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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 21 **Date:** October 25, 2009

✠ **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** ✠

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 119, Part VII, TLH p. 150*

Hymn: *TLH 394: My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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 will extol the Lord at all times, His praise will always be on my lips.

C: My soul will boast in the Lord, let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

P: Glorify the Lord with me;

C: Let us exalt His name together.

P: I sought the Lord, and He answered me;

C: He delivered me from all my fears.

P: The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;

C: He delivers them from all their troubles. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 239, st. 1, 4: Come, Thou Almighty King*

<p>1. Come, Thou almighty King, Help us thy name to sing, Help us to praise. Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days</p>	<p>4. To the great One in Three Eternal praises be Hence evermore! His sov'reign majesty May we in glory see And to eternity Love and adore!</p>
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First Reading: *Proverbs 9:1-6*

Wisdom is found in simplicity of understanding.

Gradual:

P: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;

C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

C: Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in Him;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Ephesians 5:15-20*

As Christians we are to walk through life with wisdom, not being as fools.

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

Hymn: *TLH 396: Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink*

Sermon: *Mark 9:14-27*

(14) And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. (15) Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to *Him*, greeted Him. (16) And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?" (17) Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. (18) "And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." (19) He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." (20) Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. (21) So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. (22) "And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." (23) Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." (24) Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" (25) When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" (26) Then *the spirit* cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." (27) But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. (NKJVTM)

"Lord, I Believe; Help My Unbelief!"

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 402: O God, Forsake Me Not*

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

Hymn: *WS 743: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Baptism:** This afternoon Kenady Ostman, daughter of Heather and Scott Ostman and granddaughter of Arnold and Terry Gehrls, will be baptized. May her faith journey begin and end at the altar of God.
- ◆ **Thanks:** To all who helped at the work day yesterday!
- ◆ **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. Fliers are by the guest book.
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day:** is November 6th beginning at 10:05 a.m. in the ILC gymnasium for chapel. It will feature presentations and classroom visits until 2:00 p.m. A Campus tour will be available at 2:00. Come and learn more about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ. Speak with your pastor about questions and attendance.
- ◆ **Mission Calendars:** 2010 calendars are available which focus on our CLC missions. If you would like one, please make a \$3 donation to the MDF. Copies are available below the mailboxes.
- ◆ **India Flooding:** The CLC Board of Mission recently learned that flooding in India has greatly impacted our brothers and sisters there. A bulletin insert is included this morning.
- ◆ **CLC Coordinating Council Report:** The full report is available, either online or in hard copy. On the Internet, go to "www.clclutheran.net" and click on the "documents" tab, where you will find it listed. Pastor can make a hardcopy per request.
- ◆ **Addendum to the Recent CLC Coordinating Council Summary:** <> Richard Kanzenbach, 57, formerly a pastor in the WELS, and most recently an instructor at Great Plains Lutheran High School in Watertown SD, applied for clergy roster membership in the CLC. He had met with the CLC Board of Doctrine at the General Pastoral Conference in June. Following that meeting he applied for colloquy. The first stage of the colloquy took place on September 29, and the Board of Doctrine has declared him eligible to move on to a second meeting planned for April 2010. In the meantime he is encouraged to accept preaching invitations and attend synodical functions. He has indicated a desire to spend some weeks at ILC. The Kanzenbachs are members of Trinity in Watertown, SD. <> The Church of the Lutheran Confession Myanmar (CLCM) desires formal fellowship with the CLC, and the Board of Doctrine has begun a review of materials in hand. We await answers to questions that we have posed. It is also the Board's desire to meet with Missionary David Koenig personally, before arriving at a recommendation for the next CLC Convention.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Todd Ohlmann has returned the call to Messiah in Eau Claire, WI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #8. Sixth Commandment

CHILDREN AT RISK: Systematic attacks against Christ and His holy Word as well as against those who believe in Christ and teach the pure Word of God are not new. They began with Satan's lie in the garden! These continuing attacks are deceitful and bold. Satan does not rest night or day in scheming how he can undermine Scripture and consequently destroy faith, confidence of salvation in Jesus, as well as the confession of faith that distinguishes God's people from the heathen. Satan has mustered powerful forces against Christ and His disciples. Government at the highest level today is anti-Christian; public education with its secular and humanistic philosophy is anti-Christian. In what is surely indicative of the approaching end, much of the church that professes Christianity has departed from God's Word and compromised with the anti-Christian society.

