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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 12

Date: August 19, 2007

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 42, TLH p. 133*

Hymn: *TLH 149: Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

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

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

P: Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me.

C: Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

P: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets ...

C: The name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

P He raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ash heap;

C: Surely God is my help, the one who sustains me. 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: *Isaiah 12:1-6*

The Lord calls us to drink from His well of salvation which gives us the power to sing praises to His name.

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. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for ...

C: And certain of what we do not see. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Acts 2:42-47*

Having drunk from the water of life we need to continue in it. This is the same thing the Apostles did after Jesus ascended into heaven.

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

Hymn: *TLH 281: The Savior Calls; Let Every Ear*

Sermon: *John 4:13-26*

(13) Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, (14) "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." (15) The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." (16) Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." (17) The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' (18) "for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." (19) The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. (20) "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." (21) Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. (22) "You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. (23) "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. (24) "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (25) The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." (26) Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." (NKJV™)

"Draw Your Water from the Proper Well"

I. Not an Earthly well leading to death. II. But from the Messiah leading to life.

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 277: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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

Hymn: *TLH 50: Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

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 †

- ◆ **Hymnal Supplement:** The hymnal supplements have arrived. In order to extend the lifetime of the bindings, it would be wise to break them in properly. Those who are willing to help out with this may join in a get-together in the fellowship hall following today's worship service.
- ◆ **Sunday School:** Those interested in teaching, subbing, or helping out in any way may speak with either Pastor or Michael Ude.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Mindy Kitzman, who was experiencing terrible migraines, was released from Methodist Hospital this past Tuesday. Ray Stifter experienced blood clots to his lungs this last Sunday and has been in Mercy Hospital. May the Lord bless His people with peace!
- ◆ **School Year:** This coming Tuesday morning will mark the beginning of a new school year here at Grace. Everyone is invited to attend the opening service at 8:00 am. The following is the enrollment at this time: K) Jessica Maki; 1st) Tyler Dick, Julianna Hein, Jack Maki; 2nd) Joseph Ferris; 3rd) David Hein, Stephanie Perdue; 5th) Emily Hein, John Maki, Ned Sandhoefner; 7th) Abbie Hein; 8th) Karie Davis, Matt Vandever. May the Lord richly bless our school this year!
- ◆ **Campbell's Labels:** Thanks to all who have saved labels, lids and UPC codes for the education program. As a reminder, only UPC codes and lids can be submitted. Also, some UPC codes are worth 5 points. If you are in doubt what to save, deposit the complete label, or contact the program coordinator, Norma Rust, if you have further questions.
- ◆ **Grace Men's Retreat:** The organizers of the retreat have rescheduled it for Sept. 21-23. Cost this year will be \$87 per adult. This includes five meals and lodging. Those interested in being sponsors or being sponsored may speak with Eli Wales who is organizing the event. The theme for the retreat will be "Power Tools for Our Faith," seeing how the Lord powers us up for our relationship with Him.
- ◆ **ILC Web Site:** Some changes have occurred recently with the ILC web site, www.ilc.edu. You'll find it more user friendly, containing more items of interest that will help you follow along through the school year.
- ◆ **Immanuel Athletic Booster Club:** As a reminder, this recently formed organization was created to help support athletics at our campus in Eau Claire, WI. There is a weblink at the ILC website, www.ilc.edu, with details regarding membership, contact information, and plans.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Schierenbeck of Faith in Markesan, WI, is waiting on identifying a bone marrow donor to treat leukemia. A sibling is a possibility. He writes, "Based on current status the doctor feels that it will be at least three months until a transplant is needed." In the meantime he continues his ministry. In lieu of these circumstances, the congregation has called Pastor Mark Bernthal of Middleton, WI, as part-time assistant to the pastor. † Pastor Peter Reim has returned the call from the CLC Board of Missions to become the 2nd foreign missionary to India.

PRAY FOR WHAT?

Recently one of the members of Resurrection saw a bumper sticker that is as senseless as it expressive of the hopelessness of the worldling. It said, "Pray for a secular future." The word "secular" pertains to this present world or to things not spiritual or sacred. Secularism is a system of beliefs which rejects all forms of religious faith and worship. Interestingly the 1981 "*Living Webster Encyclopedic Dictionary*" defines secularism as "the view that public education and other matters of civil policy should be conducted without the introduction of a religious element." Putting aside the fact that we live in a religious melting pot which poses its own problems for a *faithful* Christian, the definition surely describes the emphasis of public education. Secularism has become a religion unto itself. Secularism as a religion is not compatible with Christianity. One cannot be a secularist and a Christian at the same time. The secularist is well defined by the Lord through the apostle. The secularist is one "who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator ..." (Romans 1:25). Of course that circumstance is of no consequence to one who would pray for a secular future. He would even applaud that definition. It should, however, give pause to the Christian who thinks that he can confess Christ and love the world at the same time!

As school is starting our Christian parents should seriously consider - in spite of the cost and hardship- the advantage of education offered at Immanuel Lutheran High School, the education at which is the antithesis of rampant secularism. Short of that they should monitor what the children are being taught in government schools! They will want to see to it that they and their children are utilizing every opportunity to grow in understanding and faith through Sunday School, Bible Class, catechism class, home devotion, and worship service. And no, the answer is not in sending the children to the nearest Christian school down the block! To expose ourselves or our children to false teachings for whatever intended good end is also contrary to God's Word.

