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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 5

Date: July 1, 2007

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 22, TLH p. 127*

Hymn: *TLH 8: Father, Who the Light This Day*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 15 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie): *TLH, pp. 16-17*

P: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:

C: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

P: For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling;

C: He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

P: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

C: At His tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy;

P: I will sing and make music to the Lord.

C: The Lord is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear?
Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 237, st. 1: All Glory Be to God on High*

P: All glory be to God on high, who hath our race befriended!

C: To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.

God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

First Reading: *Galatians 3:23-29*

Having been baptized unto faith in Christ, we are now sons of God.

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. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts,

C: The Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." Alleluia.



Second Reading: *Luke 9:18-24*

As Christ sacrificed Himself for us, we are to do the same for Him.

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed, TLH p. 22*

Hymn: *TLH 529: I Leave All Things to God's Direction*

Sermon: *Zechariah 13:7-9*

(7) "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion," Says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.

(8) And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off *and* die, But *one*-third shall be left in it: (9) I will bring the *one*-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This *is* My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD *is* my God.'" (NKJVTM)

BUILDING MUTUAL AFFECTION

Offertory: *TLH p. 22 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 427: How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord*

Offering & Prayer:

Liturgy for the Lord's Supper: *TLH p. 24 ff.*

Distribution: *Meditative Music*

Note: In obedience to God's Word, and out of concern for the welfare of souls (1 Corinthians 11:29), and finally that we may honestly express the unity of faith and hope that binds us, we ask that only such as have identified with Grace through public confession of faith or another CLC congregation, approach the altar at the usher's direction.

Nunc Dimittis, Prayer, Benediction: *TLH 29 ff.*

Hymn: *TLH 577: God Bless Our Native Land*

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 †

- ♦ **Among Us:** Ray Stifter's chemo treatment has been postponed due to a swelling in his brain. Radiation therapy has begun for this. Plans are for Linda Wagner to return home this Tues. from care at Innsbruck. Pat Dick's father, former pastor Norbert Reim, passed away to his heavenly home this past Wednesday. Yesterday Sara and Jeremiah Boe were blessed with a baby daughter, Sienna Scarlet. Tina (nee Radichel) and Wayne Eichstadt had a baby boy on Friday, Caleb Wayne Eichstadt. Both mothers and babies are doing well. May our gracious Lord tend His children by shepherding them through life.
- ♦ **Vacation Bible School:** Our VBS is scheduled for July 30th through August 3rd this year. A sign-up registration is located by the guest book. This will help us in planning for materials, so please sign up your children as soon as you are able. Ages eligible for VBS are those who are 4 years old through being in 8th grade.
- ♦ **Flooring:** This past week the new flooring was installed. Be sure to check it out! Thanks to those who took the time during the week to clear things out and to put things back in place. There's still some work to be done, but it appears that it will be done soon. To date, \$7,200 has been received and designated for the project, with the cost being around \$9,500.
- ♦ **Thanks:** To all the volunteers who made last week's church picnic a success.
- ♦ **Youth Conference:** The deadline for Youth Conference registration is July 15. Youth Conference is August 7-12. For questions, please email wayne.eichstadt@immanuelmankato.org or phone (507) 344-0898.
- ♦ **CLC News:** Pastor Timothy Holland, serving Rock of Ages in Grand Rapids, MI, has accepted the call to serve also Our Savior in Cadillac, MI. Teacher Karl Olmanson of Immanuel at Mankato, MN has received and then returned the call to teach at Our Savior's in Jamestown, ND.

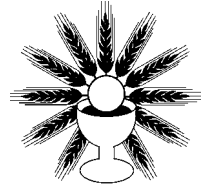
† MONTHLY STATISTICS †

Monthly Statistics:	June Totals	Year-to-Date
Sunday Attendance.... (Ave. 128.8) ..	515 ..	(Ave. 129.9) 3,248
Special Services.....	NA ..	(Ave. 76.9) .. 615
Sunday Bible Class.....	NA ..	(Ave. 39.4) .. 669
Sunday School.....	NA ..	(Ave. 21.3) .. 340
Wed. Bible Class.....	NA ..	(Ave. 16.0) .. 160
Grace General Fund	\$10,217.22	\$76,070.78
Grace Tuition Fund	128.00	1,226.00
Grace Living Fund	26.00	1,698.00
Grace Dorcas	124.00	443.00
Grace Floor Fund	744.00	4,186.00
Grace Memorial Fund	45.00	122.00
Grace Project Undesignated	25.00	80.00
Grace Other	0.00	879.09
CLC Budget (Missions)	3,297.00	22,761.24
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	232.84	1,106.84
Mission Development (MDF)	76.00	1,056.00
Kinship (for orphans)	264.00	1,685.00
ILC Improvement (IIF)	375.00	1,340.00
ILC Building	103.00	1,306.97
ILC Student Aid	100.00	440.00
ILC Student Aid Endowment	0.00	0.00
Total Offerings:	\$15,757.06	\$114,400.92

THE SACRAMENT:

In, with, and under the bread and wine, the Lord Jesus Christ gives us His true body and blood (Real Presence). This is the significance of the little word "is" in the words of institution. The child of God does not ask how this can be, but receives it in faith as God's Word declares it. Those who try to explain this sacramental eating and drinking to the satisfaction of reason inevitably teach falsely concerning the Sacrament. The Sacrament, instituted by our Lord Jesus is for those who confess their sins, and feel the need for personal forgiveness. For that reason penitent sinners come to the Sacrament frequently to receive of the Lord the forgiveness of sins and the assurance of eternal life.

