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† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Dave Rust
Ushers: Mike Dick; Larry Brandt; Roger Brandt; Scott Dauer;
 Dale Enns; Scott Dauer; Larry Nelson; Lynn Sandhoefner
Counting Team 4: Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn
 Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel
Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice
 Sandhoefner
Church Cleaners: Kitzman School Cleaners: Ferris

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: Mike Dick; Larry Brandt; Roger Brandt; Scott Dauer;
 Dale Enns; Scott Dauer; Larry Nelson; Lynn Sandhoefner
Counting Team 5: Mike Dick; Brad Kitzman; Ed Lentz; Roger
 Ochsner
Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Peter Fleischer;
 Alice Weibye
Church Cleaners: B. & B. Sydow School Cleaners: Sandhoefner

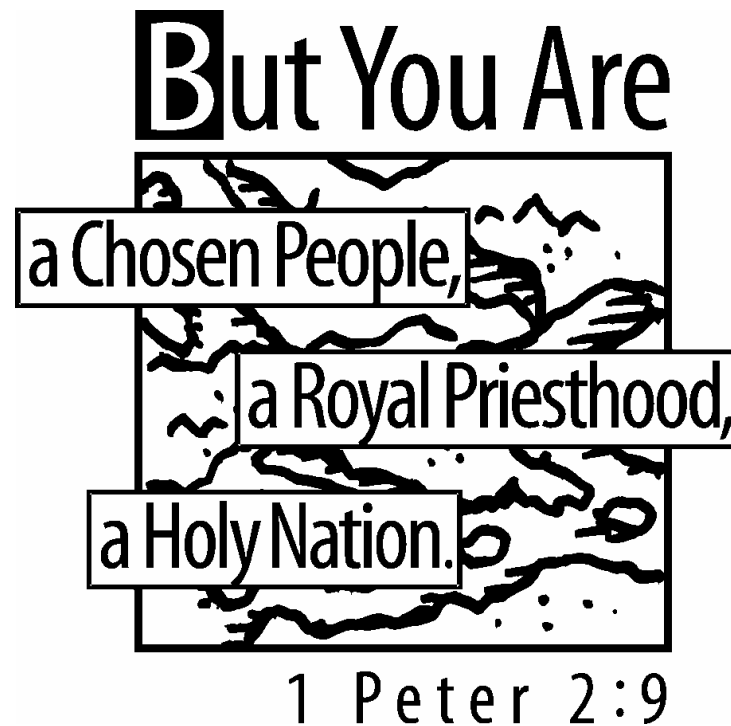
† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Reformation)
 11:00 am – Hospitality
Wed., Oct. 31: Reformation Day
 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 6:15 pm – Reformation Pizza Party
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
Sun., Nov. 4: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper
 11:00 am – Hospitality
Fri., Nov. 9: Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day
 7:30 pm – ILC Play (Little Women - Repeat performance on Sat.)

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 21, 2007 Sun.: 145 S.S.: 29 B.Cl.: 66 Wed.: 23

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	1,911.98	CLC:	1,709.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,180.02	CLC:	+749.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	122,340.51	CLC:	38,389.24	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	127,260.00	CLC:	40,320.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-4,919.49	CLC:	-1,930.76	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	24.00	Tuition:	77.00	
GLC Other:	76.26	MDF:	44.00	Kinship:	74.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	24.00	IIF:	34.00
				CEF:	59.00

*Grace Lutheran
 Church & School*



Reformation 2007

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 28, 2007

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† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation:..... *Psalm 46, TLH p. 134*

Opening Prayer:..... *Luther's Morning Prayer*

C: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept all harm and danger away from me last night; and I pray that You would also protect me today from sin and every evil, that my life and all my behavior may please You. Into Your hand I entrust my body and soul and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.

