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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost

Date: May 11, 2008

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 51, TLH p. 134-135*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 224: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!*

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

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

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**C: And kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

P: How many are Your works, O Lord.

**C: In wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.**

P: When You send Your Spirit, they are created,

**C: And You renew the face of the earth. Glory be to God!**

**Gloria in Excelsis:** ..... *TLH 23, st. 4*

Hallelujah! Let praises ring! Unto our Triune God we sing;

Blest be His name forever! With angel hosts let us adore

And sing His praises more and more For all His grace and favor!

Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy, Spread the story

Of our God, the Lord of Glory! Amen.

**First Reading:** ..... *Joel 2:28-29*

The Old Testament prophecy of the Holy Spirit's coming.

**Gradual:**

P: I will pour out My Spirit on all people.

**C: Your sons and daughters will prophesy.**

P: It is with the heart that man believes and is justified,

**C: And it is with his mouth that he confesses and is saved.**

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful people,

**C: And kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

**Second Reading:** ..... *Acts 2:1-21*

The Holy Spirit comes on the Day of Pentecost

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

**Hymn:** ..... *WS 739: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

**Sermon:** ..... *Galatians 5:16-25*

(16) I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. (17) For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. (18) But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. (19) Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, (20) idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, (21) envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (24) And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. (NKJV™)

### "INNER TENSION AS A RESULT OF THE SPIRIT'S COMING"

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 227: Come, Holy Ghost, in Love*

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 230: Holy Spirit, God of Love*

*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!*

Last Week's Stats: May 4, 2008		Sun.: 137	S.S.: ?	B.Cl.: 44	
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	3,083.75	CLC:	979.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,225.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-141.25	CLC:	-21.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	55,340.91	CLC:	18,158.35	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	58,050.00	CLC:	18,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,709.09	CLC:	+158.35	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	17.00	Tuition:	41.00	
GLC Other:	120.00	MDF:	264.00	Kinship:	64.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	206.00	IIF: 41.00	CEF: 40.00

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **New Piano:** Take note of the new piano which arrived this past week!
- ◆ **Summer Schedule:** Next Sunday will be the final time this season that worship will be held at 10 am. On May 25 the summer schedule will begin with worship service held at 9 am. Bible Class and Sunday School will be suspended for the summer. Hospitality hour will also be suspended after honoring the graduates on May 25. If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, they may sign up on the list located on the fellowship hall's bulletin board. The regular schedule convenes on September 7.
- ◆ **Confirmation:** Confirmation will be next Sunday, May 18. Examination will take place at 9 am with the confirmation taking place during the worship hour at 10 am. The students are Karie Davis, Rachel Rhinesmith, Dylan Stifter, and Matthew Vandever. May the Lord bless their preparations.
- ◆ **Graduation Recognition:** On May 25 we will be recognizing the graduates from the congregation. If you are graduating, please list your name (and degree if in college) on the sheet by the guest book.
- ◆ **School Program:** On May 29, the children of our day school will be putting on their play, "The Adventures of Brer Rabbit." All members and friends of Grace are invited to show support of the children's efforts and of our school. Refreshments will follow the program.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** Please note that this is scheduled for July 21-25, a change from the original schedule.
- ◆ **Added Work Day:** In order to clear out space for carpeting the classrooms, there will be a work day on Sat., May 31. This will also include initial work in putting up a permanent wall between the two classrooms located in the older part of the facility.
- ◆ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The Lutheran Spokesman is a publication by the CLC which is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. Those who currently receive the publication are listed on a sheet by the guestbook. If you no longer wish to receive it, please cross out your name. If you don't receive it and would like to, please sign up for a copy. The congregation will cover the cost.
- ◆ **Donations:** Members often generously donate items to the church and school. These are sincerely appreciated! At times there is confusion as to what the intent is when something is left anonymously. The Council asks that members would approach the appropriate people on the boards just as a courtesy when making such donations.
- ◆ **CLC Convention:** Copies of the Prospectus are available by the guest book. This booklet covers various business items that will be reported and reacted to during the course of the CLC Convention next month, June 16-20. Our delegates will be Dave Rust and Jeff Radichel, along with Pastor and Mr. Libby as called servants. Mr. Rust and Mr. Libby will be serving on the CLC President's report; Mr. Radichel on finance issues; and Pastor on ILC issues.



