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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 4

Date: June 8, 2008

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: ..... *Psalm 103, TLH p. 145 f.*

Hymn: ..... *TLH 40: The God of Abraham Praise*

Liturgy: ..... *WS, p. 12 ff. (Pastor sings Lord Have Mercy, top of p. 13)*

First Reading: ..... *Isaiah 40:26-31*

As we wait on the LORD, He strengthens us like the wings of eagles.

Second Reading: ..... *Psalm 103:1-5*

The Lord's many blessings in our lives ought to give us pause to praise Him.

Alleluia: ..... *WS p. 14 f.*

Confession of Faith: ..... *Apostles' Creed, WS p. 15*

Hymn: ..... *On Eagles' Wings*

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,  
My Rock in Whom I trust." **Refrain**

### **Refrain**

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.**

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His Wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day,  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. **Refrain**

4. For to His angels He's given a command,  
To guard you in all of your ways,  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**

Sermon: ..... *Exodus 19:1-6*

(1) In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. (2) For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain. (3) And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: (4) 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. (5) 'Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. (6) 'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

"But those who  
hope in the LORD  
will renew their STRENGTH.  
They will SOAR on  
wings like eagles;  
they will RUN and  
not grow weary,  
they will WALK  
and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:31



## *I Bore You on Eagles' Wings*

Offertory: ..... *WS p. 16*

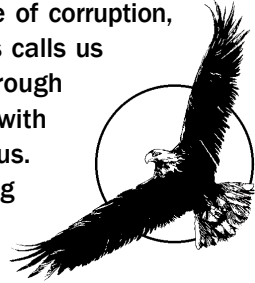
Choir: ..... *We Shall Mount Up with Wings Like Eagles*

Hymn: ..... *TLH 39: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Offering, Prayers, Benediction:

Hymn: ..... *TLH 50: Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

**WELCOME!** Many people travel on the road of life without hope. Some turn to drugs, alcohol, etc., in order to escape the harsh reality of life's problems. The Christian need not be led to despair. He or she is in possession of a most wonderful Christian hope. May we all place our assurance in this hope as we go through this life of corruption, earnestly expecting that Day when our Lord Jesus calls us to our true home. Until that Day we may soar through life like the bold, courageous eagle, knowing with certainty that our Lord God watches and cares for us. Those interested in learning more about our living Savior and the teachings found in His Word, please speak with Pastor Hein.



## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Among Us:** This week Pal Dauer was hospitalized at North Memorial with a serious case of pneumonia. She has recovered well. On Wednesday, Richard Cowan was hospitalized suddenly at Mercy Hospital in order to have triple bypass surgery. He is doing well.
- ◆ **Church Picnic:** On Sunday, June 22, there will be a church picnic here on the church grounds. During the morning service we will be privileged to have a visit from Pastor Jeremiah Issangya from our church affiliation in Tanzania. After the church service he will be presenting some slides from overseas, following which will be the picnic. Plans are to set up an inflatable jumping gym for the children. Smoked pulled pork sandwiches will be served, along with hot dogs. Members are asked to bring salads, chips, and/or desserts.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Jeff Radichel invites the congregation to an open house on June 15, from 12-4 pm in celebration of his graduation. Address is 102 Windsor Lane New Brighton MN 55112. Information is available on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.
- ◆ **Lutheran Spokesman:** 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.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Zion, Lawrenceville, GA, has accepted the call from the CLC Board of Missions as a part-time missionary to East Africa. This will be on an annual visitation basis, God willing, and is in addition to his regular call as pastor of Zion.



## GLOBAL WARMING PARANOIA

Our society is obsessed with the subject of global warming (Not too many years ago it was global cooling)! Do we have to read it in the bulletin too? We are not going to address the science or lack thereof that fuels the debate. We are however reminded frequently that global warming as a manmade phenomenon is a consensus of many scientists and politicians. Consensus is not proof. It is accumulated opinion. To those to whom earth is "mother" it has become a religion and is by them promoted with religious fervor. On the other side we are told by other scientists that the earth is not warming by human action at the rate that global warmers opine. In reality, there is evidence in history that climatic variations are cyclical.

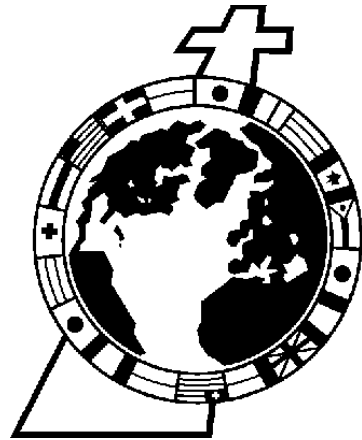
We are here not interested in the political ramifications of this movement. We do suggest that the paranoia of this movement is driven to a great extent by unbelief and spiritual ignorance.

