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*Grace Lutheran Church & School*



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**Church Year:** Pentecost 11      **Date:** August 12, 2007

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 119, Part V., TLH p. 149*

**Hymn:** .... *TLH 467, st. 1-4: Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand*

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

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

- P: Your Word is a lamp to my feet
- C: And a light to my path.**
- P: Teach me Your way, O Lord, and I will walk in Your truth;
- C: Give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name.**
- P I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart;
- C: For great is Your love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave. Glory be to God!**



**Gloria in Excelsis:** ..... *TLH 244, st. 1,4*

1. Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
 Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
 Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!
4. Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
 Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
 Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

**First Reading:** ..... *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

Jeremiah is called by the Lord, receiving the promise that the Lord had chosen him for the task and that He would remain with him.

**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. My Word that goes forth from My mouth ...
- C: It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. Alleluia.**



**Second Reading:** ..... *Luke 6:12-16*

Jesus prays through the night and then chooses His 12 disciples.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 493: Thou Who the Night in Prayer Didst Spend*

**Sermon:** ..... *1 Corinthians 3:9-15*

(9) For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. (10) According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. (11) For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (12) Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, (13) each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. (14) If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. (15) If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. (NKJV™)

**“Building Durable Bridges”**

**Offertory:** ..... *TLH p. 12 f.*

**Hymn:** ... *TLH 482: Dear Lord, to Thy True Servants Give (Navy Tune)*

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

**Induction of Vicar, Benediction:**

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 465: Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

*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!*

## FELLOWSHIP:

When we speak of fellowship, we generally think of what is known as “Church Fellowship.” Such fellowship involves worship, prayer, and joint church work. We also speak of pulpit, prayer, and altar fellowship. According to Scripture such fellowship is appropriately practiced only with such, and among such, as are united in the teachings of Scripture. Paul spoke of it in Romans 15, “Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Hardly can that occur where there is disagreement in what Scripture teaches! For that reason the confessional Lutheran church faithful to the Scripture does not enter into fellowship relations with heterodox (false teaching) churches. To enter into such a fellowship under those conditions is called “unionism.” Unionism is forbidden by such passages as Romans 16:17-18; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 5:6-7. Because of the danger to faith and ultimately to one’s salvation, our Heavenly Father instructs us not to sit at the feet of false teachers, or enter into any religious activity with them through which they may be encouraged to continue in their error.

However, we will address the subject from another perspective. We speak first of the **BEAUTY OF FELLOWSHIP**. The fellowship of which we speak here is the fellowship -the togetherness- that people of one confession, one faith, and one commitment enjoy with one another in the church of which they are members. This fellowship extends to the togetherness that we enjoy in the church body, in our case the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This is an aspect of fellowship that church members frequently forget to their great loss.

We live in a selfish, self-serving world. Frequently in society people are confronted with danger from the criminal element. There are people who will quickly take economic advantage of us. If we do not fit the social mores of society we are in danger of being ostracized. In the work place we may be assaulted by foul language and abuse of our Savior’s name. In that setting a sensitive Christian is uncomfortable. It is quite possible that as confessional Lutherans who believe the Bible and confess the Lord Jesus we will be made to feel quite alone. The one place where we can find refuge is in the assembly of fellow believers in the church family. Fellow believers in Christ are members of the Body of Christ. The beauty of a fellowship and interaction within a Christian congregation of people of one mind and one faith is described in Acts 1:14: “These all continued with one accord (in harmony with one another) in prayer and supplication ...” Then we read of the early church in Acts 2:44-46, “And all that believed were together, and had all things

common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart ...” In view of the approaching Day (Hebrews 10:25), our Lord exhorts us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is. It is His will that we gather in worship around the means of grace (gospel in word and sacrament) so that we can be nourished, strengthened and comforted by the Word from our Father. But here is another factor that speaks to the purpose of our assembling faithfully together. It is that “we can stimulate one another to love and good works” (Hebrews 10:24-AAT, Beck). We need one another. We need the fellowship of one another in a trusting, safe, and encouraging environment which a Christian congregation affords.

The **BLESSING OF FELLOWSHIP** is enjoyed as penitent sinners sit at the foot of the cross together to hear the benediction of our Lord, “Thy sins be forgiven thee.” We have heard it said that one does not have to go to church to be a Christian. Given the fact that we crave companionship, as well as the fact that within a Christian assembly in church we can mutually strengthen, encourage, offer a shoulder, support, and share with one another we counter with the question: If one is a Christian, why would one not want to gather with fellow believers in the presence of God the Father who in Christ has made us one with Him and with one another? There is no greater joy or blessing than to worship, pray, and work together as “fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” (Ephesians 2:19).

The apostle John wrote “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knows us not, because it knew him not” (1 John 3:1). The world may forget us. We should expect to suffer the same fate as our Savior. All the more do we want to appreciate and promote a united and practiced fellowship in all its manifestations that we might with one heart and mind encourage one another in this miserable world! We need the mutual reminder that our Father will not forget us!

