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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 11

Date: August 16, 2009

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 126, TLH p. 153*

Hymn: *TLH 11: Safely Through Another Week*

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

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

P: I trust in Your unfailing love;

C: My heart rejoices in Your salvation.

P: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You,

C: Who walk in the light of Your presence, O Lord.

P: Be my rock of refuge,

C: A strong fortress to save me. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 377, st. 10*

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,

The God that saved us by His grace, - All glory to His merit!

O Triune God in heaven above, Who hast revealed Thy saving love,

Thy blessed name be hallowed.

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 5:12-15*

The observation of the Sabbath Day in the Old Testament was taken very seriously. It was considered a day of rest set aside for the LORD.

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. Your Word is a lamp to my feet ...

C: And a light to my path. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 4:5-12*

The message of Christ Jesus is to be preached by God's messenger.

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

Hymn: *TLH 276: Come Unto Me, Ye Weary*

Sermon: *Mark 2:23-28*

(23) Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain. (24) And the Pharisees said to Him, "Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" (25) But He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him: (26) "how he went into the house of God *in the days* of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat, except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?" (27) And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. (28) "Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath." (NKJVTM)

JESUS IS LORD OF THE SABBATH

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

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

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

Closing Hymn: *TLH 572: Praise to God, Immortal Praise*

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: The first colloquy in the CLC took place at the constituting convention in Watertown, SD, in 1960. The results were reported as favorable and a young man just graduated from the Wisconsin Synod Seminary was declared eligible for the ministry in the CLC. The young man was David Lau, who is presently writing the history of the first 50 years of the CLC.

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ♦ **Thanks** to all those who participated in the work day to get the school ready for the coming year.
 - ♦ **Academic Center Dedication:** On August 24, the opening day of Immanuel Lutheran College will see a service of dedication for the new academic center. The first portion of the service will take place at 10:00 am in the field house. From there the congregation will go to the academic center for prayers, thanksgiving, and the dedication of the building and of those who use it. You are invited to join us on this happy occasion and see for yourselves the blessings of the Lord.
 - ♦ **Sunday School:** One of the vital programs at Grace for the instruction of our youth is the Sunday School. Those interested in helping out with teaching, subbing, or helping out in any kind of way may speak with either Pastor Hein or Peter Fleischer, the superintendent.
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- Sunday School Start-up*
- ♦ **Catechism for Public School Students:** It won't be long now until Catechism starts up again. Sept. 2 will be the first class, continuing the Wednesday afternoon time slot as it seems to be the time with the least number of conflicts. We'll continue class at 4:00-5:45 pm.
 - ♦ **Grace Men's Retreat:** Planning is underway for the men's retreat to be held Sept. 18-20 at Remer, MN, same location as the past few years. Cost will be \$80 per person. This includes four meals and lodging. Those interested in being sponsors or being sponsored may speak with Eli Wales who is organizing the event. A sign-up sheet for those who plan to attend is by the guest book.
 - ♦ **Golf Tournament:** The date for the 2009 Snell Memorial Golf Tournament has been set for Sat., Sept. 26. Feel free to get yourself a team and email the registration to Steve Schierenbeck at Steve.Schierenbeck@metrostate.edu. He is hoping to do a shotgun start around noonish, and to do that 15 teams are needed. It should be a good time, for a worthy cause. Registration forms are available by the guest book. If you have any questions, email Steve.
 - ♦ **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.
 - ♦ **CLC News:** Pastor Daniel Fleischer of Resurrection in Corpus Christi, TX, (former pastor here at Grace) has announced his retirement which is planned for this coming April. He intends to fill the vacancy thereafter until such time that a pastor is secured. No plans have been made as of yet with regard to relocation. † Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Zion Ev. in Lawrenceville, GA (Atlanta area), has received the call to Our Redeemer's in Red Wing, MN.

Council Meeting Notes - August 9, 2009

The July Council meeting minutes and treasurer's reports were approved as presented.

Pastor's Report

- ⇒ Attempts are being made to contact some members regarding their attendance.
- ⇒ The fall Sunday schedule will start September 13, later than usual.
- ⇒ The average attendance for the metro outreach is about 30 each Sunday. They will be advertising in the local paper.

Board of Elders Report

- ⇒ A motion was made and approved to accept the transfer of the Benzer family from Watertown, SD.
- ⇒ The Spokesman will be mailed to each household starting this month.
- ⇒ David Naumann will be asked to preach at Mission Festival on Oct. 11.
- ⇒ The Elders are looking at the roles of the S.S Superintendent to see if a woman may serve in that capacity. A report will be given later.
- ⇒ There was a discussion regarding the worship slide presentation.

Board of Education Report

- ⇒ Three substitute teachers have been secured. Still looking for one more. Then calls will be issued.
- ⇒ Projecting 12 students for the coming school year.
- ⇒ The teachers would like all computers networked to one printer.
- ⇒ The teachers appreciate the new copier, but they would like it on a stand rather than on the counter.
- ⇒ The teachers requested a wall at the end of the hall to be painted.
- ⇒ They are looking for some school volunteers: art teacher, health teacher, library aid, student reading aid.
- ⇒ The ice cream social is Aug. 24, 7:00 PM for students and parents.
- ⇒ After some discussion, it was determined that substitute teachers do not have to be installed.

Board of Trustees Report

- ⇒ The lawn mower was repaired for \$609.
- ⇒ A printer/copier has been purchased. Four quotes were considered. A used HP was selected from Matrix Laser Care. Features: Lower cost, familiarity to our staff, buying cartridges from them also secures maintenance, capable of two-sided printing, total cost of \$4000, initial cost to get up and running of \$2000, estimate \$700/year for toner and cartridges, comparison over 3 years includes the initial cost, cartridges, and service fee.
- ⇒ Methods to dispose of recycling materials were discussed.
- ⇒ Weeds were sprayed twice.
- ⇒ Dry erase boards were installed in Ryan's room. We will have to use a spray erase product on them.

Other Business

- ⇒ All web site changes have been made by Ole and are ready for review before installation.
- ⇒ Two S.S. levels have been filled. Two more are needed.
- ⇒ 26 students attended VBS. Thanks to the staff members for their work.

EDUCATIONAL CHOICES: We know that the government has been intruding more and more into the family as well as injecting itself into the education of our children. For those who think that government interjection into education is good, here is an opportunity to take advantage of its involvement.

The Weekly Standard (August 3, 2009) records how the House Committee on Education and Labor explains that a student or his parents can avoid obtaining costly private loans for education, and instead receive a government loan. Since 1994 there has been a Direct Lending Program for students who needed money for school. “Before then the government had merely guaranteed student loans.” It has now been enhanced. The new act “does away with the federal guarantee for student loans and brings them all under the care of Congress and the federal department of Education ... *Federal direct lending will soon be the only kind of lending there is. Washington will be the lender of first and last resort.*” (All italics for emphasis is ours).

Private bank loans will still be available for those who want to go that route. *But for how long?* Eventually the private agencies will be crowded out by the government. The government loan program which would be available only for those attending public colleges is not new, but is being sweetened.

Sounds good? Probably very good since such loans can be totally forgiven! “Student borrowers can have their federal loans forgiven after 25 years, on the condition that they make a single minimum payment every 360 days. This is already a significant inducement to acquire a federal rather than a private loan. But the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program goes a step further: You can have your loan forgiven after only 10 years, vastly reducing the total amount of money you pay for your college education—to below \$5,000 in some cases—on three conditions. Your loan has to be handled directly by the government, with no contamination from private lenders; you have to meet a schedule of monthly minimum payments; and upon graduation you have to get the right kind of job. The right kind of job turns out to be what's loosely called ‘public service.’

“Work for the government, any government—whether as an actuary, a diplomat, or a teacher; a social worker, a fighter pilot, or a forklift driver—and you qualify for the loan forgiveness. You qualify, too, if you take a job with any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization: the Wilderness Society, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, the Rainbow Coalition, the Transgender Law and Policy Institute, even, theoretically, the Heritage Foundation. It doesn't matter if you're an agitator, lawyer, lobbyist, congressional aide, or a pavement-pounder hectoring passersby into signing petitions for Greenpeace. *The important thing is, you can't be helping anyone turn a profit.*” Of course, if you choose to do so, you can work for a profit making corporation. But you will have to repay your loan, while your friends who chose to work for the government will not.

