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*Grace Lutheran Church & School*

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**Church Year:** Pentecost 4      **Date:** June 28, 2009

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 46, TLH p. 134*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 9: O Day of Rest and Gladness*

**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 466, st. 4*

Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,  
One in might and one in glory, While unending ages run.

**First Reading:** ..... *Job 38:1-11*

The Lord demonstrates His greatness, especially compared to mankind's.

**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 4:35-41*

All things are under the power of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 398: Renew Me, O Eternal Light*

**Sermon:** ..... *2 Corinthians 5:14-21*

(14) For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; (15) and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. (16) Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. (17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (18) Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, (19) that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. (20) Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. (21) For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (NKJV™)

***A Fresh Start in Christ***

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 537: Every Morning Mercies New*

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

**Closing Hymn:** ..... *TLH 51: Now May He Who from the Dead*

**WELCOME!** The Lord gives us all a fresh start in life, having washed away our sins. He understands our human frailty and the need to have a new beginning. In His mercy He has reconciled us to God, giving us a relationship of peace with Him. Living with this fresh start, may the Lord enable us by His Word to serve Him by sharing this message to all others, for He has cleansed you so that you are now His ambassador. Those interested in learning more about our living Savior and the teachings found in His Word, please speak with Pastor Hein.

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Thanks** to those who participated in work day yesterday and last week!
- ◆ **Among Us:** Gilbert Maestas remains hospitalized at Veterans Medical Center. He was able to move on from the ICU. We thank the Lord for his on-going recovery. Celeste Reim, mother of Pat Dick and wife of sainted pastor Norbert Reim, fell asleep in Jesus at about noon this past Thursday. The memorial service was yesterday. Cards may be sent to Pat Dick; 1953 130<sup>th</sup> Lane NW; Coon Rapids, MN 55448 or to the family at Nancy Miller; 3600 Coye Oak Dr.; Modesto, CA 95355-1410. The family has decided to have any memorials go to the Mission Development Fund designated for assisting with the building of a church in Africa in remembrance of Norbert and Celeste's many years of service in Nigeria. Yesterday Gretchen Sydow was married to Scott Fitzgerald. May the Lord bless their marriage!
- ◆ **Baby Shower:** The ladies of the congregation are invited to a baby shower for Heidi Nelson on Saturday, July 25 from 1-3pm. More details are available on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes. Please RSVP to Laura or Trudy Wales by July 18.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Eden Prairie Worship:** Regular Sunday morning services are being held at 9:00 am in Eden Prairie, MN, as an outreach effort in the southwest area of the Twin Cities. Flyers for this outreach effort are located by the guest book.
- ◆ **TVBS:** The CLC TVBS Committee is in need of help. The flier trip to Spring and Weslaco, Texas, is in need of two chaperons. The trip leaves Monday, July 6 and returns on Tuesday, July 14. For details on the TVBS program, please go to [www.clctvbs.org](http://www.clctvbs.org) where you can see an itinerary as well as an online registration page. Because of donations from CLC members and the the CLC Mission Board, this trip costs nothing for the volunteers and chaperons other than the giving of your time. Please help us further the gospel message here in the US by assisting the TVBS program this summer. If you have immediate questions, please don't hesitate to call Ross Roehl at 715-864-1764.
- ◆ **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/)



## CLC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book

*The following is something that Pastor David Lau has written up for our congregation in a book that will be published for the CLC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please check this over and let pastor know ASAP if anything needs to be revised:*



"Grace congregation was born, by the grace of God, out of concern for the preservation of God's truth." In December of 1954 the first service was held at the Hayes Elementary School on Mississippi Street. The service was conducted by Otto Abrams, a student from the Orthodox Lutheran Seminary of the Orthodox Lutheran Conference. After ordination Abrams continued to serve as pastor. The congregation was organized as Grace Lutheran Church in the summer of 1955. Grace was originally a mission congregation of the Orthodox Lutheran Conference and then became independent for a time before affiliating with the Church of the Lutheran Confession. In 1958 the congregation built a church-parsonage combination at 460 75th Avenue Northeast.

When Pastor Otto Abrams was granted a leave of absence for reasons of health, Norman Harms, a 1961 graduate of Immanuel Lutheran Seminary, was ordained and installed as supply pastor at Grace on March 24, 1963. When Pastor Abrams resigned because of ill health in September of 1963, Harms was installed as the congregation's permanent pastor on February 23, 1964. After Norman Harms received a peaceful release from his call, Professor Egbert Schaller of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, served as vacancy pastor, beginning on February 1, 1965. During the vacancy the congregation completed the second floor of the parsonage before welcoming Carl Thurow, formerly of Lamar, Colorado, as its new pastor on June 6, 1965. In the fall of 1976 Grace congregation opened a Christian Day School.