If government and its agencies including public education succeeds in efforts to bend the minds of children to their philosophy they would seem to have a good chance of destroying Christianity. The fact that they will ultimately fail - our God will see to it -- does not deter them from trying. Unfortunately, while they will fail in their effort, they will leave many victims in their wake.

The first Amendment of the Bill of Rights under the U.S. constitution, now itself under attack, says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, *or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.*" The debate of what this means in application is ongoing. Nevertheless as the government promotes homosexuality, abortion, and euthanasia it simultaneously is making the free exercise of religion an issue as it not so subtly hints that it is a "hate crime" punishable by law to teach that such practices are contrary to Scripture—the promotion of these sins is symptomatic of a bigger evil, namely disrespect for the Word of God! By such intimidation it is infringing on the right of Christians to teach freely what the Lord has recorded in His Word (It is unconscionable that some who profess to be Christian [e.g. ELCA] are complicit in promotion of that which is contrary to the Word of God!).

While we do not and cannot in good conscience make a case for or support promiscuous prayer (joint prayer of mixed faiths), or for government or public education to establish, promote, or teach a particular religion, we must recognize that the adamancy manifested by laws against prayer, and for example against the recognition of Christmas or Easter in the schools or the public square is rooted in, if not hatred, then, disrespect toward God's Word. While this is happening, Islam either by choice, unbelief, or out of fear of retribution is allowed privileges that are not accorded to Christians. In the schools the teaching of evolution, forbidding even reference to the Father's work of creation, is a broad side against the Gospel of Christ. At best, the public education system promotes secular humanism, a religion that undermines God's truth. Even the global warming hysteria as it is promoted has taken on a religious fervor that contradicts the assurances of the Creator God Who assures us of His care and providence of nature. There is a reason why the government and public education—we are not speaking of all teachers in the system—aim their poisonous darts at

children. If the secularists can control children's minds, and undermine parental authority in the process it becomes easier over time to instill the secular, heathen, agenda.

Unless our children are faithfully, steadfastly and regularly kept in touch with the pure and holy Word of God, and the love of Christ and His truth in the home and church, and where possible in our Lutheran parish schools and high school (Immanuel Lutheran High School and College) their souls are endangered, and their very eternal salvation is jeopardized. Unless we are alert and strong in the Lord, and through the Word of God build our children upon the foundation of Christ, they will become victims of the devil's deceit and those who promote his agenda.

Contributing to the assault on our children are the attacks against confessionalism, specifically confessional Lutheranism. If we appreciate the blessing of the Lord in restoring the centrality of His Word and the blessings of the Gospel in the Reformation, we can not sit idly by while secular society and elements of the church-- Lutheran included-- try to drag us back into the darkness! It is our confession that the church born of the Reformation is the church of the pure Word. Its essential teaching is Christ alone—graces alone—justification by faith alone! The source of its teaching is the Holy Scriptures, inspired of God and recorded by holy men of God who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. For that reason the Holy Scriptures are not subject to change or compromise. The Lutheran church which departs from the Scriptures has denied the Reformation, betrayed the Lutheran name, and done violence to the Lord and the witness of the Gospel! It not only robs the mature, but it cheats the children!

If young people are not built up in the faith and steadfastness to God's Word and if their hearts and minds are polluted by godless societal influences, how will they promote and maintain a confessional church in a dying world? Who will stand on the walls and proclaim the truth to future generations? It is enough that society through its agencies assaults the spiritual welfare of our children. How shall the church defend itself before the Lord if even it deprives the youth of God's truth?! How will those who follow us be saved, if they are deprived of the truth of God's Word, and the assurance of the Word that Jesus is their Savior?

