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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 24

Date: November 15, 2009

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 90, TLH p. 142*

Hymn: *TLH 609: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

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

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

P: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

C: In Your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

P: I spread out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.

C: Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit faints with longing.

P: For Your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life;

C: In Your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.

P: With You there is forgiveness, O Lord;

C: Therefore You are feared. 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: *Malachi 4:1-2a*

The Day of Judgment is something to be feared by those who do not know the LORD. But to those who do know Him, it will be long-awaited!

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. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen,

C: So that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 9:24-28*

All men who die in this life will eventually need to stand before God as their judge. Those who look to the blood of Christ will find healing and comfort, living eternally before their Savior in eternal salvation.

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

Hymn: *TLH 610: And Will the Judge Descend*

Sermon: *Mark 9:43-50*

(43) "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched; (44) "where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.'

(45) "And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched; (46) "where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.'

(47) "And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire; (48) "where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.'

(49) "For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. (50) "Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another." (NKJVTM)

Temporary Pain, Eternal Comfort

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 608: Let Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road*

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

Hymn: *TLH 660: I'm But a Stranger Here*

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!

Council Meeting - November 8, 2009

Meeting opened with a prayer at 12:10 PM. Roll was taken. The October Council meeting minutes were approved as presented. The October treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Pastor's Report

- Kanady Ostman was baptized October 25.
- Thanks to Ole and others who worked on updating our web page, which went live Friday, Oct 30.
- The mission presentation by Matt Ude on October 21 went well.

Board of Elders Report

- Copyright costs were checked out with Mankato. For attendance of 200, the total cost is \$240.

Board of Education Report

- The school children will give a Christmas concert at Northtown at 2:00 on December 18.
- November 9 is the next CEA meeting.
- Printer paper is to be included in the Trustees budget.
- There was discussion regarding having printer cartridges on hand.

Board of Trustees Report

- Snow plowing is set up for this winter. We will pay per time.
- It is too late to stripe the parking lot this fall.

Preliminary 2010 Budgets

- It was moved and passed to give 0% pay raises this year.
- There was discussion regarding reducing our teachers to one.

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-	Elders	67,754	→ 68,000
-	Education	55,972	→ 56,000
-	Trustees	32,050	→ <u>32,000</u>
	Total		156,000
- It was moved and passed to present this budget to the voters.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 1:40 PM.

WHO IS TRULY LUTHERAN (III)? In concluding the most recent article on the subject of true Lutheranism, we summarized the contents of the Augsburg Confession. The Augsburg Confession--the classic confession of the Lutheran Church-- was read publicly in June of 1530. One of the Catholic bishops who heard it said, "All of this is exact truth. We cannot deny that" (*Living with Luther*, Weidenshilling, page 38). The three ecumenical Creeds--The Apostolic, the Nicene, and the Athanasian--together with the Augsburg and five other specific Lutheran confessions-- The Apology (defense) of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Luther, the Smalcald Articles, and after Luther's death the Formula of Concord-- are drawn directly from the Scriptures. Each is a faithful confession of the Scriptures, and individually and collectively declares the doctrine to which true Lutherans subscribe. Because these confessions are true to God's Word, they cannot be denied or changed by any who still claim to be truly Lutheran!

The Augsburg Confession addressed issues of doctrine that separated what we shall call evangelical Lutheranism from Roman Catholicism. Consequently, not all doctrinal matters that concern us today were addressed. The total body of confessional statements of true Lutheranism is found in the Book of Concord of 1580.

Many people in the world profess to be Christian. Many churches identify themselves as Christian. The implication is that they are built upon the foundation of the doctrine of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20). Given that the foundation of the Christian church is Christ and His Word, but that many churches have departed from that narrow but firm foundation, having added to and/or subtracted from it, their use of the name to describe themselves is at best suspect and at worst a lie! The same is true of the name Lutheran. CP Krauth in "*The Conservative Reformation and its Theology*" wrote, "We do not say that any man shall believe that the Confession of our Church is Scriptural. We only contend that he should neither say nor seem to say so, if he does not believe it" (p.171). For the most part, the descendants of Krauth in the church