Ground was broken for a new church and fellowship building in July of 1983. On February 9, 1986, over 400 persons attended a special service in this not-yet-completed edifice when Carl Heinrich Schmutzler, formerly a pastor in the Church of Sweden, was installed as an assistant pastor. After many months of hard work this sanctuary was dedicated to the service of the Lord on June 1, 1986.

In 1963 there were 187 baptized members, including 81 pre-communicants. In 1966 the membership was down to 109 souls, with 27 pre-confirmation children. Membership kept rising after that, until the figure of 323 souls was reached in 1988. From 1976 to 1985 there were over 100 pre-communicant children in the congregation. Membership dropped to 240 souls in 2001, with 41 pre-communicants. In 2007 there were 241 baptized members, including 58 pre-communicants.

Pastors serving Grace congregation have been Otto Abrams (1954-1963), Norman Harms (1963-1965), Carl Thurow (1965-1969), Harold Duehlmeier (1970-1978), Daniel Fleischer (1978-1998), John Ude (1998-2005), and John Hein (2005- ).

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

*Organist:* Jan Davis

*Elder:* Dave Rust

*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

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

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

*Church Cleaners:* Hein

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

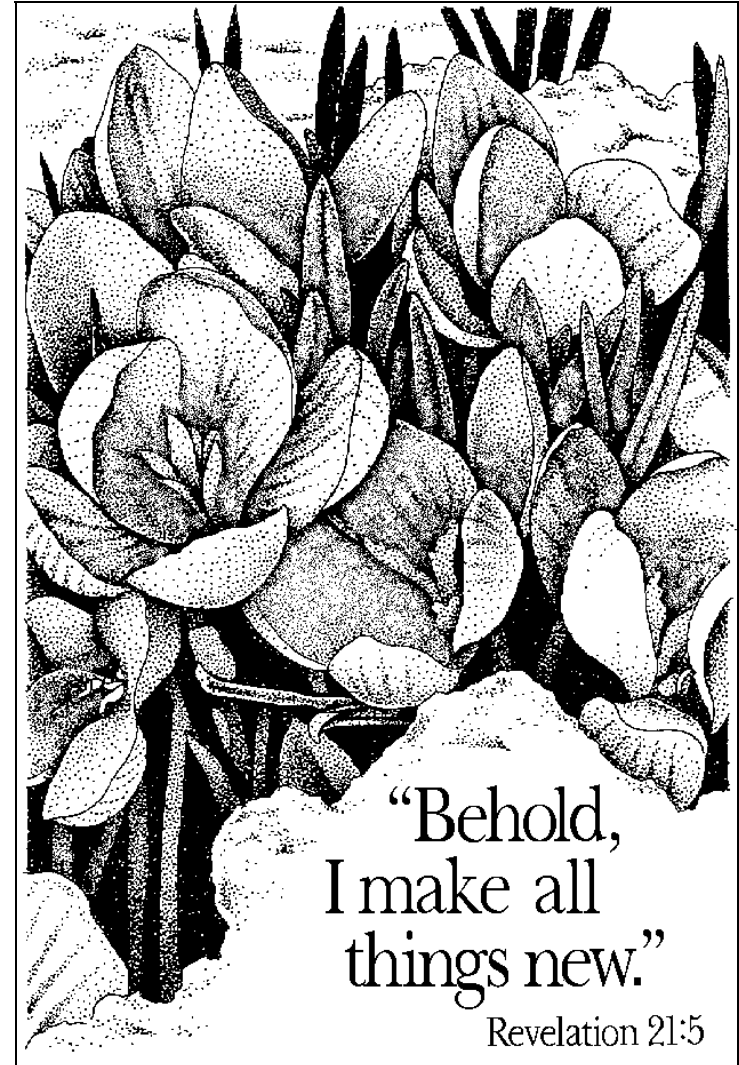
**Today:** 9:00 am – Worship Service  
8:00 pm – Softball Games (Field 1)  
**Sun., July 5:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper  
**July 19-25:** Youth Camp at ILC  
**Sat., July 25:** 1-3 pm – Nelson Baby Shower  
**August 3-7:** Vacation Bible School

Last Week's Stats:		June 21, 2009	Sun.: 96
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,096.75	CLC: \$980.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC: 1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,203.25	CLC: -20.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	73,308.86	CLC: 24,079.40
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	82,500.00	CLC: 25,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-9,191.14	CLC: -920.60
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	39.00	Tuition: 75.00
GLC Other: 59.00	MDF: 14.00		Kinship: 64.00
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg. 165.00		IIF: 14.00 CEF: 14.00

*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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“Behold,  
I make all  
things new.”

Revelation 21:5