If our politics is showing through it is only incidental. Our concern transcends politics. What then is the point? It is simply this. If one chooses to go into government service, fine, but resist the premise of “free” government money. Be wary of selling your future and your soul to the government!

We have long promoted Christian education at every level, including high school and college. Maintaining the system of education in our church may well become more difficult in part because of government intrusion. We need to pray the Lord to strengthen us in our appreciation of and our commitment to Christian education. We encourage the utilization of Immanuel Lutheran High School and College for secondary education. Our reason is defined in the mission statement of Immanuel: *“Immanuel exists for the express purpose of sharing the good news that the Son of God has come in the flesh and offered Himself as the perfect and complete sacrifice for the sins of every man, woman, and child . . . past, present, and future. We carry out this purpose by giving young men and women a Christ-centered, Biblical education. Upon completing their education at Immanuel, these young Christians go out into the world and share what they have learned.*

Those who become lay-members of CLC congregations share the Gospel with family, friends, and co-workers. Those who become Christian Day School teachers in the CLC share the Gospel with the children who enroll in their schools. Those who become pastors share the Gospel with the members of their congregations, with the unchurched in their communities, and with the heathen wherever they may be found.

Since every word of the Holy Bible has come from the Triune God, we at Immanuel are committed to the proclamation of all its teachings. We publicize our teachings in the form of the Lutheran Confessions, which are found in the Book of Concord. We confess all of these confessions to be an accurate presentation of the teachings of the Bible.”

Human nature being what it is, we all like something for nothing. The temptation will be to get a government loan because it is “free.” But ask if you really want to sell yourself to the government? If public education is your choice, then borrow privately and pay the cost—so long as private loans are still available. In that environment do not neglect the personal nourishment of your faith, and recognize the necessity to defend your faith in an environment that by its very nature is anti-Christian!

More important to our educational choice is recognition that the Christ-believers future is not measured in dollars and cents. Our real future is more than what this world or education of this world offers. The philosophy of public education is contrary to our future—our eternal future—because it rejects Christ and the truth of God's Word. At very least no one should dismiss consideration of attending Immanuel where one is built up in the most holy faith, built upon the foundation of Christ Jesus, Who bought you with the price of His holy precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. Make the choice for education not under coercion or bribery but in joyous opportunity in exercise of your faith to serve the Lord with gladness “in everlasting righteousness innocence and blessedness.” We ought put our children in position to, and assist them in making choices that permit them to, “grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). One need not sell one's soul to Him Who has saved him!

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 8/9/2009

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Janelle Hein Elder: Frank Radichel

Ushers: Pat Paplow, Gerald Anderson, Dan Degnan,
Brandon Paplow, Andrew Rosendahl

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

Church Cleaners: C. Lentz

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Pat Paplow, Gerald Anderson, Dan Degnan,
Brandon Paplow, Andrew Rosendahl

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

Church Cleaners: C. Lentz

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service

Sun., Aug. 23: 9:00 am – Worship Service

Mon., Aug. 24: 10:00 am – ILC Opening Service

Mon., Aug. 31: 8:00 am – Grace School Opening Service

Wed., Sept. 2: 4:00-5:45 pm – Public School Catechism Begins

Sun., Sept. 13: FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS

9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class Begin

10:00 am – Worship Service (Schedule Changes)

11:15 am – Hospitality Hour Begins

Last Week's Stats: Aug. 9, 2009 Sun.: 104

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,056.00	CLC:	\$596.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,244.00	CLC:	-404.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	92,071.58	CLC:	30,069.40
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	105,600.00	CLC:	32,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-13,528.42	CLC:	-1,930.60
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	51.00	Tuition:	77.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	146.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	76.00	IIF: 26.00	CEF: 1.00

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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“Remember
the sabbath
day, to keep
it holy.”

Exodus 20:8