**Prayer & Benediction:** .... *Follow by Singing: Amen, Amen, Amen*

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

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

◆ **Congratulations:** To Christina Hein for being confirmed into her baptismal faith. We pray that the Lord will richly bless her faith-life as she continues her Christian training. Everyone is invited to stay for a reception in the fellowship hall.



◆ **Pictures Today:** Pictures will be taken after church for the church directory. Groups to be photographed will include church officers, Dorcas Guild officers, choir, Sunday School teachers, and any church boards who have not already been photographed. Any families or individuals who have not already been photographed may also have their picture taken for the directory. Please see Jackie Radichel.

◆ **Among Us:** Ray Stifter began chemotherapy this week for his lung cancer. May the Lord sustain him through this!

◆ **Church Picnic:** This will be held following our worship service next Sunday, June 24. There will also be various activities around the church for entertainment. The church will provide pulled pork sandwiches and beverages. However, those attending the picnic are asked to sign-up for what they intend to bring, either a salad, chips, or dessert.



◆ **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 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 help out.

◆ **CLC News:** Seminary graduate Neal Radichel has accepted the call to St. Stephen's in Mountain View, CA. † Mrs. Kelly Beekman has received and accepted the call to teach upper grades part-time at Messiah in Eau Claire, WI.

### **UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH: CONFIRMATION**

Palm Sunday is a traditional day of confirmation. The rite of confirmation is not commanded in the Scriptures. Much less is it a Sacrament as it is claimed by Rome. It is a custom. It is one of the meaningful traditions worth holding on to. Confirmation is closely related to Baptism. In confirmation the confirmand repeats with his own lips that confession of faith and promise of faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word that were made for him at baptism. A confirmand presents himself for confirmation upon instruction in the Word, and as witness that the Spirit has worked such understanding that he is now ready to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.



Confirmation is a serious matter as the following questions and answers show. Unfortunately in our day it too often has become a rite of passage with little significance. That in part may explain why so many young people appear to have forsaken their vows, some almost before they are out of the church door. Let us pray as parents that our young children give themselves to their study for confirmation with all seriousness, and ourselves set the example. We will see to it if we remember that the purpose of Scripture study is not primarily to be confirmed but to grow in knowledge and understanding of God's Word. If we appreciate that, study will not cease with confirmation but continue! Let us pray for those who are confirmed that they will continue steadfast unto death as they promise. Let us all examine ourselves, and ask the Lord regardless of our age to give us a renewed and daily appreciation of His love, and the significance of the vows we made at our own confirmation.

Here then are the vows of confirmation. Think upon them, and ask the Lord to help in the keeping of them.

- † Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this Christian congregation, confirm the covenant which at your baptism you made with the Triune God? I do.
- † Do you then, renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways? I do.
- † Do you believe in God the Father? Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.
- † Do you believe in God the Son? Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
- † Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost? Yes, I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
- † Do you desire to be a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation? I do.
- † Do you hold all the canonical books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Bible, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism to be the true and correct one? I do.
- † Do you also, as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, intend to continue steadfast in the confession of this Church, and suffer all, even death rather than fall away from it? I do so intend, with the help of God.
- † Finally, do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the rule of the divine Word, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace, to walk as it becometh the Gospel of Christ, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to the Triune God, even unto death? I do so intend, by the grace of God.

(Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 4/8/2001)

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

*Organist:* Sue Nelson

*Elder:* Dave Rust

*Ushers:* Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Keith Radichel; Dave Rust; James Squires; Eli Wales

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

*Church Cleaners:* M. & P. Dick

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

*Ushers:* Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Keith Radichel; Dave Rust; James Squires; Eli Wales

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

*Church Cleaners:* M. & P. Dick

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

- Today:** 9:00 am – Worship Service (Confirmation)  
 10:00 am – Hospitality (Confirmation Reception)  
 7:00 pm – Grace Softball (Field 4)
- June 19-21:** CLC General Pastoral Conference @ Eau Claire, WI
- Sun., June 24:** 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 4)  
 Annual Church Picnic  
 Work Day – Preparation for the Fellowship Hall Floor
- June 25-29:** Fellowship Hall Floor Installation
- July 30-Aug. 3:** Vacation Bible School

<b>Last Week's Stats:</b> June 10, 2007		Sun.: 118	
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,211.60	CLC: 799.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC: 960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-818.40	CLC: -161.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	70,858.72	CLC: 21,100.24
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	69,690.00	CLC: 22,080.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+1,168.72	CLC: -979.76
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	12.00	Tuition: 19.00
GLC Other: 114.00	MDF:	19.00	Kinship: 87.00
ILC Student Aid: 40.00	ILC Bldg.	63.00	IIF: 37.00 CEF: 143.84

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)*

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