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*Grace Lutheran Church & School*



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**Church Year:** Pentecost 3      **Date:** June 21, 2009

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 92, TLH p. 143*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 16: Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

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

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

- P: Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.
- C: Shout for joy to the Lord, come before Him with joyful songs.**
- P: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His;
- C: We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**
- P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
- C: Give thanks to Him and praise His name. Glory be to God!**

**Gloria in Excelsis:** ..... *TLH 246, st. 1,4: Holy, Holy, Holy*

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
 God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
 God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**First Reading:** ..... *2 Corinthians 5:1-10*

During our temporary "tent life" on earth, we who believe in Christ "live by faith, not by sight." Christians prefer to leave behind this nomadic life on earth and dwell "at home with the LORD." It is not a death wish, but a desire for glory. Until that glory is fully realized, we live to please our God so that we need not be ashamed before the judgment seat of Christ.

**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. May Your priests be clothed with righteousness;  
**C: May your saints sing for joy. Alleluia.**

**Second Reading:** ..... *Mark 4:26-34*

Christ's parables of the growing seed and the mustard seed. God's kingdom comes and His will is done without our prayer. Without the least effort on our part, the Word grows in the hearer and accomplishes what God pleases. In this unobtrusive way, souls are added to the kingdom. That kingdom, though it has humble beginnings, grows into a tree large enough for people throughout the world to enjoy its saving protection.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 645: Behold, a Branch is Growing*

**Sermon:** ..... *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

(22) Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will take also one of the highest branches of the high cedar and set it out. I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it on a high and prominent mountain. (23) "On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it; and it will bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. Under it will dwell birds of every sort; in the shadow of its branches they will dwell. (24) "And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, have brought down the high tree and exalted the low tree, dried up the green tree and made the dry tree flourish; I, the LORD, have spoken and have done it." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

*TREE LOVERS*

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

**Hymn:** ..... *WS 757: Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning*

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

**Closing Hymn:** ..... *WS 769: Lift High the Cross*

*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!*

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Today:** Our annual church picnic will follow today's worship service. Pulled pork sandwiches and grilled hot dogs will be offered. Stay and enjoy the Christian fellowship!
- ◆ **Fathers Day:** A blessed Father's Day to our Christian fathers today!
- ◆ **Among Us:** Gilbert Maestas had successful surgery at Veterans Medical Center on Monday to repair a collapsed lung and his diaphragm. He is expected to be in the hospital for at least another week. Wayne and Tina Eichstadt nee Radichel were blessed with a baby girl, Anna Esther Eichstadt, this past Friday.
- ◆ **VBS Volunteers:** Volunteers are being sought for our annual Vacation Bible School. This will be held on August 3-7 from 9-11:30 am. Please speak with Pastor Hein or one of the Board of Ed. members: Ole Olmanson, Mark Wales, and Larry Nelson.
- ◆ **CLC Pastoral Conference:** This past week the general CLC Pastoral Conference was held in Eau Claire, WI. A number of presentations were made, including: New Testament Study of 1 Thess. 4:1-12 (E. Libby); Old Testament Study of Joel 2:21-27 (P. Schaller); Context of 1 Corinthians 11:1-6 (P. Sullivan); Survey of Millennialism (D. Schierenbeck); Engaging In Mission Work While Maintaining Confessional Integrity (L. Bernthal).
- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **Arise and Shine Retreat:** is scheduled for August 6-9 at Cuivre River State Park near St. Louis Missouri. Arise and Shine is an annual four day retreat designed to encourage Christian fellowship, growth, and training for those members of the CLC in their 20's and 30's. This year's theme is Be Ready...to Encourage Your Fellow Christian, to Share the Good News, and to Defend the Truth of God's Word. Registration is open at: [www.ariseandshineretreat.com/](http://www.ariseandshineretreat.com/)
- ◆ **Call News:** Former pastor and missionary, Paul Gurgel, has received the call to Our Redeemer's in Red Wing, MN. † CLC President John Schierenbeck has declared former pastor, Philip Matzke, eligible for a call into the CLC ministry.



## Council Meeting Notes - June 14, 2009

Meeting opened with a prayer at 10:45 AM. Roll was taken. The May Council meeting minutes were accepted as presented. The May treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

### Board of Elders Report

- The congregational picnic is next Sunday.
- They are addressing a membership issue.
- A member will be borrowing chairs.
- Benno is revising the constitution w/all the latest updates.
- Rick is developing a template for video projection.

### Board of Education Report

- The end-of-school-year activities were successful.
- The school calendar for next school year is being finalized.
- Some lights in the school are still not working.
- Prince of Peace is closing their school next year. We may possibly have some new students.
- They are looking for teachers for VBS in early August.
- They are looking for a new Sunday School superintendent.
- They are addressing where the Sunday School offerings are to be designated.

### Board of Trustees Report

- An estimate of \$700 was obtained to wax and prep the floors.
- A floor burnisher has been purchased.
- The lawn mower will be repaired.
- The copy machine will be addressed soon. A \$5000 guideline will be considered.
- Ice buildup by the walkway must be addressed.
- June 27 is the next work day.

### Other Business

- Ole is working on website changes.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 11:05 AM.

Roger Ochsner  
Secretary, Grace Lutheran Church

† TODAY AT GRACE †

*Organist:* Maureen Ochsner      *Elder:* Dave Rust

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

*Counting Team 5:* Mike Dick; Brad Kitzman; Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner

*Church Cleaners:* Welker

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

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

*Church Cleaners:* Kitzman

† OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Worship Service  
10:00 am – Church Picnic  
4:00 pm – Softball Games (Field 2)

**June 22-27:** Youth Conference  
**Sun., Jun. 28:** 9:00 am – Worship Service  
**July 19-25:** Youth Camp at ILC  
**August 3-7:** Vacation Bible School

**Last Week's Stats:** June 14, 2009      Sun.: 118

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,838.76	CLC:	\$791.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,461.24	CLC:	-209.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	71,212.11	CLC:	23,099.40
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	79,200.00	CLC:	24,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-7,987.89	CLC:	-900.60
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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2 Thessalonians 3:5