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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 9

Date: August 1, 2010

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Hymn: TLH 628: *Shepherd of Tender Youth*

Liturgy: WS, p. 12 ff. (Pastor sings *Lord Have Mercy*, top of p. 13)

First Reading: *Ephesians 4:7-16*

Second Reading: *John 6:41-51*

Alleluia: WS p. 14

Children: WS 785: *Children of the Heavenly Father*

Confession of Faith: *Brief Statement of 1932, #31-32*

By the public ministry we mean the office by which the Word of God is preached and the Sacraments are administered by order and in the name of a Christian congregation. Concerning this office we teach that it is a divine ordinance; that is, the Christians of a certain locality must apply the means of grace not only privately and within the circle of their families nor merely in their common intercourse with fellow-Christians, but they are also required, by the divine order, to make provision that the Word of God be publicly preached in their midst, and the Sacraments administered according to the institution of Christ, by persons qualified for such work, whose qualifications and official functions are exactly defined in Scripture.

Although the office of the ministry is a divine ordinance, it possesses no other power than the power of the Word of God; that is to say, it is the duty of Christians to yield unconditional obedience to the office of the ministry whenever, and as long as, the minister proclaims to them the Word of God. If, however, the minister, in his teachings and injunctions, were to go beyond the Word of God, it would be the duty of Christians not to obey, but to disobey him, so as to remain faithful to Christ. Accordingly, we reject the false doctrine ascribing to the office of the ministry the right to demand obedience and submission in matters which Christ has not commanded.

Hymn: TLH 629: *Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds*

Sermon: *Psalm 78:1-8*

P: Give ear, O my people, to my law;

C: Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

P: I will open my mouth in a parable;

C: I will utter dark sayings of old,

P: Which we have heard and known,

C: And our fathers have told us.

P: We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD,

C: And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

P: For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel,

C: Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children;

P: That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born,

C: That they may arise and declare them to their children,

P: That they may set their hope in God,

C: And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;

P: And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation,

C: A generation that did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

“Your Divine Responsibility: Telling Generations to Come the Wonderful Works of the LORD”



*As the Church
As Teachers
As Parents
As Children*

Offertory: WS p. 16

Hymn: WS 780: *Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give*

Offering, & Prayers:

Rite of Installation: ... *Janelle Hein, Ellen Bergstrom, Ann Radichel*

Hymn: WS 800: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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!

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Today:** With installation of our teachers today, we pray that the Lord will richly bless their teaching ministry in our midst. Ann Radichel will be teaching kindergarten and Ellen Bergstrom will be teaching half-time. Janelle Hein will be added to the staff as a full-time teacher. To honor their installation, we will be holding a hospitality hour today. Everyone is welcome to stay!
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** We thank the staff of the VBS this past week for all their hard work! Ann Radichel, Pat Dick, and Jan Davis all taught and Shaina Olmanson was our craft coordinator. Many others helped behind the scenes. We also thank all those who provided treats and other forms of assistance. 23 young souls were comforted with the message that they are children of the heavenly Father by faith in Christ Jesus.
- ◆ **Congratulations:** Michael and Jessica Ude were united together in Christ's love as they were married yesterday during a service here at Grace. May the Lord sustain them in their lifetime journey together!
- ◆ **Membership:** Alvin Jask is now ready for membership here at Grace Lutheran. Next week he intends to make his public confession of faith.
- ◆ **Sunday School:** Those interested in teaching Sunday School this coming year may speak with Pastor or with superintendent Rick Nelson.
- ◆ **DVD's:** A two DVD set is being offered from the CLC 50th Anniversary festivities. It includes a documentary shown at Convention called "By the Grace of God, a well-done movie that tells the story of the CLC's beginnings and the grace-filled events which followed. It also includes a DVD of the worship service that was held at Convention time. Cost is \$8. A check to Aaron Gullerud may be made out and given to Pastor.
- ◆ **Women's Retreat:** Information is available by the guest book about a women's retreat that will be held in Chadron, NE. This will be held Sept. 11-12. Registration is due August 10 (information was just received this week).
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Frank Gantt has returned the call to Our Redeemer's in Red Wing, MN. † Pastor Roland H. Gurgel of Shepherd of the Valley in Weslaco, TX, has accepted the call to Bethel in Spring, TX (Houston area). † From President Schierenbeck: "Kathy Larsen was airlifted to Eau Claire last Monday. She and Paul are staying at the home of their daughter Lisa. She came through the trip and was able to see and visit with much of her family. Kathy Larsen; %Noeldner's; 4626 Talmadge Road; Eau Claire, WI 54701. Pastor Paul Larsen has resigned from his call to Church of the Lutheran Confession in North Port, FL, effective August 31.



"IT'S FOR THE CHILDREN" Frequently we hear how politicians use children as a rationalization for some money they want to spend or some program they want to promote. They play on the heartstrings of our emotions, and how better to do it than to use the welfare of children. Their motives are suspiciously tied to their own personal political agendas. Sounds suspiciously like the hypocrisy of the Pharisees "who devour widows houses and for pretense make long prayers" (Mark 12:40).

Children are born in sin and stand in need of eternal salvation. Release from sin and eternal salvation is found only in the Lord Jesus. The Lord Jesus is found only in the Word of God. Whoever the parent is that supplies "the best for my child" but who neglects the child's eternal welfare is cheating the child and is not doing what is best for the child. There is a spiritual application of "It's for the children." If parents truly love their children, they will provide them with the spiritual nourishment and upbringing that will acquaint them with their Savior.

Concern for the child does not mean that we expose the child to every wind of doctrine and every false teaching because we want our children to "learn the Bible." A concerned parent will bring the children to service and Sunday school as regularly as possible. Where parents do not have a church where the Word is taught in its truth and purity they will do what they can to instruct the children in the home. We do not knowingly give children contaminated food because they are hungry. Why would we expose them to contaminated teaching because they need religion?

The church that promotes, aids, and abets false teaching contributes to the spiritual abuse of children. Leaders of the church who have marked and recognized the heterodoxy of a church but who promote continued membership in the name of "saving" a church that they have themselves said is heterodox are wasting a whole generation as they expose the children in a church to false teaching in order for them to promote their own agenda. Even if adults believe that they can sort out the false doctrine and can withstand it, what is happening to their children and grandchildren who are not as perceptive as they, and who in the meantime are learning at the feet of teachers whom the parents have recognized as heterodox? Such adults only betray their own lack of understanding of what Scripture says, when it says to avoid false teachers! They confuse the children and are guaranteeing the demise of the church they are claiming to save.

One of the confirmation passages often recited is, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). Another is, "Hold that fast which thou has, that no man take thy crown" (Revelation 3:11). To what are children to be faithful and to what are they to hold fast if they have been sitting at the feet of heterodox teachers? Faithful to heterodoxy? Hold fast to false teaching? If we care about our children, it is up to parents, grandparents, pastors, and teachers to teach them aright of their Savior and His Word, and protect them from the contamination. Adult leaders in the church are to be leaders, not misleaders!

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: Jan Davis Elder: Al Rosendahl
Ushers: David Stifter, John Auel, Scott Baker, Al
 Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Micheal Ude
Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales
