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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Trinity

Date: June 7, 2009

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Hymn: TLH 246: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Liturgy: TLH, p. 15 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)

Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie): TLH, pp. 16-17

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

C: Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy.

P: Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones,

C: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

C: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. 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: Isaiah 6:1-8

The triple "holy" in the description of God gives credence to the Trinity.

Gradual:

P: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

C: His greatness no one can fathom.

P: I will meditate on Your wonderful works,

C: And I will proclaim Your great deeds.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;

C: The whole earth is full of His glory. Alleluia.

Second Reading: John 3:1-17

Note how each person of the Trinity is mentioned in this familiar passage.

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed, TLH p. 22

Hymn: TLH 252: *We All Believe in One True God*

Sermon: 1 John 5:1-11

(1) Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. (2) By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. (3) For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. (4) For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world; our faith. (5) Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (6) This is He who came by water and blood; Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. (7) For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. (8) And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. (9) If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. (10) He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. (11) And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. (NKJVTM)

"Common Ground in Christianity"

Offertory: TLH p. 22 f.

Hymn: TLH 244: *Glory Be to God the Father*

Offering & Prayer:

Liturgy for the Lord's Supper: TLH p. 24 ff.

Distribution: Meditative Music



Note: In obedience to God's Word, and out of concern for the welfare of souls (1 Corinthians 11:29), and finally that we may honestly express the unity of faith and hope that binds us, we ask that only such as have identified with Grace through public confession of faith or another CLC congregation, approach the altar at the usher's direction.

Nunc Dimittis, Prayer, Benediction: TLH 29 ff.

Closing Hymn: TLH 644: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings*

“IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST”

Because much baggage has been attached to the name in our day, we must define what we mean by the name “Christian.” That name, first applied to the disciples in Antioch (Acts 11:26) by their enemies is used twice more in Scripture—in Acts 26:28 and 1 Peter 4:16. The Greek word from which the term comes means “a follower of Christ, belonging to Christ.” Who is a follower of Christ? Jesus said in John 8:31, “If ye *continue in My Word*, then you are my disciples indeed...” To be a follower of Jesus is more than adopting the popular “What would Jesus do (WWJD)?” mantra or patterning one’s life after that of Jesus. Continuing in the Word of Christ is an implicit acceptance of *all* that Jesus is (True God and true Man), taught (The inspired Word), and did (Kept the law perfectly, innocently suffered and died, and rose again) for our salvation!

Man separated Himself from God through sin. God (the Father) determined in eternity to send Jesus (His Son) in the flesh to reconcile the world unto Himself through the substitutionary atonement of Christ. God (the Holy Spirit) is the Creator of saving faith in the heart, such faith that says, “I believe.” Thus the Christian confesses faith in the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who brings the sinner to faith in Jesus, and through Jesus to the Father. Jesus said, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep my Word; and My Father will love Him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him” (John 14:23).

Inasmuch as we are Christians, we have been made so by the agency of the Triune God (The Trinity). Any confession of God that is not an implicit confession of the Triune God is not a Christian confession regardless of how piously an individual or a church may intone the name of God.

The Trinitarian confession is not exclusively Lutheran. It is the confession of the early Christian Church enunciated in the Apostolic Creed (date unknown), the Nicene Creed (A.D. 325), and the Athanasian Creed (A.D. 450). Of the Athanasian, Martin Luther said, “I do not know of any more important document of the New Testament Church since the days of the Apostles.” And what is the confession of the Athanasian Creed? “Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic [i.e. **universal, Christian**] faith. Which faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly. And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in unity.”

The early Church made no concessions. After setting forth the unity of the Triune God and testifying to the unique dual nature of Christ as well as the work of the Triune God for our salvation, the Creed concludes, “This is the Catholic faith; which except a man believe faithfully and firmly, he cannot be saved.” [For the whole Creed see “*The Lutheran Hymnal*,” page 53].

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 6/7/2009

† **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** †

- ◆ **New Outreach Effort in the Twin Cities:** Regular Sunday morning services are now being held in Eden Prairie, MN, as an outreach effort in the southwest area of the Twin Cities. Worship services are at 9:00 at Albin Chapel, 6855 Rowland Road. For directions or any other information, you may contact either Pastor David Schierenbeck (651.454.7689, berea-pastor@comcast.net) or Pastor John Hein (763.784.8784, jphein@clclutheran.com). You may also check out the website at <http://clclutheran.org/berea/MetroOutreach.htm>. As with all our CLC efforts, we pray that the Lord will richly bless the sowing of His Word!



- ◆ **Quiet Bags:** The Dorcas Guild has put together "Quiet Bags" for children to use during the service. They can be found in the Parent's Room. Please return them to the Parent's Room after the service. Thank you.



- ◆ **Thank You:** We want to thank all of those who shared in rejoicing of our 40 years of marriage, a blessing from the Lord. Dave and Norma Rust.
- ◆ **Invitation:** The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Pastor Gordon Radtke invite you to join them in celebrating Gordon's 90th birthday and 65 years in the public ministry. The celebration will take place immediately following the 7:30 pm Wednesday night communion service, June 17th at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. Dessert and light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to zimmermanjre@charter.net or call 715-834-7689 by Monday, June 8th so we can have a rough estimate for a head count.
- ◆ **ILC Librarian Needed:** Due to the resignation of the librarian, ILC is searching for a skilled individual to carry out the work of organizing, maintaining, and enhancing the library at ILC. If you are interested, please contact your pastor for a copy of the job description. At ILC, please contact President John K. Pfeiffer (john.pfeiffer@ilc.edu; 715-836-6621 or 831-9470; 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701).
- ◆ **Call News:** Candidate Aaron Ude has received the call to be pastor at Living Word in the Kansas City area. † Mrs. Anya Oster has returned the call to teach pre-K at Messiah school in Eau Claire, 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!

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Frank Radichel

Ushers: Mark Wales, Pete Fleischer, Don Auel, Ole Olmanson, Brandt Wendland

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

Church Cleaners: Welker

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: David Stifter, John Auel, Scott Baker, Al Rosendahl, Lyle Trulin, Micheal Ude

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

Church Cleaners: Welker

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Trinity)
6:00 pm – Softball Games (Field 1)

Sun., Jun. 14: 9:00 am – Worship Service

June 16-18: CLC Pastoral Conference @ Eau Claire, WI

June 21: Church Picnic

June 22-27: Youth Conference

July 19-25: Youth Camp at ILC

August 3-7: Vacation Bible School

Last Week's Stats: May 31, 2009 Sun.: 127

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,280.00	CLC:	\$722.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-20.00	CLC:	-278.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	66,849.75	CLC:	21,682.40
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	72,600.00	CLC:	22,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-5,750.25	CLC:	-317.60
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	15.00	Tuition:	27.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	65.00	Kinship:	64.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	43.00	IIF: 14.00	CEF: 16.00

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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