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*Grace Lutheran Church & School*

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Church Year: Pentecost 13 Date: August 26, 2007

✠ **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** ✠

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 139, TLH p. 154*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 217: Oh, Sing with Exultation*

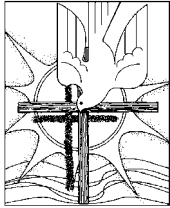
**Liturgy:** ..... *TLH, p. 5 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

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

- P: Rise up, O God, and defend Your cause;
- C: Remember how fools mock You all day long.**
- P: Do not let the oppressed retreat in disgrace;
- C: May the poor and needy praise Your name.**
- P: Hasten, O God, to save me;
- C: O Lord, come quickly to help me. Glory be to God!**

**Gloria in Excelsis:** ..... *TLH 377, st. 10*

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God that saved us by His grace, -  
All glory to His merit!  
O Triune God in heaven above,  
Who hast revealed Thy saving love,  
Thy blessed name be hallowed.



**First Reading:** ..... *Jeremiah 23:23-29*

Those who falsely prophesy in the name of the Lord cannot hide themselves. God instead desires His Word to be taught faithfully.

**Gradual:**

- P: Oh the depths of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
- C: How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out!**
- P: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
- C: To Him be the glory forever! Amen.**

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. The word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, ...  
**C: Piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, ... and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Alleluia.**

**Second Reading:** ..... *Luke 12:49-53*

Because the Word of God will not be believed by all, many people – including families – will be divided because of it.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 517: The Will of God is Always Best*

**Sermon:** ..... *Hebrews 12:1-13*

(1) Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, (2) looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (3) For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. (4) You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. (5) And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; (6) For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." (7) If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? (8) But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. (9) Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? (10) For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He for *our* profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. (11) Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. (12) Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, (13) and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be *dislocated*, but rather be healed." (NKJV™)

**“Jesus is Your Finish Line”**

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 479: Zion, Rise, Zion, Rise*

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 447: Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might*

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Among Us:** Ray Stifter returned home from Mercy Hospital last Sunday. Abbie Hein returned home from Children's Hospital this past Wednesday. The diagnosis is not yet certain. Preliminary thoughts are that it might be Behcet's syndrome, an autoimmune condition. We thank the Lord for the care of His people.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Chiquetines:** Grace School is again holding its regular story and game hour for pre-school children. This will be held on Wednesdays from 2:10 to 3:10 pm. For information and sign up, please see the forms by the guest book or speak with Mr. Libby or Mrs. Ann Radichel.
- ◆ **School Needs:** One of the teachers has a newspaper activity for the kids to do during free time during the year. Those who are willing to donate some newspapers (don't have to be current) for this cause, please bring them to Mr. Libby's room (classroom by fellowship hall).
- ◆ **ILC Web Site:** Some changes have occurred recently with the ILC web site, [www.ilc.edu](http://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 web link at the ILC website, [www.ilc.edu](http://www.ilc.edu), with details regarding membership, contact information, and plans.
- ◆ **Messiah Announcement:** In that this impacts those who might worship at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI, from time to time, the congregation has gone from two services on Sunday (8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.) to just one service that day at 9 a.m. They continue to have a 7 p.m. service on Saturday.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Mark Bernthal of Middleton, WI, has accepted the call to be the part-time assistant to Pastor Michael Schierenbeck of Faith in Markesan, WI, who is experiencing leukemia. † Mrs. Gail Richardson has accepted the call to serve as kindergarten teacher for the coming school year at Redemption in Lynnwood, WA (Seattle area).

*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!*

## WE DO NOT WALK ALONE!

At the risk of being accused of being a pessimist or a doom's day purveyor, we do not apologize for saying that this is a most miserable world in which we live. It is not the world the Lord created. It is not the world the Lord intended for mankind when by His creative act He placed Adam and Eve on the earth. It is a world into which the devil intruded, and in which Adam and Eve bought the lie. Ever since it is a world infected with sin and infested with sinners. "Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5). Men can excuse it, accommodate themselves to it, and try to deny it. It is a world spiraling downward.

Yet in the midst of it the Lord in His grace preserves His elect children. Knowing that "here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come" (Hebrews 13:14), we nevertheless must live here until the Lord takes us to the better home. As pilgrims in a strange place, we pray for the place we now call home. May God's Word work mightily to change hearts and attitudes! We pray further: "Grant health and prosperity to all that are in authority, especially to the President and Congress of the United States ... and endue them with grace to rule after Thy good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness, and to the hindrance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. May it please Thee also to turn the hearts of our enemies and adversaries, that they may cease their enmity and be inclined to walk with us in meekness and in peace. All who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity, especially those who are suffering for Thy name's sake, comfort, O God, with Thy Holy Spirit ... O most merciful Father, remember not the sins of our youth nor our many transgressions, but out of Thy unspeakable goodness, grace, and mercy defend us from all harm and danger of body and soul. Preserve us from false and pernicious doctrine, from war and bloodshed from all calamity by fire

and water, from hail and tempest, from failure of harvest and from famine, from anguish of heart and despair of Thy mercy and from an evil death ... Give success to the Christian training of the young, and to all lawful occupations on land and sea, and to all pure arts and useful knowledge; and crown them with Thy blessing."

Redeemed children, who by the Spirit of God trust in Jesus, are able to enjoy life even in this dying world. On the pastor's cluttered bulletin board is a picture the caption of which is, "We do not walk alone." When all things seem against us we have the Father's promise, "Fear not; I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine" (Isaiah 43:1). "Fear not, nor be afraid of them, for the Lord Thy God, He it is that doth go with Thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Deuteronomy 31:6). "For the Lord will not forsake His people" (1 Samuel 12:22). God's Word and promise builds the confidence of faith so that we with knowledge and confidence might say, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4). They who are without Christ have no such hope!