Concerning our practice, we stand with the faithful Lutherans of old who practiced close (some call it closed) communion. By that we mean that we receive to the communion table only such as have made public confession of their faith and taken up membership at our altar, or an altar of another congregation with whom we are in fellowship- in our case in the Church of the Lutheran Confession. Sadly, more and more Lutherans are forsaking this principle in the name of compromise, political correctness, or just plain rejection of the Word.



In a sermon of 1534 Luther affirmed that those who commune together at the same altar declare that they are Christians who agree in the faith. From a sermon on 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, we have excerpted the following: "... The Holy Sacrament then, serves as a means whereby Christ holds his little flock together. The teachers of old have had some fine thoughts about this matter. They have said that Christ purposely used bread and wine for His Supper. For every kernel of grain has its own body and form, but they are ground together and become one bread. Just so every human being is an individual and a creature apart from others. But in the Sacrament we are, as it were, baked into one cake; for there we have the same faith, the same confession, love, and hope. The same thing applies to the wine. There are many grapes and little berries, and each has its own body and form. But when they turn to wine, the inequality no longer exists; for the wine is one, fine, beautiful juice. Christians, too, should be like this.

Thus the fathers have explained it, and to do so is not wrong. For the Sacrament is to hold the Christians together in the same understanding, doctrine, and faith, so that nobody should be an individual kernel apart from the rest and have his own doctrine and separate faith. For the devil takes no holiday. He loves to tear this unity and equality to shreds, because he well knows how much injury is done him when all of us believe the same thing and cling to one Head" (What Luther Says, Vol. II, para.2521, page 812.).

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer (6/10/07)

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Dave Rust

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

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Benno Sydow; Brian Eichstadt; Gary Gunther; Richard Rhinesmith; Jeff Stifter; Josh Stifter; Bob Vandever

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

Church Cleaners: Welker

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 5)
7:00 pm – Grace Softball (Field 4)

Sun., July 8: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 6)
10:15 am – Boards; 11:00 am – Council

Sun., July 15: Quarterly Voters' Meeting; Dorcas Guild Meeting

July 30-Aug. 3: Vacation Bible School

August 21: Grace School Opening Day

August 27: ILHS and ILC Opening Day

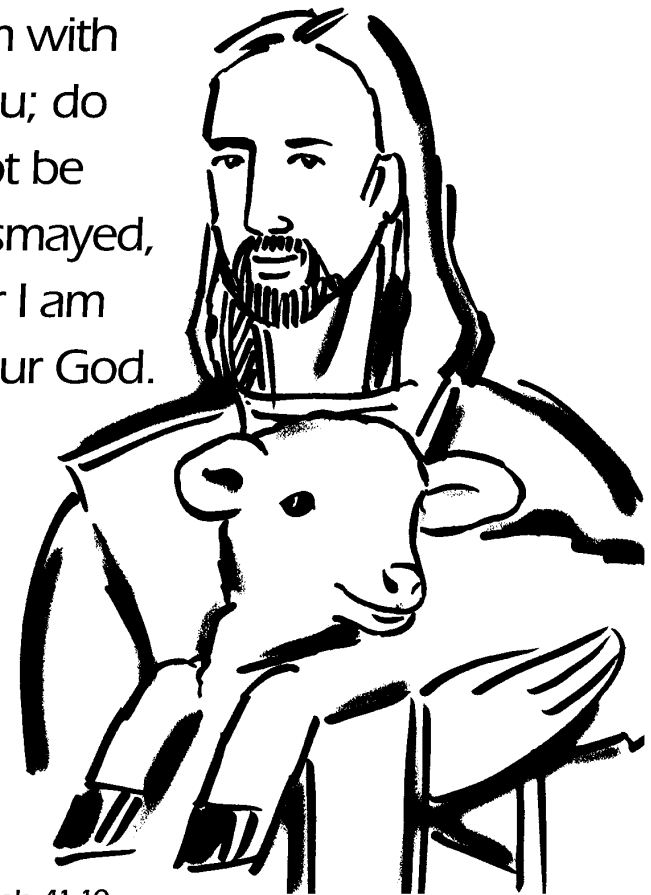
Last Week's Stats: June 24, 2007		Sun.: 119	
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,747.75	CLC: 881.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC: 960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-282.25	CLC: -79.00
Year-to-Date Offering:.	Grace:	76,070.78	CLC: 22,761.24
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	75,750.00	CLC: 24,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+320.78	CLC: -1,238.76
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	12.00	Tuition: 42.00
GLC Other: 314.00	MDF:	44.00	Kinship: 67.00
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg.	12.00	IIF: 37.00 CEF: 37.00

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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So do not
fear, for I
am with
you; do
not be
dismayed,
for I am
your God.



Isaiah 41:10