First of all, we would wish that there were as many who were concerned about the moral pollution that is affecting the earth, and this nation. More than that we wish that there was as much concern about the religious apostasy that has overtaken the church, an apostasy which has removed the absolutes of the Lord God – both with respect to His law, as well as the message of the Gospel - with the result that we are fast becoming if we are not there already, a nation in which heathenism prevails! With loss of respect for the Word of God, and for the only God - the Triune God - do not expect a change of heart anytime soon. Nevertheless pray and confess the faith. The Spirit does work miracles!

Are we for destroying the environment? The very thought is absurd. In fact as children of God we believe the Word of God and do not qualify our respect for it. When it comes to Scripture we believe, "Thus saith the Lord!" We do not say, "Thus saith the Lord, but ...". Our concern for the environment is not rooted in a political or philosophical agenda. It is anchored in Scripture. We believe Genesis 1. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Read Psalm 104). We suspect that already sets us apart

from the paranoid global warming extremists. We further believe that the earth is for our use. "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish (fill) the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so" (Genesis 1: 28 – 30). Since God is the Creator and has placed us on this earth but for a while, we believe that in using what He has given we are not to be abusers of what is His, but caretakers. Also what sense does it make to foul up for ourselves and our children the place we call home, however temporary? More compelling however is the fact that the world in which we live is His. Enjoy God's creation. Appreciate its beauty. Do not waste what is His. Do not frivolously misuse God's creation.

At the same time beware of the idolatry that worships the created thing, and loves it more than the Creator. The child of God does not become paranoid as those whose god is their mind, and who live in fear as though God is not there- which in their judgment He is not. Scripture says that the Creator also "upholds all things by the Word of His power" (Hebrews 1:3). As redeemed children of God who



recognize that God our Father in Christ is the Creator, we believe the Lord is not too small to take care of His creation. He has said, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22). We cannot doubt that without at the same time doubting our salvation, the assurance of which is found in the same inspired Word.

The Lord God Who created it is in charge of nature. It is He Who "makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:45). Indeed, He may use the forces of nature to test the believer (Luke 8:23), and punish the unbelievers (Psalm 105:26- 36). If He decides to warm the globe He has His reason, just as when He "commands and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up the waves of the sea" (Psalm 107: 25). Neither is He deaf to the cry of those who call upon Him (107:28).

Our view of the world is not the vacuous philosophy that believes that the earth evolved of itself. They who have adopted that opinion have expunged the God of creation, the God of judgment, the God of love, and the God of salvation from the heart and from their life as well as from public discourse. They live in fear that their mother, "earth," will succumb. To be sure, in God's time it will, though not in the manner they fear. How ironic is it that Scripture says, "the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10)! Global warming on a grand scale!

Global warming? Think what you want. But be careful! Do not blindly follow the "wisdom" of those who expunge the Lord God from Scripture, and from His rightful role as *Creator and Preserver* of His creation.

As for us, more breath taking than the heat of the globe is the hypocrisy of those who lament global warming while they fly way in their jets, and drive off in their SUV's. Furthermore, we expect that the moral pollution and religious pollution that surrounds us will reap God's judgment before the ice melts.

Until God's will is done with this globe, and He comes again in the clouds of heaven, appreciate His creation, use it wisely and with respect for Him who created it, and who day by day provides for your needs. Let life be one of daily penitence and sorrow over personal sin, as well as one strong in faith in God's greatest gift- forgiveness of sins and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Then whatever befalls, we who "... according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13), shall enjoy the home in heaven which Jesus has prepared for us- for all who trust in His salvation.

# † TODAY AT GRACE †

*Organist:* Sue Nelson                      *Elder:* Benno Sydow

*Ushers:* Pat Paplow, Gerald Anderson, Dan Degnan, Matt Dick, Brandon Paplow, Andrew Rosendahl

*Counting Team 1:* Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Pat Paplow

*Church Cleaners:* Rosendahl

# † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

*Ushers:* Pat Paplow, Gerald Anderson, Dan Degnan, Matt Dick, Brandon Paplow, Andrew Rosendahl

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

*Church Cleaners:* J. & D. Stifter

# † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Worship Service  
6:00, 7:00 pm – Grace Softball Games (Field #4)

**Sun., June 15:** 9:00 am – Worship Service  
7:00, 8:00 pm – Grace Softball Games (Field #4)

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

**Sun., June 22:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/ Pastor Jeremiah Issangya  
10:00 am – Pastor Jeremiah Issangya Presentation  
11:00 am – Grace Picnic  
6:00, 7:00 pm – Grace Softball Games (Field #4)

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

<b>Last Week's Stats:</b> June 1, 2008		Sun.: 120	
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,677.50	CLC: 656.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,225.00	CLC: 1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-547.50	CLC: -344.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	65,914.30	CLC: 21,708.35
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	70,950.00	CLC: 22,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-5,035.70	CLC: -291.65
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	2.00	Tuition: 27.00
GLC Other: 1.00	MDF:	4.00	Kinship: 55.00
ILC Student Aid: 52.00	ILC Bldg.	237.00	IIF: 0.00    CEF: 25.00

