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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

Church Year: Pentecost 14

Date: September 2, 2007

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 16, TLH p. 125*

**Hymn:** ..... *WS 777: Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound*

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

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

P: Show us Your unfailing love, O Lord,

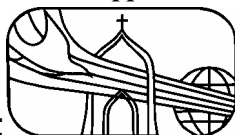
**C: And grant us Your salvation.**

P: I will listen to what God the Lord will say;

**C: He promises peace to His people, His saints.**

P: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,

**C: That His glory may dwell in our land. 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:** ..... *Psalm 149*

This Psalm describes the true joy that the LORD's saints express in their praises. They do not praise themselves. They praise the LORD who has made them saints.

**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:** ..... *1 Timothy 1:12-15*

The Apostle Paul stands in amazement that Christ Jesus would come into the world to save someone like himself, the chief of sinners. The repentant sinner is to see himself in the same light.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 342: Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

**Sermon:** ..... *1 Corinthians 1:2-5*

(2) To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: (3) Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (4) I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, (5) that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, ..." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## “SINNER OR SAINT?”

**Offertory:** ..... *TLH p. 22 f.*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 460: Behold the Sure Foundation Stone*

**Offering & Prayer:**

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

**Distribution:** ..... *TLH 313; TLH 463, st.1-6; 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 463, st. 7-8: For All the Saints*

*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 †

◆ **Schedule Change:** Next Sunday marks the beginning of the regular schedule. Bible Class and Sunday School will start at 9:00 am with the regular worship service at 10:00 am. This is a great time to get rededicated to the study of God's Word by participating in both. This coming Wednesday at 7:00 pm will begin the midweek Bible Class, a continuation of the study of the Catechism.



◆ **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.

## † MONTHLY STATISTICS †

Monthly Statistics:	August Totals	Year-to-Date
Sunday Attendance....	(Ave. 120.8) .. 483	.. (Ave. 127.3) 4,329
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.....	\$10,933.83 ..	\$100,138.88
Grace Tuition Fund.....	463.00 ..	4,136.00
Grace Living Fund.....	93.00 ..	1,844.27
Grace Dorcas.....	61.00 ..	616.00
Grace Floor Fund.....	486.00 ..	5,084.00
Grace Memorial Fund.....	379.00 ..	517.00
Grace Project Undesignated.....	0.00 ..	80.00
Grace Other.....	0.00 ..	879.09
CLC Budget (Missions).....	4,663.00 ..	30,797.24
Church Extension Fund (CEF).....	116.00 ..	1,430.84
Mission Development (MDF).....	257.00 ..	1,578.00
Kinship (for orphans).....	257.00 ..	2,126.00
ILC Improvement (IIF).....	162.00 ..	1,548.00
ILC Building.....	164.00 ..	1,664.97
ILC Student Aid.....	34.00 ..	515.00
ILC Student Aid Endowment.....	0.00 ..	0.00
<b>Total Offerings:</b>	<b>\$18,068.83</b>	<b>\$152,955.29</b>



## Believers in Christ are Saints

The false humility of our work-righteous folk says: "Why, God preserve me! How could anyone be so arrogant as to let himself be called holy? After all, we are nothing but poor sinners." Answer: "All this stems from the old notion that when we hear of saintliness, we must look for only great, splendid works and gaze at the saints in heaven, as if they had earned and merited it. But we say that the real saints of Christ must be good, stout **sinners** and remain **saints** who are not ashamed to pray the Lord's Prayer ..." They are not called saints because they are without sin or have become saintly through works. On the contrary, they themselves, with all their works, are nothing but condemned sinners. But they become holy through a foreign holiness, namely, through that of the Lord Christ, which is given them by faith and thus becomes their own. This faith is so strong and powerful that it covers and wipes away all sins and shortcomings that remain in flesh and blood. I have often said that the kingdom of Christ is nothing but pure forgiveness, a kingdom that deals only with sins and always wipes them away, covers them, and cleanses us of them as long as we live here below. - *M. Luther*



## Saints and Sinners at the Same Time

We are all saints, and cursed is he who does not want to call himself a saint. You are far saintlier than your names - Hans or Kunz [Joe or Mary] - indicate. However, you do owe this not to yourself but to the will of God, who would be your Father. To call yourself a saint is, therefore, no presumption but an act of gratitude and a confession of God's blessings. He who does not consider Baptism and God's Word, which you have in your heart, holy, blasphemes God very greatly. Since, then, God sanctifies you in Baptism and adorns you with His holy Word, you must surely be holy by grace. Only beware of the ambition to make yourself holy by your own works and then to step before God and teach Him holiness too. He will cast you into hell as a blasphemer. He wants to sanctify you and will have no directions about sanctification from you. Be sure to give this some thought. You may call yourself rich when you have many thousand gulden [or today, perhaps a million dollars], and you lie shamefully if you say: "Oh, I am a poor beggar!" Far greater is the wrong you commit by not wanting to call yourself holy as a result of the holiness which God has made your own. Therefore you may well say: To be sure, according to my first birth, I belong to the devil; but according to the new birth, I, sanctified by God's Word and work, am a sinner no more; now I am in heaven. - *M. Luther*

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Mike Dick

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

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Ed Lentz; Al Rosendahl; John Auel; Scott Baker; David Stifter; Lyle Trulin; Michael Ude

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

Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice Sandhoefner

Church Cleaners: Hein

School Cleaners: Dick

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper (Pentecost 14)  
10:15 am – Sunday School Teachers Meeting

**Mon., Sept. 3:** Labor Day – No School

**Wed., Sept. 5:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
4:00 pm – Faculty Meeting  
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class Starts

**Sun., Sept. 9:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class Starts  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 15)  
11:00 am – Hospitality  
11:15 am – Board; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

**Mon., Sept. 10:** 10:00 am – MN Study Club  
7:00 pm – CEA Meeting (Open House)


**Fri., Sept. 17:** School Picture Day

**Sept. 21-23:** Men's Retreat at Remer, MN

**Last Week's Stats:** August 26, 2007 Sun.: 119

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	3,255.95	CLC:	1,429.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+225.95	CLC:	+469.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	100,138.88	CLC:	30,797.24	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	103,020.00	CLC:	32,640.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,881.12	CLC:	-1,842.76	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	5.00	Tuition:	248.00	
GLC Other:	69.00	MDF:	45.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	18.00	ILC Bldg.	21.00	IIF: 76.00	CEF: 0.00

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BUT THE **SAINTS**  
OF THE **MOST**  
HIGH   
WILL RECEIVE  
THE **KINGDOM**  
AND WILL **POSSESS** DANIEL 7:18  
IT **FOREVER...**

