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Grace Lutheran Church & School

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Church Year: Pentecost 6 **Date:** June 22, 2008

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

Worship Preparation:Psalm 72, TLH p. 138

Pre-Service Prayer:

Dear Savior, Lord of the Church, I praise You for the forgiveness of sins and peace that You bring to me. Work in my heart an ever-growing desire to take the wonderful news of Your salvation to others who are not yet in Your family. Here am I, send me! Show me the way in which I can be of service to the work of spreading the Gospel and then bless me with the will and the means to carry out that work in the way You have chosen. Amen.



Opening Prayer:

Hymn:TLH 495: From Greenland's Icy Mountains

Invocation:Duet Written by Pastor David Reim

1. *In the name of the Father, In the name of the Son,
In the name of the Spirit, We are gathered here as one.*
2. *We have come here to worship, And our sins to confess.
Come, O Lord, and be with us, Our souls and lives to bless.*
3. *Grant us grace and forgiveness, Fill our hearts with Your love.
Give us power to serve You, Set our minds on things above.*
4. *In the name of the Father, In the name of the Son,
In the name of the Spirit, We are gathered here as one.*

Confession of Sins:TLH 658: Onward Christian Soldiers

*P: The Words of Holy Scripture declare that if we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us
from all unrighteousness. Let us therefore confess our sins to God:*

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we have not always feared, loved, and trusted in You as we ought; we have not always gladly heard and learned Your Word; and we have not always shared Your saving Word with others when we have had opportunity. For these sins and all others, O Lord, we do repent. We ask You for Your forgiveness in view of the atoning work of Jesus Christ.

P: Christ has indeed given to His Church on earth, that is to all believers in Christ, the special power to forgive the sins of penitent sinners and to retain the sins of the impenitent as long as they do not repent. As your called pastor and in accordance with Christ's command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit of Our God lead you to believe that this announcement of your forgiveness is as valid and certain in heaven also as if Christ our dear Lord were dealing with you Himself. Let us join in praising Him!

**Sing: Onward, now, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the King;
This thro' countless ages Men and angels sing.
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

Old Testament Reading:.....Isaiah 12:1-6

(1) And in that day you will say: "O LORD, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. (2) Behold, God *is* my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, *is* my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.'" (3) Therefore with joy you will draw water From the wells of salvation. (4) And in that day you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, Make mention that His name is exalted. (5) Sing to the LORD, For He has done excellent things; This *is* known in all the earth. (6) Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, For great *is* the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

Trio:..... WS 771: Listen, God Is Calling

New Testament Reading:.....Romans 1:14-17

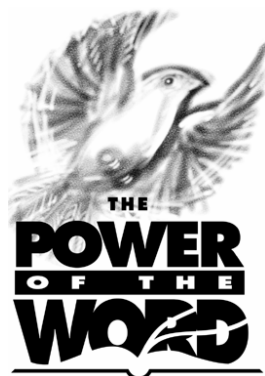
(14) I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. (15) So, as much as is in me, *I am* ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. (16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. (17) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

Response to Scripture:.....Romans 1:14-17

**Sing: Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, Leads against the Foe;
Forward into battle See His banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

Our Mission Creed:.....Luther's Large Catechism (2nd Petition)

C: "Thy kingdom come." ... God's kingdom comes in two ways: first, it comes here, in time, through the Word and faith, and secondly, in eternity, it comes through the final revelation. Now, we pray for both of these, that it may come to those who are not yet in it, and that it may come by daily growth here and in eternal life hereafter to us who have attained it. All this is simply to say: "Dear Father, we pray Thee, give us Thy Word, that the Gospel may be sincerely preached throughout the world and that it may be received by faith and may work and live in us. So we pray that Thy kingdom may prevail among us through the Word and the power of the Holy Spirit, that the devil's kingdom may be overthrown and he may have no right or power over us, until finally the devil's kingdom shall be utterly destroyed and sin, death, and hell exterminated, and that we may live forever in perfect righteousness and blessedness."