world today are of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

There is not unanimity of doctrine in the ELCA today, or for that matter in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LC-MS). Krauth, who today would not be at home in his own church wrote, "Could the day ever come, in which we imagined that the Evangelical Lutheran Church had abused her right of private judgment, so as to reach error, and not truth by it, we should, as honest men, cease to bear her name ... On the other hand, should the Evangelical Lutheran Church ever have evidence, that we have abused our right of private judgment into the wrong private misjudgment, so as to have reached error, and not the truth by it, then as a faithful Church after due admonition and opportunity for repentance have been given us in vain she is bound to cast us forth to purify her own communion, and to make it impossible for us, in her name, to injure others" (pp. 169,170). The testing of the faithfulness of a church must be done first of all in the light of the Holy Scriptures and, inasmuch as it is Lutheran, in the light of the Lutheran Confessions! When it is manifest that error is being taught, promoted, and defended what is called for is action, not compromise! Krauth again says, "You must show to my private judgment, that God's word teaches it (what another's private judgment holds- DF) before I dare recognize you as in the unity of faith. If you cannot, we have not the same faith, and ought not to be of the same communion; for the communion is properly one of persons of the same faith" (p.172). Again, "Men must be honest in their difference, if they are ever to be honest in their agreement" (p. 290).

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" (Romans 16:17, 18). Thus the Lord speaks to us so that His Word might be glorified among us, our faith might remain unshaken, and our witness before the world might be faithful and true. God help us of the Church of the Lutheran Confession to be true to Scripture and to the name whereby we call ourselves. May the spirit of compromise find no place among us. May He keep us faithful Christians, and honest Lutherans!

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 11/1/2009

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Voters Meeting:** A special Voters meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, November 22, to discuss the 2010 budget proposal.
 - ◆ **Thanksgiving Eve Service:** Our Thanksgiving service will be on Wed., Nov. 25, 7 pm.
 - ◆ **Cookie Bake:** The date for the Dorcas Guild Cookie Bake has been changed to Saturday, November 28, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
 - ◆ **Recital:** Those grade school students interested in participating in a music recital please speak with Janelle Hein. This will be held during hospitality on December 13.
 - ◆ **Poinsettias:** Those members who wish to purchase a Poinsettia for the Advent/Christmas season should sign the sheet by the guest book. At this point it is assumed that the cost will be about \$8. For any questions, please speak with Jackie Radichel.
 - ◆ **Hospitality 2010:** Anyone wishing to be on a Hospitality Team or come off a team needs to notify Laura Wales by December 13, 2009, so the calendar for next year can be made.
 - ◆ **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.
 - ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #11. 9th & 10th Commandments
- "Representatives of four church bodies met in Nellore, India for two days in October to hear reports on the work. Seven men each came from the CLCI and the BELC of India. For the first time we invited Pastors Thang and Kham from the CLC of Myanmar and Pastors Raju and Rajan from the Himalayan CLC Nepal. One very important matter we considered was how we are reaching out. In India we are looking to go especially into villages where there is no Christian witness. While we go into other villages also, we keep keep alert for the unreached above all. In Nepal the men are facing an even smaller percentage of Christians among the population than in India. Although in Myanmar the outreach through the years has been among the tribes, the CLCM is very concerned about reaching out to the Burmese, who are very unevangelized. Opportunities abound for these four church bodies to work in their native countries. While in the USA we find a lot of churches, if one goes to many foreign lands it is not so. It is estimated that 99% of the unevangelized live outside the USA and Canada. Ninety-one percent of foreign missionaries minister to professing Christians, not the least-reached. We are trying with our foreign brothers in our small way to go to the unreached. Pray that the 18 men who met in Nellore will be strengthened by the Gospel, which we heard in abundance, to lead their church bodies into the villages where Christ is not worshiped." -- David Koenig

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Frank Radichel

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

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

Hospitality Team 6: Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland

Church Cleaners: J & S Radichel School Cleaners: Maki

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

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

Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice Sandhoefner

Church Cleaners: J & S Radichel School Cleaners: Maki

† OUR SCHEDULE †

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

Wed., Nov. 18: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Nov. 22: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Voters Meeting (2010 Budget)

Wed., Nov. 25: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Sat., Nov. 28: 9:00 am – Dorcas Guild Cookie Bake

Wed., Dec. 2: 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 8, 2009 Sun.: 132 S.S.: 20 B.Cl.: 40 Wed.: 20

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,802.15	CLC:	\$776.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-497.85	CLC:	-224.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	131,691.38	CLC:	40,604.40	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	148,500.00	CLC:	45,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-16,808.62	CLC:	-4,395.60	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	1.00	Tuition:	42.00	
GLC Other:	24.84	MDF:	103.00*	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	77.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

* \$100 to India Flood Relief

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yourselves