God's people are not pessimists but we are realistic. Hope, like the dawning of a new day is always new. We pray for and hope for a better day in the home we now inhabit. But we live and are confident that better awaits! Our Lord says, "Behold I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you" (Genesis 28:15). The Promised Land awaits all who quietly hope and wait on the Lord. In the midst of this land of hopelessness we are a people of hope. He who is with us now, will take us where He is!

"Jesus, lead us on, Till our rest is won!" and "we safely stand in our Fatherland."

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer (8/19/2007)

## What are you seeking?

### This is what you will find among us:

- *The Bible preached as it is – the living Word of the living God; not the preaching of social, political, theological, or ethical opinions of men.*
- *Man acknowledge as he is – born in sin, prone to error and doomed to hell unless rescued by God Himself; not man morally capable of redeeming himself.*
- *Jesus Christ worshipped as the Son of God made flesh to redeem lost and condemned mankind; not a Christ molded to accommodate the modern mind.*
- *God confessed as He has revealed Himself: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost – three divine Persons, one divine Essence; not some god fashioned either by the hand or the mind of man.*
- *Salvation proclaimed by grace through faith in the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; not by the works or efforts or striving of man.*
- *The Gospel preached and the Sacraments administered as the means of grace whereby the Holy Spirit creates and preserves faith; not self-induced religious experience or any so-called faith apart from that which is created by the Spirit through the Gospel.*
- *The Church accepted in faith as the congregation of believers – the creation of the Spirit of God; not a human organization subject to the manipulations of men.*
- *The business of the Church considered to be the preaching of forgiveness for the regeneration of individuals into eternal life; not the redemption of the world to conform to some social pattern of men.*
- *Ecumenism as Spirit-created unity in the Gospel; not as 'agreement to disagree' for the sake of power, organization, or the demands of expediency.*
- *Christian liberty in all that is neither forbidden nor commanded by our Lord; bondage to no word of man.*
- *All the Bible teaches – nothing more, nothing less.*



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## † TODAY AT GRACE †

*Organist:* Jan Davis

*Elder:* Mike Dick

*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

*School Cleaners:* Davis

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

*Ushers:* Mark Wales; Joshua Benzer; Pete Fleischer; Jack Kirkham; Ole Olmanson; Clint Welker; Brandt Wendland

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

*Church Cleaners:* Hein

*School Cleaners:* Davis

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 13)  
**Mon. Aug. 27:** 10:00 am – Opening Service for ILC  
**Wed., Aug. 29:** 3:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
**Sun., Sept. 2:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper (Pentecost 14)  
**Mon., Sept. 3:** Labor Day – No School  
**Wed., Sept. 5:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class Starts  
**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)  
 11:15 am – Board; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting  
**Sept. 21-23:** Men's Retreat at Remer, MN

Last Week's Stats: August 12, 2007		Sun.: 115	
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,371.50	CLC: 1,057.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC: 960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-658.50	CLC: +97.00
Year-to-Date Offering:.	Grace:	96,882.93	CLC: 28,311.24
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	99,990.00	CLC: 31,680.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-3,107.07	CLC: -3,368.76
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	13.00	Tuition: 57.00
GLC Other: 404.00*	MDF:	19.00	Kinship: 102.00
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg:	87.00	IIF: 12.00 CEF: 12.00

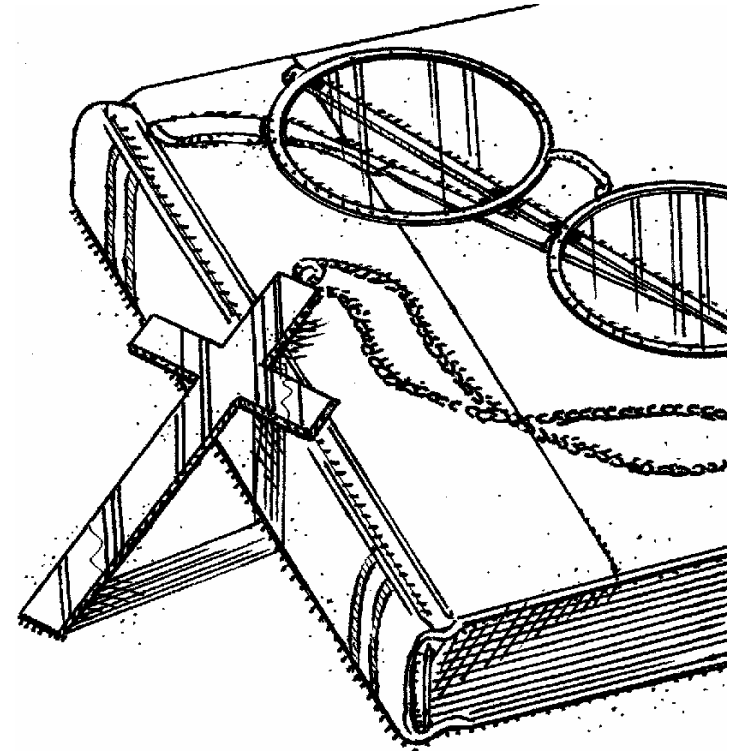
\* \$350 in memory of Melanie Jordan

*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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Let us keep our eyes  
on Jesus, the author and  
perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12:2