We pray earnestly, therefore, that we will appreciate the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and practice fellowship with one another as we wait for the fulfillment of our mutual hope. The fulfillment of that hope is the ultimate blessing we will enjoy together when our Lord shall invite us into the assembly and fellowship of the saints in heaven ... forever!

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, Corpus Christi, TX, 8/5/2007

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Today:** After church today we will be holding hospitality to welcome our new vicar, Scott Schiermeister. Scott will be a senior this year at Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. He is from Bismarck, ND. Scott is married, his wife's name being Peggy. He will be in our midst until the end of September. We pray that his time among us will be richly blessed.
- ◆ **Sunday School:** Those interested in teaching, subbing, or helping out in any way may speak with either Pastor or Michael Ude.

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner**      Elder: **Mike Dick**  
Ushers: **Mark Wales; Joshua Benzer; Pete Fleischer; Jack Kirkham; Ole Olmanson; Clint Welker; Brandt Wendland**  
Counting Team 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Ole Olmanson**  
Church Cleaners: **Oman**

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: **Mark Wales; Joshua Benzer; Pete Fleischer; Jack Kirkham; Ole Olmanson; Clint Welker; Brandt Wendland**  
Counting Team 4: **Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel**  
Church Cleaners: **Kitzman**

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

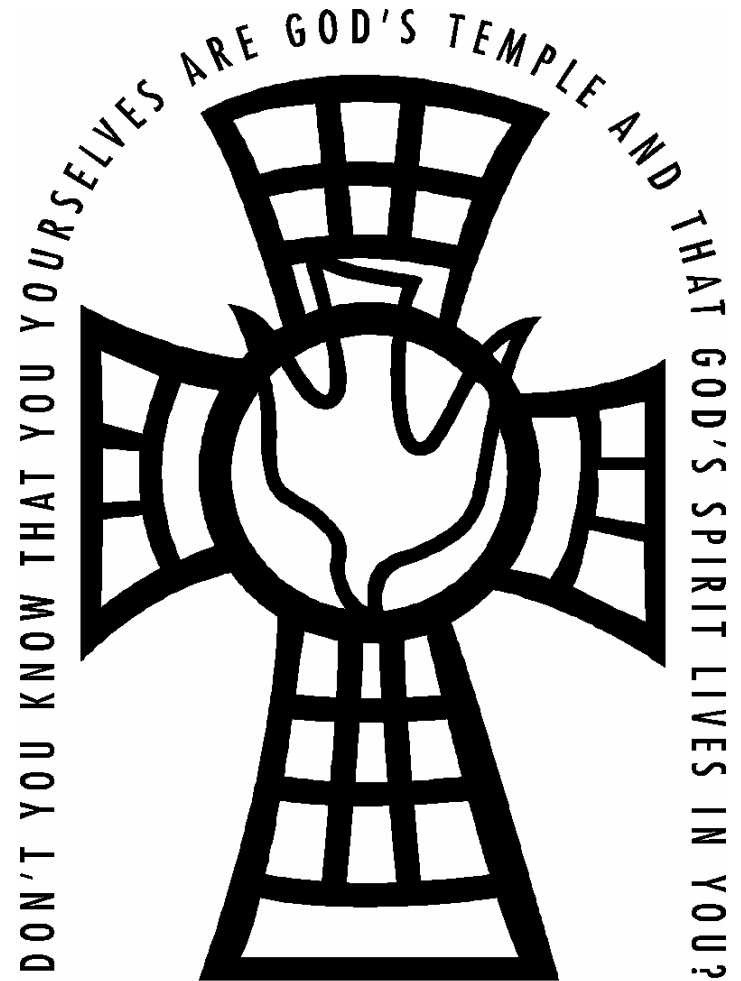
**Today:** 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 11)  
 10:00 am – Hospitality; 11:00 am – Council Meeting  
**Mon., Aug 13:** 7:00 pm – CEA Meeting/Ice Cream Social  
**Tue., Aug. 21:** 8:00 am – Grace School Opening Service  
**Mon. Aug. 27:** 10:00 am – Opening Service for ILC  
**Wed., Aug. 29:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
**Sun., Sept. 9:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class Starts  
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Fall Schedule)

| <b>Last Week's Stats:</b> August 5, 2007 |               | Sun.: 135 |                           |
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| Sun. Offering:                           | Grace:        | 3,546.65  | CLC: 1,574.00             |
| Weekly Need:                             | Grace:        | 3,030.00  | CLC: 960.00               |
| -Under / +Over:                          | Grace:        | +516.65   | CLC: +614.00              |
| Year-to-Date Offering::                  | Grace:        | 92,751.70 | CLC: 27,708.24            |
| Year-to-Date Need:                       | Grace:        | 93,930.00 | CLC: 29,760.00            |
| Year-to-Date (+/-)                       | Grace:        | -1,178.30 | CLC: -2,051.76            |
| Other Offerings:                         | Living Faith: | 54.00     | Tuition: 121.00           |
| GLC Other: 73.00                         | MDF:          | 31.00     | Kinship: 29.00            |
| ILC Student Aid: 16.00                   | ILC Bldg.     | 25.00     | IIF: 34.00    CEF: 104.00 |

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