It is therefore incumbent upon us to shield our children as we are able from godless influences and to train them up in the way of the Lord. This involves being alert, and not soft-pedaling the danger to which our youth are exposed. It involves speaking out and bearing the burden that may come as a result. God's Word and the faith will prevail until He comes again. We have our Father's promise. But as we love our children and care about their spiritual and eternal welfare we do not want a single one of them to fall victim to the devil and the deceitful forces he enlists.. "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen" (2 Peter 3:17, 18).

Voters Meeting Notes - October 18, 2009

The July voters meeting minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer's 3rd quarter report was approved as presented.

Pastor's Report

- Baptisms
 - o Rick and Heidi Nelson's baby Cameron was September 13.
 - o Heather Ostman's (Gehrls) daughter Kenady will be October 25.
- Matt Ude will give a Mission presentation this Wednesday, Oct 21.
- There has been no response from our members regarding the outreach seminar at Messiah in Eau Claire.
- Three letters were previously sent regarding membership.
 - o Justin and Sarah Walker – Attending services.
 - o Andrew Rosendahl – Attending services.
 - o Isaac & Rebecca Wales – No response. It was moved & passed to terminate the membership of Isaac & Rebecca Wales & children.
- The Benzer family has transferred back to Grace from Watertown, SD.

Board of Elder's Report

- It was moved and passed to accept the new Grace 2010 calendar.
- The Spokesman is currently being mailed directly to each household.
- It has been determined that it is not acceptable to have a woman serve as S.S. superintendent based on the job functions.
- Mission Festival was last Sunday.
- The new Grace constitution will be published.
- Budgeted funds for the SW metro outreach have not been used this year. It was moved & passed to withdraw our \$6000 commitment for this year.
- Due to budget constraints, we will continue using the current projector and screen during services instead of purchasing new equipment.

Board of Education Report

- School is going well.
- The new copier is appreciated.
- Five weeks of S.S. are completed. Thanks to parents and everyone for working with the children and seeing that they get to S.S. It is asked for the parents to see that the children contribute to the offering, which goes to the orphan that we support.

Board of Trustees Report

- October 24 is a congregational work day.

Other Business

- Ole gave a presentation of Grace's enhanced web site. It was moved and passed to move forward with this approach.
- Preliminary Budget 2010

Trustees	34,000
Education	63,499
Elders	<u>71,018</u>
Total	170,527
- The Elders are to address any copyright costs.
- It was moved and passed to refer the budget back to the boards to address any possible reductions.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Keith Radichel, Eli Wales, Bob Vandevener, Rick Nelson

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

Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Mikey Oman; Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan

Church Cleaners: Sydow School Cleaners: Hein

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Keith Radichel, Eli Wales, Bob Vandevener, Rick Nelson

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

Hospitality Team 4: Mark & Trudy Wales; Al Rosendahl; Karen Auel; Bob & Suki Vandevener

Church Cleaners: Sandhoefner School Cleaners: ?

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am –Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., Oct. 28: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Nov. 1: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am –Reformation Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
11:15 am – Hospitality

Fri., Nov. 6: ILC Visitors Day

Nov. 6-7: 7:30 pm – ILC Play "The Worst High School Play in the World"

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 18, 2009 Sun.: 126 S.S.: 20 B.Cl.: 48 Wed.: 39

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,665.50	CLC:	\$756.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+365.50	CLC:	-244.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	122,592.84	CLC:	38,504.40
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	138,600.00	CLC:	42,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-16,007.16	CLC:	-3,495.60
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	30.00	Tuition:	43.00
GLC Other:	5.53 MDF:	55.00	Kinship:	56.00
ILC Student Aid:	265.00* ILC Bldg.	57.00	IIF: 5.00 CEF:	10.00

* \$215 in memory of Michael Sydow

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