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Church Year: Pentecost 4 **Date:** June 24, 2007

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 62, TLH p. 136*

Hymn: *TLH 44: Ye Lands, to the 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: Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

C: Shout for joy to the Lord, come before Him with joyful songs.

P: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His;

C: We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;

C: Give thanks to Him and praise His name. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 250, st. 1, 4*

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| <p>1. Holy God, we praise Thy name;
 Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
 All on earth Thy scepter claim,
 All in heav'n above adore Thee.
 Infinite Thy vast domain,
 Everlasting is Thy reign.</p> | <p>4. Holy Father, holy Son,
 Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
 Though in essence only one,
 Undivided God we claim Thee
 And, adoring, bend the knee
 While we own the mystery.</p> |
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First Reading: *1 Kings 19:14-21*

Elijah laments that he appears to be the only believer in the Lord left. Yet the Lord promises him that 7,000 people had not bowed their knees to Baal, the false god. Shortly thereafter one of these people, Elisha, shows his commitment to the Lord by leaving his oxen to serve the Lord.

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. May Your priests be clothed with righteousness;

C: May your saints sing for joy. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Galatians 5:1,13-25*

Our liberty in Christ enables us to walk willingly by the Spirit in the Lord's ways, doing the fruits of the Spirit.

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

Hymn: *TLH 357: Jesus, Thou Art Mine Forever*

Sermon: *Luke 9:51-62*

(51) Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, (52) and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. (53) But they did not receive Him, because His face was *set* for the journey to Jerusalem. (54) And when His disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" (55) But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. (56) "For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save *them*." And they went to another village. (57) Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, *that* someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go." (58) And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay *His* head." (59) Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." (60) Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." (61) And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go *and* bid them farewell who are at my house." (62) But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (*NKJV™*)

"Put Your Hand to the Plow"

1. Plow with a Purpose
2. Plow Up New Ground



Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 658: Onward, Christian Soldiers*

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

Hymn: *TLH 49: Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast*

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 ✠

- ♦ **Church Picnic:** Following our worship service today will be our annual church picnic here on the church grounds. There will also be various activities around the church for entertainment. Please stay for some family fun and Christian fellowship.
- ♦ **Flooring:** This is the week that the flooring will be installed. Since various things need to be cleared out of the kitchen and bathrooms, we ask folks to stay around after the picnic in order to help.
- ♦ **Pastoral Conference:** This week a fruitful conference was held in Eau Claire. Presentations were given on the following: 1) Discussion of some updates to the Statement of Faith and Purpose; 2) possible changes to the CLC retirement plan; 3) A review of the roles of Christian women and men in society; 4) A study of 1 Thess. 2; 5) A study of available worship resources; 6) The Shepherd Leads His Flock; 7) Preaching Sanctification; 8) a study of Joel 2:12 ff.; 9) group discussion on Bylaw 6 of the CLC constitution; 10) Helping our members maintain a Christian worldview in a secular society. If you have any interest in what these were about, please speak with Pastor. Papers are also available for some of the topics.
- ♦ **CLC News:** Pastor Caleb Schaller has returned the call to be the second foreign missionary.



Council Meeting Notes - June 10, 2007

Meeting opened with a prayer at 11:03 AM. Roll was taken. The May council meeting minutes were read and approved. The May treasurer's report was read and approved with changes.

Pastor's Report

- ★ Alexander Dick was baptized.
- ★ John and Andrea Dahl were married on May 19.
- ★ Christina Hein was confirmed on June 17.
- ★ Deloris Englehorn would often visit the ailing in the congregation. Remember her and visit her, also.
- ★ A window is broken on a door.
- ★ Be mindful of things – cleaning list, ushering and counting responsibilities, etc.

Board of Elders Report

- ★ Recommend that Karen Gilberg be accepted as a member.
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- ★ Recommend to voters to terminate membership of Julie Henderson and son Rhett, per May 29 8:30 phone conversation.
- ★ Recommend to voters to terminate membership of Gisela and Ursula Bettendorf. No contact information is available.
- ★ Microphones and sound system are functional.
- ★ The congregational picnic and work session are on June 24.
- ★ Pastor will be on vacation on July 15 or 22. Neal Radichel will possibly preach.
- ★ Selection of the Mission Festival speaker next month.

Board of Education Report

- ★ Iowa Basic Tests are completed.
- ★ The school play went well.
- ★ End of the school year went well.
- ★ Job descriptions are being developed for the called servants – principal, teacher, etc.
- ★ Schoolroom, hallway, and narthex will be spot cleaned this year before July 30. Replacement of some is planned for next year.

Board of Trustees Report

- ★ Bids for driveway seal coating are in.
- ★ Will rent the brush saw and chipper as needed instead of purchasing.

Old Business

- ★ Benno will publish an updated handbook this fall. Any updates should be given to him.
- ★ Recommend to the voters to defeat the constitutional change voted on at the last voter meeting. Recommend to the voters a bylaw change instead.
- ★ Al Rosendahl was present to discuss the maintenance position. It would entail irregular hours and activities – furnace filters, lawn mowing, church cleaning, school cleaning, supplies, vacuums are some possibilities. Possibly a retired church member, or multiple people. Benno, Mike, Al, and the Trustees will develop a list of suggested activities by the July council meeting.
- ★ An inflatable, bouncing gym will be obtained for the congregational picnic.
- ★ The church bell rope needs repair.
- ★ Will have a quick work session after the picnic to prepare for flooring. Possibly Sue Nelson could call for volunteers.

New Business

- ★ Will purchase a gas grill for the picnic, field day, workdays, etc.
- ★ A picture of the council will be taken next Sunday.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 12:03 PM.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Dave Rust

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

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

Church Cleaners: M. & P. Dick

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

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

Church Cleaners: Welker

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 4)
10:00 am – Church Picnic
Work Day – Preparation for the Fellowship Hall Floor
6:00 pm – Grace Softball (Field 4)

June 25-29: Fellowship Hall Floor Installation

June 24-30: Youth Camp @ Eau Claire, WI

Sun., July 1: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 5)

July 30-Aug. 3: Vacation Bible School

Last Week's Stats: June 17, 2007 Sun.: 147

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,412.31	CLC:	780.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-617.69	CLC:	-180.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	73,323.03	CLC:	21,880.24
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	72,720.00	CLC:	23,040.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+603.03	CLC:	-1,159.76
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	1.00	Tuition:	36.00
GLC Other: 240.00	MDF:	7.00	Kinship:	55.00
ILC Student Aid: 25.00	ILC Bldg.	1.00	IIF: 301.00	CEF: 27.00

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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LUKE 9:62