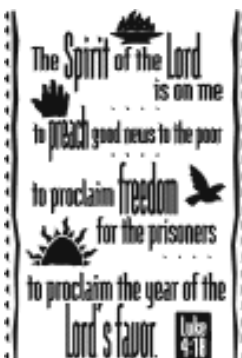
Hymn:..... WS 770: I Hear the Savior Calling

Sermon: Luke 4:18-19

THE SPIRIT of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. (RSV)

"Preach Good News"

**PASTOR JEREMIA E. ISSANGYA (from Tanzania)
Church of the Lutheran Confession – East Africa**



Offertory: TLH 658: Onward, Christian Soldiers

**Sing: Let us now go boldly Forth into the world
Zealous in our calling, Mighty force unfurled.
Christ calls us as fishers, Souls — our catch — the goal.
Great the catch and mighty, Set forth now the troll!
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

Hymn: TLH 507: Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word

Offering:

General Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: WS 769: Lift High the Cross

Closing Prayer:

P: Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have ordained Jesus, Your Son, to be the Savior of mankind and appointed us to proclaim the message of salvation to the ends of the earth. We implore You, awaken our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may ever bear in mind Your gracious purpose and solemn command. Kindle such fervent love and zeal in our hearts, that we may labor untiringly for the conversion of all who do not know You or have fallen away, that they may not be lost, but turn to You and praise Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction:

Hymn: TLH 502: Saints of God, the Dawn is Brightening

Silent Prayer:

*The farmer plows and soweth Good seed upon his field,
Yet God alone bestoweth On us a golden yield.
The sunshine and the rain Come down from heav'n above.
To Him we owe our harvest, To God, our God of love.*

*God loves us and to save us From sin and death and hell,
His own dear Son He gave us; And gave His Word to tell
The story of salvation Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
To bring to ev'ry nation The blessings of His Word.*

*God also gives His Spirit With faith to fill our hearts,
And trust in Jesus' merit. The Holy Ghost imparts
Through Sacrament and Word Forgiveness, peace, and love,
And hope to see the Savior As heirs of heaven above.*

By R. E. Lehmann, of Rushmore, Minn

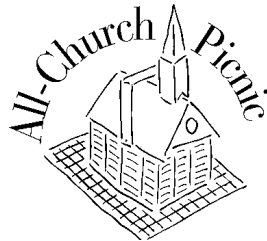
† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

◆ **Thanks** to Pastor Jeremiah Issangya from Tanzania for sharing the Word of God with us on this occasion. It is a privilege for us to have him here in our midst! Pastor Jeremiah attended the CLC Convention this past week. We thank the Lord that, in spite of cultural and lingual differences, we are bonded as one in Christ. Thus is the powerful nature of the Gospel that we share together, whether it be in the United States or in Tanzania.



◆ **Slideshow Presentation:** Following the service today there will be a short break followed by a slideshow here in the sanctuary that Pastor Jeremiah has put together. What a wonderful opportunity for us to learn how the Gospel is being proclaimed overseas.

◆ **Today's Church Picnic:** Following Pastor Jeremiah's slideshow today, there will be a church picnic here on the church grounds. An inflatable jumping gym has been set up for the children in the playground area behind the church. Smoked pulled pork sandwiches will be served, along with grilled hot dogs. Guests are certainly invited to stay.



◆ **Work Day:** Next Saturday there is a work day planned at the church starting at 9:00 am.

