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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 15

Date: August 24, 2008

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 138, TLH p. 154*

Hymn: *TLH 396: Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink*

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

First Reading: *Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

God in His Word never spoke in exclusive terms about the offer of salvation. He wanted **"all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."** Yet neither did He speak in permissive terms. We ought to be of the same mind - wanting all men to be saved, but never willing to compromise the Word of God in our own misguided effort to accomplish that noble goal.

Second Reading: *Romans 11:13-15, 29-32*

Jesus made it clear that He loved his own race, the Jews, but came to suffer and die for all men, for "God so loved the world..." Paul here imitates his Lord. Some mistakenly believe that Paul is here teaching that all will eventually go to heaven. The offer of heaven is open to all, but only through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In that way God has mercy on all.

Alleluia: *WS p. 14 f.*

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

Hymn: *TLH 381: I know My Faith Is Founded*

Sermon: *Matthew 15:21-28*

(21) Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. (22) And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of

David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." (23) But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." (24) But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (25) Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" (26) But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." (27) And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." (28) Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Proof and the Christian Faith

Adapted from a sermon written by Pastor Michael Roehl

Offertory: *WS p. 16*

Hymn: *WS 775: Thy Strong Word*

Offering, Prayers, Benediction:

Hymn: *TLH 45: Now, the Hour of Worship O'er*

Council Meeting Notes - August 10, 2008

The July Council meeting minutes were accepted as presented. The July treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Pastor's Report

★ No report.

Board of Elders Report

★ Proposed wording for the Living Faith Fund for the handbook was read.

Board of Education Report

- ★ VBS went well. Attendance was about 25.
- ★ The school at Prince of Peace is not closing.
- ★ A motion to create a cell phone allowance of \$50 per month starting September 1, 2008 for our principal was approved.

Board of Trustees Report

- ★ School items have been moved from the POD back into the classrooms.
- ★ Bell noise has been addressed.
- ★ A bathroom problem in the parsonage has been fixed.
- ★ Various items were added to the Trustees list.

Other Business

Location options for the sound/video system are being considered.

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Appreciation:** Pastor Hein and his family returned from their trip to Washington State. They were able to visit family, help clean up the farm buildings, and see sites in Seattle, among other things. Many thanks to the congregation for making this possible!
- ◆ **Caring Bridge:** Retired Prof. Michael Sydow was hospitalized this week due to treatment reaction for his pancreatic cancer. A caring bridge site has been set up: www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelsydow
- ◆ **Flag Pole Area:** The grass area around the flag pole has been cleared for cement due to on-going problems with weeds. Members are welcome to the pavers which are available for the taking.
- ◆ **Berea Open:** The annual Berea golf tournament is scheduled for Sept. 13 with registration due on Sept. 6. Registration and information is available by the guest book.
- ◆ **ILC Begins Year:** Tomorrow Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will begin its new school year. There will be an opening service at 10 am. Things are looking positive with regard to an increased enrollment and the new building will soon be undergoing construction. Two students will be attending from Grace: Matthew Vandever as a freshman and Christina Hein as a Sophomore. May the Lord bless them with His on-going presence and promises during their time away from home.
- ◆ **ILC Building:** On-going progress of the ILC Academic Center may be monitored at www.ilcpublicity.org. The month of July was a generous month of offerings toward support of the project as there were over \$31,000 in Building Fund receipts and \$137,500 in promissory notes toward the Church Extension Fund (the fund that supports various mortgages for building projects in the CLC). Our member, Lyle Trulin, is one of the members of the building committee and can also answer any questions you may have about the project.
- ◆ **ILC Announcement:** We are pleased to announce the addition of Joleen Williams to the GBO staff. Joleen will be serving as our afternoon receptionist in the school office on M,W,F, and helping as support staff in the office on T,Th mornings. We look forward to working with her and ask the Lord's blessings as we serve Immanuel together during the coming school year. Jessica Lau has increased her weekly hours and now will be handling Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in addition to her M-F morning hours. ... We appreciate your continued patience and support as we strive to fulfill your requests and serve your needs in the best possible way. It is a great blessing to work with those who share our love of Christ, His teachings, and His people. – ILC President John Pfeiffer