- ◆ **ILC Spring Concert:** This year's concert is being held at Messiah Lutheran Church rather than at the ILC campus. Messiah is located at 2015 N. Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI. The concert will be on May 23, 7:30 pm. Following the concert there will be a reception honoring Prof. Mike Sydow, who is retiring from the full-time ministry at the end of the school year. The reception will be held in the fellowship hall of Messiah.
- ◆ **ILC Announcement:** Plans are to live stream the Class Day and Graduation events from the campus of Immanuel later this May. The events are listed on the Preps On The Net website at [www.prepsonthenet.com](http://www.prepsonthenet.com). After logging on (free registration required to do so), click on Sports and Events near the top, middle. At the next screen under Other at the right, click on Special Events. Scroll down to the dates of May 23 and May 24 and you should see the events. Let us know if you have any trouble with this and how your online experience works out. Thanks and we hope you enjoy the year-end activities from Immanuel.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Schierenbeck has resigned his call at Faith in Markesan, WI, due to his myeloproliferative disorder. In a letter to Faith he wrote: "The Lord says in Prov. 16:9: 'A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.' I have considered these words in the context of the past year of my life. Whatever plans I had needed to be adjusted in consideration of being diagnosed with an illness that would change my life and my ability to function as I had in the past .... This last week my doctor confirmed that the only option to eliminate the disease from my system is to undergo a stem cell transplant. This is a very difficult procedure and requires six months to a year or beyond to recover. ... My family will be settling in the Markesan community and I look forward to serving the Lord and this congregation as a lay member ...."

From CLC President John Schierenbeck:

1. The experiential drug (Pastor) Mike Schierenbeck was taking is not working on him so he has stopped using it. Mike is scheduled for a stem cell/bone marrow transplant in the first part of July. (Note: His donor was his brother, Dan S.) He will be at the Mayo Clinic for at least 100 days. Mike has informed his congregation that he will be resigning from his call at the end of June. The congregation is seeking to establish a fund through a local bank to help Mike and his family with expenses. More information will be made available as soon as the details have been worked out by the Markesan congregation. Please remember this congregation also in your prayers.
2. Pastor Paul Larsen will undergo back surgery tomorrow (May 6). He will be in the hospital for about three days. He will then be facing a long rehab process. He is in good spirits and is glad that something is finally going to be done.
3. Chris Fossum (wife of Pastor Vance Fossum in West Columbia, SC) needs your prayers and support as she continues to battle her cancer.
4. Pastor Tom Schuetze continues to make progress. He is presently in Mankato, MN and hopes to get back to Coloma this summer. (Note: latest on his blog says May 19 or 20).

"We know that all things works out together for good to those who love God, who are the called according to His purpose."

- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #33 – Fourth & Fifth Petitions.



## THE CHURCH THAT LOST ITS WAY:

Pentecost reminds and confirms to us what the Church is. At the preaching of the Word, the Spirit of God added to the body of the saved His elect members. We are reminded that the Church in the true sense of the word is the "called out ones," - all who have been called out of darkness of sin and unbelief to faith in Jesus Christ. The Church of which Christ is both the Head and the Foundation is the spiritual body of Christ. We are reminded how it is that the elect are gathered in to the body of Christ which we recognize in the Apostolic Creed as the Holy Christian Church. The apostle Peter enunciated the law of God- "you crucified" Him Who is both Lord and Christ. Peter spoke the gospel for the comfort of hearts that were pricked by the indictment against them. He spoke concerning the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and responded to the plea of troubled hearts saying, "Repent and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2) The Law does not convert nor does it create members of Christ's body. Nevertheless it is an essential and indispensable preaching for it crushes the hard heart and prepares the heart for the seed of the Gospel.

The Church is found wherever the Gospel of Christ is proclaimed. Gospel preaching bears fruit (Isaiah 55:10, 11). God will's that likeminded Christ believers join together (fellowship) around Word and sacrament. Thus is brought into existence visible congregations. But since not all Christians agree in the teachings of the Bible there are many visible denominations. Knowledgeable and discriminating Christ believers will want to associate with such a church as they are convinced teaches the Word of God in its truth, and which therefore fulfills the Savior's commission, "teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you ..." (Matthew 28:20). They desire to continue in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship (Acts 2). On the other hand, they understand that to sit at the feet of false teachers is contrary to God's Word and they further understand that "False teachings are always dangerous; they never nurse our spiritual life ..." (Luther's Small Catechism-Annotated: E. W. A. Koehler, page 152). Every false doctrine has the potential to destroy faith!

For this reason Martin Luther testified against the errors of the Catholic Church. His intent was not to leave it but to create a forum in which discussion of the Word would bring the church back to the Scriptures. We know the Reformation history and how this good intent met with failure. But he was conscience bound to set forth the Scriptures and continue his witness against the errors of the church, a course which he freely admitted was not an easy one. Consequently he was excommunicated. Ultimately the Lord Who raised him up for this task blessed his efforts, and a church known as "Lutheran" came into existence.

