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Grace Lutheran Church & School

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Church Year: Reformation Sunday **Date:** November 1, 2009

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

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

Hymn: *TLH 346: Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be*

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

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

P: The Lord of hosts is with us:

C: The God of Jacob is our Refuge.

P: Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed:

C: And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

P: God is our Refuge and Strength:

C: A very present Help in trouble. 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: *Jeremiah 18:1-11*

The people of Israel commit themselves to the Lord and His Word.

Gradual:

P: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:

C: In the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

P: Walk about Zion; tell the towers thereof; mark well her bulwarks;
 consider her palaces:

**C: That ye may tell it to the generation following. Hallelujah!
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P: For this God is our God forever and ever:

C: He will be our Guide even unto death. Hallelujah!

Choir: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Second Reading: *Revelation 14:6-7*

The pure Gospel message will be preached to all nations.

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

Hymn: *TLH 265: Thine Honor Save, O Christ, Our Lord*

Sermon: *Mark 13:5-11*

(5) And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "Take heed that no one deceives you. (6) "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He*,' and will deceive many. (7) "But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for *such things* must happen, but the end *is* not yet. (8) "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These *are* the beginnings of sorrows. (9) "But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. (10) "And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. (11) "But when they arrest *you* and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit." (NKJVTM)

“Lord, Grant Us Backbone”

Offertory: *TLH p. 22 f.*

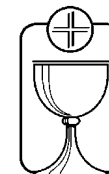
Hymn: *TLH 451: Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus*

Offering & Prayer:

Liturgy for the Lord's Supper: *TLH p. 24 ff.*

Distribution: *TLH 315*

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 283: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ♦ **Among Us:** Last week Alice Weibye's sister, Gertrude Eggen, passed away at the age of 95 years. Alice has also continued to struggle with an unknown problem with her leg. The Lord continue to grant Alice a sincere trust in His Word.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Invitation:** The members of Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, will hold a 50th Anniversary service of praise and thanksgiving to God on Sunday, November 22. The 9:00 a.m. service will feature guest speaker Pastor Paul D. Nolting, who is the son of our founding pastor as well as a son of the congregation. A program and meal will follow the service. We warmly invite our fellow CLC members, and all friends of the congregation, to attend.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **CLC News:** Stephen Sydow from Messiah at Eau Claire, WI, has declined the call to Morning Star Lutheran at Fairchild WI. Prof. John Ude at Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to serve during the vacancy.
- ♦ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #9. Seventh Commandment

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!

WHO IS TRULY LUTHERAN? Upon Luther's death differences arose within the Lutheran Church—a name assigned to those who held the doctrine taught from Scripture by Martin Luther. Consequently in 1577, the *Formula of Concord*, the defining confession of the Lutheran faith and teaching was written as an effort to settle disputes that had arisen. Thousands of Lutheran pastors subscribed to the *Formula*. In the introduction to the symbolical books in the *Concordia Triglotta* F. Bente wrote, "Accordingly Lutherans, the natural advocates of a truly wholesome and God-pleasing union based on unity in divine truth, will not only themselves hold fast what they possess in their glorious Confession, but strive to impart its blessings also to others, all the while praying incessantly, fervently, and trustingly with the pious framers of the *Formula*: 'May Almighty God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ grant the grace of His Holy Ghost that *we all* may be one in Him, and constantly abide in this Christian unity, which is well pleasing to Him. Amen'" (Historical Introduction, page 256).

Nevertheless, over the centuries divisions rose within Lutheranism. While we hesitate to call them minor differences because no departure from God's Word is minor, in the context of the chasm that divides Reformation Lutherans today from Lutherans in name only past differences may by some be described as minor. What Lutheran's teach today is not easy to describe since many churches as well as church bodies within Lutheranism have to a great extent, if not completely, forsaken the Scriptures, and the confessions of Reformation Lutheranism. Today we are in an era best described by Bente: "Wherever and whenever, in the course of time, the *Formula of Concord* was ignored, despised, or rejected the Lutheran Church fell an easy prey to unionism and sectarianism..." (Ibid, page 254). We will not mince words. For any Lutheran Church to claim the name Lutheran while teaching and promoting a cafeteria "pick and choose theology" as well as claiming to hold the Lutheran Confessions while denying the Scripture doctrines set forth therein are liars and hypocrites! They are free to believe what they want and to twist the Scriptures as they want—God will judge them—but they are not truly Lutheran!

Questions need to be asked: Do we care? Do we know what we believe and what it means to be genuinely Lutheran, or are we becoming guilty of courting compromise? Will we call a spade a spade when we see the doctrine of Christ, our faith, and the Lutheran name abused? Martin Luther resisted papal tyranny and suffered as a consequence, yet the gracious Lord preserved him steadfast in faith, and by the grace of God delivered him to his heavenly home. We are living in an age in which—if we care for the cardinal doctrine of salvation, justification by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone, for that is what is at stake—we must stand up without fear against the enemies of our soul including those whom Scripture warns may arise from among our own selves (Acts 20:30). Luther said, "Our church will not be endangered as greatly by the oppressive measures of tyrants as by the indifference of our own people" (WLS Vol. II page 870). We are being confronted in our day with tyrants in the government and in society. But our greatest enemies are those who bearing the Lutheran name have forsaken the genuine Lutheran faith and deceived many. May the gracious God give us faith to love the truth, and strength to confess it! Amen. (To be continued)

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 10/25/2009

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Janelle Hein Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Keith Radichel, Eli Wales, Bob Vandever, 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 Vandever

Church Cleaners: Sandhoefner School Cleaners: Teachers

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Benno Sydow, Brian Eichstadt, Gary Gunther, Rich Rhinesmith, Jeff Stifter, Larry Nelson

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

Hospitality Team 5: Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick; Frank & Ann Radichel

Church Cleaners: Sandhoefner School Cleaners: Teachers

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Reformation Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
11:15 am – Hospitality

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

Fri., Nov. 6: ILC Visitors Day

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

Sun., Nov. 8: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 18, 2009 Sun.: 114 S.S.: ?? B.Cl.: 44 Wed.: 20

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,803.60	CLC:	\$608.00	
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:	27.00	
GLC Other:	27.51	MDF:	427.00	Kinship:	80.00
ILC Student Aid:	50.00*	ILC Bldg.	51.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

* \$25 in memory of Bertram Naumann; ILC Theatre \$25 in memory of Michael Sydow

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Martin Luther
at the Diet of Worms (1521)