Hymn:..... *WS 774: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Confession & Absolution:..... *Luther's Explanation, 5th Petition*

With Tune of TLH 295: The Law of God Is Good and Wise

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C(♫): Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

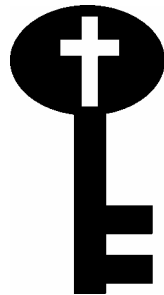
P: Let us prepare our hearts for our confession of sins:

SING(♫): The Law is good; but since the Fall
Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die
And has no power to justify. (TLH 295:5)

P: Let us confess our sins before the Lord God. With what words does Jesus teach us to pray in the Lord's Prayer?

C: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

P: How did Luther explain this in his answer to the question, "What does this mean?"



Celebrations This Week

What's the Connection – Three celebrations share the same two days but have very little in common. Halloween, Reformation, and All Saints' Day occupy the Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st on our modern calendars but that is really the extent of what they have in common. There is a connection that doesn't get too much attention in our money driven society that spends more to celebrate Halloween than every other holiday other than Christmas. What follows is a brief history of the connection that ties these three celebrations to the same dates on our calendar.

The Celtic people who lived in England, Ireland, and Northern France over 2,000 years ago are usually credited with starting the holiday that is commonly referred to as Halloween today. The Celts considered November 1st to be the start of their new year. On New Year's Eve (Oct. 31st) they honored the Celtic false god of death named Samhain with plant, animal, and according to some accounts, even human sacrifices burned on great bonfires.

The Celts believed that Samhain freed the souls of the dead for this one night so they could visit their earthly homes. Costumed merrymakers often played mischievous tricks on their enemies and then blamed the so-called visiting souls for their misdeeds. That is how the pranks and ghosts entered the picture.



October

At some point in history, church leaders decided it would be good to replace this pagan holiday with a Christian holiday. So they moved a major festival (All Saints' Day) of the Pentecost season in the Spring of the year to November 1st in an attempt to provide a Christian alternative to the pagan celebration. The festival of All Saints' Day honored and remembered all faithful Christians who had died as martyrs for their faith. October 31st became the known as "All Hallows' Eve" or "Hallow-een." The Celtic people celebrated the church holiday, while mixing it with their old pagan customs.

During the Middle Ages, satanic cults, such as the Druids, made Halloween their most festival and mocked the church's holy day by taunting and playing mischievous tricks on those who opposed them. It was during these years that satanic elements of witches, wizards, devils, and superstition became the prevalent symbols of Halloween.

Finally, there is the Reformation connection. It was on October 31st, 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his 95 talking points of the Reformation to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Since All Saints' Day was a very well attended celebration of the church in Luther's day, he knew that his 95 Thesis would be seen by many on that particular day. It seems that Luther may have chosen this day for no other reason than good advertising sense.

Todd Ohlmann (10/29/2004)

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

◆ **Among Us:** Lyle LaCroix has recovered well from his latest surgery and is scheduled to return home. We thank the Lord for his recovery. Continue to remember in your prayers: Delores Englehorn, Ray Stifter, and Linda Wagner, all of whom are ailing. May the Lord keep their souls in His safekeeping.



◆ **Reformation:** Since this Wednesday is Reformation Day, we are planning a gathering and eating pizza in the fellowship hall. We'll meet around 6 pm, probably eating around 6:15 pm. After eating we plan on going through a Martin Luther report that our Christian Day School Catechism class wrote. Copies of this report will be sent via email in MS Word format early this week. Should you desire a hardcopy, please speak with Pastor.



◆ **Time Change:** Remember to "fall back" one hour next Saturday!

◆ **Cookie Bake:** The Dorcas Guild is hosting a Christmas cookie bake on Saturday, November 17, starting at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the fellowship hall. Please bring cookie sheets and take home containers. Mothers with young children are encouraged to attend. We have volunteers to help with child supervision.

◆ **Bylaw Change:** Benno Sydow made copies of the bylaw change by the Voters. It is formatted to match the printing in the Constitution. Copies are available by the guestbook for members to scotch tape in their constitutions at home.