"Pray for a secular future"? It begs the question, "To *whom* does the secularist pray?" When the secularist's godless world starts collapsing around him to *what* does he pray? To what does he hang on? Again this is of little consequence to the individual who thinks

that when he dies he goes the way of the beast of the field. But let each Christ believer think of it before he is enamored with the world and its glitz. Think of the bridge collapse in Minneapolis. In that horrifically terrifying incident, had any of us been on that bridge when it collapsed would we have preferred to go down as a secularist or as a Christ believer whose welfare in time and eternity is anchored in the glorious promises and victory of the living Christ? The bottom will indeed drop out for the secularist. On the other hand, even in death the Christ believer is carried on angel's wings to the eternal home. The contrast between the secularist and the Christ believer is stark: "So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried" (Luke 16:22). Wealth is not the issue; attitude is! So the secularist succeeds in his own mind! Whether it is wealth, reputation, honor, standing, position, societal praise, etc. that he sought, God whom he denies says, "You fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided" (Luke 12:20)?

One who denies Christ is without God in the world (Ephesians 2:12). One who is satisfied with nothing more than an intellectual knowledge of Him is in similar circumstance. On the other hand, Paul wrote to the Ephesians of their distinct blessing- so also to us who have been called out of darkness of unbelief to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ- "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been made near by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13).

Hopelessness and death is the end game for those who pray for and pursue a secular future! We will place our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ whose grace has redeemed us unto a better life in glory, and whose prayer ascends to the Father for us: *"I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one ... Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am (John 17: 15,24).*

O Purifier of the heart, To us Thy cleansing power impart
By Word of God most holy;
For us the rage of Satan thwart, Let us escape his crafty art,
Led onward by Thee solely.
Befriend! Defend! Nor forsake us
Till Thou take us To adore Thee
In Thy home of radiant glory. (From a hymn in the Lutheran Witness in 1889)

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, Corpus Christi, TX, 8/12/2007

Council Meeting Notes - August 12, 2007

Meeting opened with a prayer at 11:07 AM. Roll was taken. The July council meeting minutes were read and approved as presented. The July treasurer's report was read and approved as amended (Tuition Aid). A motion was made and passed to change the savings account to a Business Market Rate Savings account.

Pastor's Report

- Scott Schiermeister will be our vicar until September 30.
- Keep Ray Stifter and Linda Wagner in your prayers.
- Pastor will preach at Marquette, MI, for Mission Festival the first or second weekend in November.
- Thank you to Mike Dick and Benno Sydow for conducting a service in Pastor's absence.

Board of Elders Report

- Hymnal Supplements have arrived, and they will have to be broken in gently.
- Mission Festival is October 21.
- Jeff Radichel is donating furnishing, etc to individuals, not to the church.
- Eli Wales is responsible for organizing the men's retreat the end of Sept.

Board of Education Report

- The school handbook is being revised.
- Emergency drills are being developed.
- Staff and student schedules are in place.
- There will be 12 students this fall. 1 non-member. Possibly 1 more non-member.
- Ryan Libby is welcome to attend Council meetings.

Board of Trustees Report

- The entrance to the overflow parking lot will be marked.
- Carpet will be installed in the school hallway this week.
- Fire extinguishers were checked.
- Parsonage skylights have water leaks.

Other Business

- Individuals are to review the volunteer table and provide feedback to Benno Sydow.
- Benno Sydow is working on the bylaw amendment for the October voter meeting.

New Business

- The Trustees are to check on whether STS billed us correctly (bathroom). A thank-you is in order.
- The kitchen formica is bubbling. Trustees to check.
- Tuition Aid payments are made in February to students enrolled for the second semester. Bd of Ed to oversee.
- There was discussion of whether to drop the CDS non-member tuition or to increase it to the level of other private schools. No change for now.

† 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 4: Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel
Church Cleaners: Kitzman

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Mark Wales; Joshua Benzer; Pete Fleischer; Jack Kirkham; Ole Olmanson; Clint Welker; Brandt Wendland
Counting Team 5: Mike Dick; Brad Kitzman; Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner
Church Cleaners: Kitzman

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 12)
Tue., Aug. 21: 8:00 am – Grace School Opening Service
Sun., Aug. 26: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 13)
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)
 11:00 am – Hospitality Starts (Team 1)
Sept. 21-23: Men's Retreat at Remer, MN

Last Week's Stats: August 12, 2007		Sun.: 114	
Sun. Offering:	Grace: 1,759.73	CLC: 603.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace: 3,030.00	CLC: 960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace: -1,270.27	CLC: -357.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace: 94,511.43	CLC: 28,311.24	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace: 96,960.00	CLC: 30,720.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace: -2,448.57	CLC: -2,408.76	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith: 21.00	Tuition: 37.00	
GLC Other: 380.00	MDF: 162.00	Kinship: 126.00	
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg. 31.00	IIF: 40.00	CEF: 0.00

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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