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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 24

Date: November 11, 2007

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: ..... *Psalm 90, TLH p. 142*

Hymn: ..... *TLH 609: Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

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

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

P: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

**C: But the way of the wicked will perish.**

P: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked

**C: Or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.**

P: But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

**C: And on His law he meditates day and night.**

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.

**C: Whatever he does prospers. 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 26:1-6*

The Judgment of God is upon those who refuse to listen in faith to Him.

Gradual:

P: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;

**C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in You,

**C: Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack

**C: And bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom. Alleluia!**

Epistle Reading: ..... *Luke 19:11-27*

The parable of the talents shows that Judgment Day will be a day of reckoning. The Lord will reward the faithful servants far above their work, with a reward of grace.

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

Hymn: ..... *TLH 610: And Will the Judge Descend*

Sermon: ..... *2 Thessalonians 1:5-10*

(5) [This] is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; (6) since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, (7) and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, (8) in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, (10) when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

## *Righteous R and R*

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

Hymn: ..... *TLH 616: Forever with the Lord*

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

Hymn: ..... *TLH 212, st. 5-7: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

*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!*



## REFORMATION LUTHERANISM:

In Acts 4 we read how the powers that be among the Jewish leaders were offended at the preaching of the resurrection by Peter and John. Furthermore they had declared that there is no salvation apart from Jesus Christ. Consequently they were arrested and put on trial. Their case was not helped by the fact that their bold and faithful preaching had gained converts. Further, by the power of God, the two disciples had healed a man.

Unbelief has no response to the truth and to the precious Gospel, or to the wonderful works of God other than intimidation and threat. “But so it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.” And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.” That would seem to be the end of it. But the disciples responded, “We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

After the spiritual darkness of his youth, Luther was led through affliction, and by the power of the Spirit to see the light. The truth of God’s Word dawned in his heart. He found the peace of heart for which he yearned. He did not come to this light and peace through the church, but in spite of the church. Once he found the righteousness that was his in Christ, Luther’s eternal hope and his ministry revolved around and promoted the Lord Jesus. He saw that in the struggle the very center of Christian doctrine was at stake. He could not and would not, in spite of intimidation and threat, back down from confessing Christ and His Word. In the years following the genesis of the Reformation in 1517 Luther exhibited boldness for the truth even in the face of death threats. But to be a heretic was more abhorrent to him than death. He said, “I know that I would be the most agreeable and the dearest person if I were to say this one word *revoco*, that is, I recant. But I will not turn heretic by contradicting the opinion which made me a Christian. I would rather die by fire or be exiled and cursed”(WLS, Vol.III, page 1184). As in the days of the apostles when unbelief had no other response than to threaten persecution and death, Luther’s whole ministry was carried out under the ban and threat of the papacy. But the Lord whose gospel was at stake, preserved Luther from harm, though he was called to his eternal rest at the age of 63. He died of natural causes-one last stick in the eye of his foes!

Now 490 years after the Reformation, what Luther and subsequent faithful confessors were ready to die for, is being surrendered upon the altar of compromise and accommodation which is nothing less (or more) than apostasy. In Luther’s day the foe was the papacy. Today it remains the papacy, but inextricably it has also become an apostate Lutheranism. Reformation Lutheranism (Scripture Alone! Grace Alone! Faith Alone!) is for the most part a thing of the past. At the risk of being branded pharisaical by the enemies of the truth, we dare to say we are trying desperately to hold on to the truth, not for



the sake of orthodoxy itself, but for the sake of our souls and the precious blood bought souls for whom Christ died and whose salvation He desires. God will see to it. His Word will endure! But it is a serious matter. Will it remain among us, and do we even care!?

The gospel and its witness outlasted the enemies of the apostles. It survived the attacks at the time of the Reformation. It will survive through our apostate age, and out live us. Indeed it will continue to the end of time. God will see to it. But we cannot, we dare not, be silent about what we have seen and heard of the magnificent grace of God. We do not live in a vacuum. The eternal welfare of our souls and of others depends upon the proclamation of an unadulterated Gospel. “Dear Father, forgive us our sins. Be gracious to us and help us in these latter days, for without Thee we cannot stand by reason of our own weakness as well as the temptations of the evil one who seeks our overthrow. Help us to be true Reformation Lutherans and keep us in the way of truth while we await our deliverance to heaven. Amen.”

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer (10/28/2007)

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ♦ **Thank You:** On behalf of the Stifter family we would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, cards, and especially all the prayers during these past months. We greatly appreciate the women who served the luncheon and the many people who contributed to the meal and preparing the fellowship hall. A special thank you to the children of the Christian Day School who beautifully shared their message. We would like to express our gratitude to Pastor Hein for all the comforting words, many visits and support that he gave to our family. God truly blessed our family with him as our Pastor during this time. Love in Christ, Joyce Stifter & Family
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Thanksgiving Service:** Wednesday evening, November 21, 7:00 pm, we will be having our annual Thanksgiving Festival Worship. We have a wonderful opportunity to bring our hearts and praises before the altar of our Lord to express our thanks to Him.
- ♦ **ILC Christmas Concert:** This year’s Christmas concert will be held on Fri., Dec. 21, 7:30 pm, at Eau Claire. There is a signup list for the trip by the guestbook.
- ♦ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #11 – 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Commandments.

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Mike Dick

Ushers: Pat Paplow; Jeff Radichel; Gerald Anderson; Dan Degnan;  
Matt Dick; Brandon Paplow; Ryan Libby; Andrew Rosendahl

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

Hospitality Team 3: Dan & Cindy Degnan; Ed & Verona  
Lentz; Angela Valley

Church Cleaners: B. & B. Sydow School Cleaners: Sandhoefer

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Pat Paplow; Jeff Radichel; Gerald Anderson; Dan Degnan;  
Matt Dick; Brandon Paplow; Ryan Libby; Andrew Rosendahl

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

Hospitality Team 4: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Fred, Pal, &  
Scott Dauer

Church Cleaners: Bergstrom School Cleaners: Vandever

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:00 am – Hospitality  
11:15 am – Boards; 12:00 pm – Council

**Wed., Nov. 14:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

**Sat., Nov. 17:** 9:00 am – Cookie Bake

**Sun., Nov. 18:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:00 am – Hospitality

**Wed., Nov. 21:** 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Worship Service

**Last Week's Stats:** Nov. 4, 2007 Sun.: 148 S.S.: 32 B.Cl.: 48 Wed.: 28

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,662.65	CLC:	932.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-367.35	CLC:	-28.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	127,829.16	CLC:	40,446.24
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	133,320.00	CLC:	42,240.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-5,490.84	CLC:	-1,793.76
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	7.00	Tuition:	52.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	16.00	Kinship:	60.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	101.00	IIF: 5.00	CEF: 25.00

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