Out of the period of the Reformation, begun in 1517, Protestantism was born in 1529. Within Protestantism Lutherans were unique, in that they "declared their readiness to obey the emperor and the diet in 'all dutiful and possible matters,' not however, any order considered by them to be repugnant to God and His holy Word, to their soul's salvation, and to their good conscience. The essential principles involved in their agreement were, first, the authority of Scripture, to be explained by itself; secondly, freedom of conscience" (Lutheran Cyclopedia, CPH 1927, page 625).

Protestantism has many faces. Today sadly and to great harm of precious blood bought souls, Lutheranism also has many faces. Martin Luther consented to the use of his name for those who identified with him, so long as such use meant that the church continued steadfast in the Word! He himself said that he had "no desire to be Lutheran except insofar as he teaches the Holy Scripture in purity" (WLS, Vol. II, para.2679, page 858). We are bold and confident to say that Luther would for the most part not recognize the Lutheran Church today!

We recognize that as times change the church has to adapt itself to present realities in custom, tradition, etc. But we reject without apology the idea that the church must, should, or can adapt what it teaches to satisfy today's culture, morals, politics, and empty religiosity! As it adopts relativistic teaching in today's rootless age, it ceases to be faithful to the Word for under such circumstances it is no longer "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I (the Lord) have commanded ..."

When God's Word and all it teaches ceases to be the message, then emotion, accommodation, and doctrines of men fill the vacuum. Teaching for doctrines the commandments of men becomes the functioning principle- whether out of fear of consequences for speaking the truth, or out of plain rejection of the truth!

The Holy Christian Church shall remain and be delivered. The gates of hell shall not prevail against it! To an alarming extent, however, the church on earth, including the Lutheran Church has lost its way! We must ask in all honesty and introspection: How long will the Church of the Lutheran Confession remain faithful to the whole of Scripture, and to the doctrine set forth by its forebear? If the question disturbs one, better that to think that at almost 50 years it can't happen to us!

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 5/11/2008

### Council Meeting Notes - May 4, 2008

The April Council meeting minutes were accepted as presented. The April treasurer's report will be available for the next meeting.

#### Pastor's Report

- Delinquency letters were sent out after voter actions.
- Lyle Trulin is out of the hospital and is back among us.
- Keep Gil and Jessie Maestas in your prayers.
- Three kids attended visitor's day in Eau Claire.

#### Board of Elders Report

- The new piano is in the process of being obtained.
- The church picnic is June 22.

#### Board of Education Report

- Applications for Grace 08-09 school year are available.
- Iowa Basic tests are completed.
- Items "show up" as contributions. Need to go through the proper boards.

#### Board of Trustees Report

- School wall replacement plans are underway. May 31 is scheduled for moving classroom items to a POD for storage.
- Rain water on the classroom wall is being addressed.
- The lawn needs picking up before mowing can begin.
- Names on the Home Depot card are to be updated.

#### Other Business

- Medical deductible costs are still being addressed. Grace pays these deductible costs. \$2000 for a single. \$4000 for a family.
- The new computer server costs \$650. Two new disk drives cost \$300. Total is about \$950.

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Mike Dick, Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Scott Dauer, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner

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

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

Church Cleaners: Degnan

School Cleaners: Sandhoefner

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Mike Dick, Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Scott Dauer, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Ole Olmanson

Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Peter Fleischer; Alice Weibye

Church Cleaners: Degnan

School Cleaners: Vandever

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost)  
11:00 am – Hospitality  
11:15 am – Confirmation Exam Preparation  
8:00, 9:00 pm – Grace Softball Games (Field #3)

**Wed., May 14:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
6:30 pm – Confirmation Exam Preparation

**Sun., May 18:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Confirmation Exam  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Confirmation)  
11:00 am – Hospitality

**Fri., May 23:** 3:00 pm – ILC Class Day  
7:30 pm – ILC Spring Concert @ Messiah Lutheran

**Sat., May 24:** 10:00 am – ILC Graduation

**Sun., May 25:** 9:00 am – Worship Service (Summer Schedule Begins)  
10:00 am – Hospitality (Graduation Recognition)

**Thu., May 29:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Program (Brer Rabbit)

**Sat., May 31:** 9:00 am – Work Day (clear classrooms for carpeting)

**Sun., June 1:** 3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conference at Mankato

**June 16-20:** CLC Convention @ Eau Claire

**July 21-25:** Vacation Bible School

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**Galatians 5:25**