- ◆ **Fay:** The Lord has again been remarkably gracious toward us down here in Florida. We were particularly vulnerable. We are putting an addition on the teacherage. Saturday we stripped the roof and put on the tar paper. We were not able to get the inspection done before the storm hit. At first it looked like Hurricane/Tropical Storm Fay was coming right for Winter Haven. However, the eye moved about sixty miles to the east. As a result, we have been on the edge of the storm the whole time. It came in south of us going across the state from the west coast to the east coast. (No damage to North Port.) Then when it hit the Atlantic at Melbourne, it turned and came back over the north of us. If you look at a map, it is almost like the line the Lord put between the Egyptians and the land of Goshen. Seventy miles south of us, seventy miles east of us, and now seventy miles north of us there were winds of up to 60 mph and over 24 inches of rain. We got very little wind or rain. In fact, the shingles were put on yesterday and the house wrap, windows, and door were installed on the addition. Fay is like some other guests that come to Florida. She won't leave. It's moving a little faster (6mph) now which is good because it won't drop as much rain as when it was almost stationary. It still has winds of 50 mph. We are still getting the feeder bands which means light windy rain that comes and goes and makes a mess. The weather is really kind of pleasant here with all the breeze. O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good. Pastor John Schierenbeck, Winter Haven, FL
- ◆ **50th Anniversary Invitation:** Our Redeemer's, Red Wing, MN, is holding a special service, September 21, 2008, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Pastor John Hein Liturgist, Pastor David Lau guest Speaker. Meal follows. For those attending our ladies would like a guess as to how many folks may be coming. You may email your intention to Pastor Rick Grams at rrgrams1534@yahoo.com.
- ◆ **From the CLC President:** I have accepted the recommendation of the reentry committee regarding Phil Matzke. At this time, we encourage Phil Matzke to make use of his gifts by preaching for Mission Festivals and preaching and working within congregations as he has opportunity. The committee leaves open his reapplying for inclusion in the CLC roster in the future. We thank the Lord of the Church for His gifts to the Church in people willing to serve in the public ministry.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Gurath has returned the call extended by Berea of Inver Grove Hts., and Grace of Fridley, to serve in the Twin Cities area. The Metro Ministry Board will meet soon. † Pastor Nathanael Mayhew has returned the call to Faith in Markesan, WI. † Living Word of Liberty, MO (Kansas City area), has called Michael Gurath to serve the congregation. † Holy Cross of Phoenix, AZ, has called Michael Gurath to participate in the congregation's local mission outreach effort, Oct. 2008 through June 2009.



† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Janelle Hein Elder: Al Rosendahl
Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Keith Radichel, James Squires, Eli Wales, Bob Vandever
Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales
Church Cleaners: P. & J. Radichel

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Keith Radichel, James Squires, Eli Wales, Bob Vandever
Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Michael Ude
Church Cleaners: P. & J. Radichel

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service
Mon., Aug. 25: 10:00 am – ILC Opening Service
Wed., Aug. 27: 4:00 -5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
Tue., Sept. 2: Grace School Opening Day
Sun., Sept. 7: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School Begin
 10:00 am – Worship Schedule Changes
 11:00 am – Hospitality Begins

Last Week's Stats:		Aug. 17, 2008	Sun.: 109		
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,507.80	CLC:	717.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,225.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-719.22	CLC:	-95.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	96,474.03	CLC:	31,419.35	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	106,425.00	CLC:	33,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-9,950.97	CLC:	-1,580.65	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	1.00	Tuition:	32.00	
GLC Other:	MDF:	7.00	Kinship:	55.00	
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	55.00	IIF: 1.00	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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Now faith is the
 substance
 of things hoped for...
 Hebrews 11:1