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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 9

Date: August 2, 2009

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 51, TLH p. 134 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 782: Evening and Morning*

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

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

P: Your Word is a lamp to my feet

C: And a light to my path.

P: Teach me Your way, O Lord, and I will walk in Your truth;

C: Give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name.

P: I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart;

C: For great is Your love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 237, st. 1: All Glory Be to God on High*

P: All glory be to God on high, who hath our race befriended!

C: To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.

God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

First Reading: *Genesis 3:8-15*

The resulting disconnect with God. But also the promise of reconnection!

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. My Word that goes forth from My mouth ...

C: It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 4:13-18*

Our light afflictions lead us to see the unseen eternal wonders of God.

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed, TLH p. 22*

Hymn: *TLH 433: Jesus, My Truth, My Way*

Sermon: *Mark 3:20-35*

(20) Then the multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. (21) But when His own people heard *about this*, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind." (22) And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub," and, "By the ruler of the demons He casts out demons." (23) So He called them to *Himself* and said to them in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan? (24) "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. (25) "And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. (26) "And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end. (27) "No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house. (28) "Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; (29) "but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation"; (30) because they said, "He has an unclean spirit." (31) Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him. (32) And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You." (33) But He answered them, saying, "Who is My mother, or My brothers?" (34) And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! (35) "For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother." (NKJVTM)

"Burning Bridges or Having Connections"

Offertory: *TLH p. 22 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 352: O Savior, Precious Savior*

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.*

Hymn: *TLH 47: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School:** Will be held this week from 9-11:30 am. If you haven't signed up your child (age 4 years through 8th grade), please speak with Pastor. A signup list for snacks is located by the guest book. Help with the picnic would also be appreciated. The last day may run a little late with the picnic. Also, next Sunday the children will participate in the regular worship service.
- ♦ **VBS Craft:** On Wed., Aug. 5, the VBS children will be working with bleach. Please send your child in old clothing or dressed in all white on this day. Cover-up shirts will be provided, or you are welcome to send your own. However, this does not ensure 100 percent protection. Thanks!
- ♦ **Among Us:** Next Sat., John Auel will be united in marriage with Sarah Bedbury. We pray that the Lord will bless their marriage in their years ahead.
- ♦ **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 are by the guest book.
- ♦ **Dorcas Guild Announcement:** Nominations for Dorcas Guild officers were taken at the July 19, 2009, Dorcas Guild meeting. The names of the persons nominated are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Ladies not present at the meeting in July are given an opportunity to nominate additional persons for office. Please check the list, and write in names of persons you would like to nominate. Elections will be held during the October meeting.
- ♦ **CLC News:** Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Immanuel in Mankato, MN, has received the call to Messiah 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!

ANNIVERSARY HISTORICAL FACT: In 1960, nine names were suggested as the name of the new church body: Lutheran Christian Church, Church of the Lutheran Confessions, Immanuel Lutheran Conference, Evangelical Lutheran Conference, Memorial Lutheran Conference, Spokesman Lutheran Conference, Lutheran Christian Missionary Church, and Lutheran Confessional Fellowship, as well as the one by which we are identified today: CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION.



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To our adult children: We thank the Lord every day for you, and for your spouse. Whatever contribution we as Christian parents made to each of you being the person you are, we also recognize our shortcomings. Therefore we thank our Father in Heaven for having molded you by His Word. Continue to raise your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4), pray earnestly for them, and set them as an example of faithfulness to the Word of God in word and deed. As you love your children, it will return to you - a treasure as you grow older.

To our grandchildren: While you may not always appreciate it now, listen to and respect your Christian parents as they share the Gospel with you and exercise discipline in love. Above all, as they raise you in God's Word, your confession and life lived to the glory of God will be a cause of thanksgiving to them, and a blessing to others. There is no greater joy than the confident joy of Christian parents and children to know that, continuing in faith in Jesus ("By grace you are saved"), together they will be with the Lord in heaven forever.

To children and grandchildren: Remember, the Lord comes to us through His Word. Search the Scriptures faithfully. Living the life of a Christian in this world is not easy. Nevertheless, whatever ill one must suffer in this world for living and confessing Christ, it is a blessing beyond measure to have a conscience at peace with God. The ways and pleasures of this world make dismal contributions to society and will waste away. With the Lord first in your life you will find blessing and be a blessing to many. In all things, God's grace in Christ is sufficient for you in time, and for eternity.

LUTHER ON EDUCATION: "True it is that human wisdom and the liberal arts are noble gifts of God, good and useful for all kinds of things, wherefore one cannot do without them in this life. But they can never thoroughly tell us what sin and righteousness are in the eyes of God, how we can get rid of sins, become pious and just before God, and pass from death into life. Wisdom divine and an art supreme are required for this; and one does not find them in books of any jurist or worldly-wise person, but in the Bible alone, which is the Holy Spirit's book" (WLS, Vol. I, p. 449).

NOT LUTHER, but "Without cultivation of the moral interests, a technically trained man is only given more power to do harm. By this purely secular, non-moral and non-religious training we produce not a real human being but a horrible Frankenstein, and we are beginning to shrink back from the product of our own hands." J. Gresham Machen

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Mike Dick, Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Dale Enns,
Lynn Sandhoefner

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

Church Cleaners: L. Radichel

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Mike Dick, Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Dale Enns,
Lynn Sandhoefner

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

Church Cleaners: J. Radichel

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service (w/Lord's Supper)

August 3-7: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

Sun., Aug. 9: 9:00 am – Worship Service (VBS Review)

Sat., Aug. 15: 9:00 am – School Workday

Mon., Aug. 24: ILC Begins School

Mon., Aug. 31: Grace Begins School

Last Week's Stats: July 26, 2009 Sun.: 120

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,115.80	CLC:	\$1,032.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-184.20	CLC:	+32.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	88,264.83	CLC:	28,657.40
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	99,000.00	CLC:	30,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-10,735.17	CLC:	-1,342.60
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	52.00	Tuition:	81.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	0.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	205.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

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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D I V I D E D
AGAINST ITSELF,
THAT HOUSE
CANNOT STAND.”**

MARK 3:25