◆ **Updated Address:** The Degnan's have a new address: 11878 Dunkirk Circle; Blaine, MN 55449; 763-753-1705

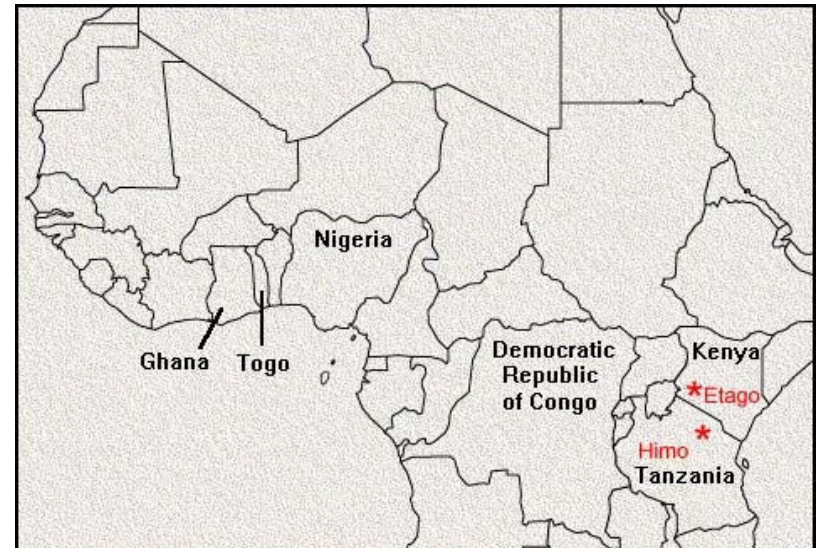
◆ **CLC Convention:** During this past week, the CLC Convention was held in Eau Claire, WI. The Lord truly blessed the work we undertook. A summary report of the Convention actions will, God-willing, be printed for next week's bulletin.



◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul in Bismarck, ND, has received the call to Faith at Markesan, WI.

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!

Tanzania



Missionary David Koenig writes: "On April 4, 2000 Pastor Jesse Angowi, bishop and head of the church, sent an inquiry letter to the CLC. As the missionary was going to be in Kenya shortly, a meeting was arranged. Four Lutheran pastors [Note: one of these was Pastor Jeremiah Issangya] from the LCEA in Tanzania met and discussed doctrine with us. There seemed to be agreement. The following year the missionary visited the LCEA congregations and pastors in Tanzania. Based upon this we declared fellowship. The LCEA consists of around 1000 souls in 15 congregations. In May of 2003, with CLC assistance, they started St. Peter's Seminary at Himo, Tanzania. There were nine students the first year of the three-year program offered. The school has served already as an outreach opportunity, since among those nine students there are several who are not of the LCEA, but are interested. It takes a lot of hard work to have a school like this function well. Pray that they can persevere. In outreach they have work among the Masai tribe. Only one in ten of the Masai are Christian. The Muslims are also working to bring the Masai into their religion. The LCEA has several stations where some Masai attend. It is hoped that one or more Masai men can attend the seminary. In the last visit by the missionary there were several new preaching stations. In addition to this, one of their pastors is seeking to establish a congregation in Dar es Salaam, a large and Muslim city. Pray that these brethren go forward with the Gospel trusting in the Lord who said His Word would not return to Him void."

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Janelle Hein *Elder:* Benno Sydow

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

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Michael Ude

Church Cleaners: B. Rust

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

Counting Team 4: Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel

Church Cleaners: B. Rust

† OUR SCHEDULE †

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

Sat., June 28: 9:00 am – Work Day at Grace

Sun., June 29: 9:00 am – Worship Service
 7:00, 8:00 pm – Grace Softball Games (Field #4)

July 21-25: Vacation Bible School

Last Week's Stats: June 15, 2008		Sun.: 123	
Sun. Offering:	Grace: 2,129.87	CLC: 616.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace: 3,225.00	CLC: 1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace: -1,095.13	CLC: -384.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace: 72,178.42	CLC: 23,414.35	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace: 77,400.00	CLC: 24,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace: -5,221.58	CLC: -585.65	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith: 2.00	Tuition: 131.00	
GLC Other: 75.00	MDF: 77.00	Kinship: 50.00	
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg. 117.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 30.00

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9

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