◆ **Cable Channel:** Fridley Public Access has informed us that Grace's worship service will now be shown on channel 17 with a regular broadcast schedule of Noon to 1:00, every Thursday through Sunday. I'm assuming that the service will still be randomly shown on channel 15. Inform your outreach prospects! Also, keep in mind that our video is available on our web site: www.clcgracelutheranchurch.org.



◆ **Thanks:** To all those who participated in yesterday's work day! The fruits of your labor help present Grace in a good imagine, part of letting our lights shine before the world.

◆ **Wax:** Note that the floors in the fellowship hall, kitchen, and bathrooms received a good buffing and a few coats of wax, giving them all a nice shine. Please try to keep them in good shape.

◆ **Parenting Seminar:** Brochures and information by the guestbook.

◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #9 – Seventh Commandment.

C: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look on our sins nor deny our prayer because of them. We are not worthy of things for which we are asking, neither have we deserved them. However, we ask that our Father would by His grace give us what we ask even though we sin often every day and indeed deserve nothing but punishment. We too will from our hearts gladly forgive and do good to all those who sin against us.

P: *Be it unto you as you believe. And now according to the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, and in His place, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

SING(♫): The Gospel shows the Father's grace,
Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That man might thus be justified. (TLH 297:1)

Collect:

P: *Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

S.S. Children: ... *TLH 267: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word*

Scripture Reading:..... *Exodus 29:1-9*

Scripture Reading:..... *Hebrews 7:22-28*

Confession of Faith: *Apology to the Augsburg Conf., Art. XXIV*

The adversaries understand *priesthood* not of the ministry of the Word, and administering the Sacraments to others, but they understand it as referring to sacrifice; as though in the New Testament there ought to be a priesthood like the Levitical, to sacrifice for the people, and merit the remission of sins for others. We teach that the sacrifice of Christ dying on the cross has been sufficient for the sins of the whole world, and that there is no need, besides, of other sacrifices, as though this were not sufficient for our sins. Men, accordingly, are justified not because of any other sacrifices, but because of this one sacrifice of Christ, if they believe that they have been redeemed by this sacrifice. They are accordingly called priests, not in order to make any sacrifices for the people as in the Law, so that by these they may merit remission of sins for the people; but they are called to teach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments to the people. Nor do we have another priesthood like the Levitical, as the Epistle to the Hebrews sufficiently teaches. ...

Choir:..... *O God, Our Help, In Ages Past*

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 alt.

ST. ANNE

William Croft, 1678–1727

Setting by Jeremy J. Bankson

All 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our
Men 2 Un - der the shad - ow of Your throne Your
Choir 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or
All 4 A thou - sand a - ges in Your sight Are
(in harmony)

hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is Your
earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that

storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
You are God, To end - less years the same.
ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

Women
5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

All
6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home.

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Sermon:..... *1 Peter 2:4-10*

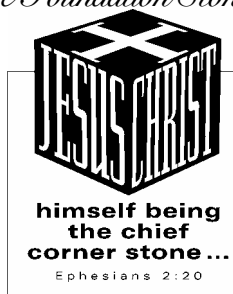
(4) Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, (5) you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (6) Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." (7) Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," (8) and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. (9) But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (10) who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. (NKJV™)

"You Are the Priesthood of All Believers"

1. A priesthood which has changed
2. A priesthood which offers up spiritual praises
3. A priesthood which goes forward without shame

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

SING(♩): Behold the sure Foundation-stone
Which God in Zion lays
To build our heavenly hopes upon
And His eternal praise.
Chosen of God, to sinners dear,
Let saints adore the name;
They trust their whole salvation here,
Nor shall they suffer shame.



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

Offering of Thanks:..... *Meditative Music*

Prayers:

Benediction:

C(♩): Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn:..... *TLH 283: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

Silent Prayer:

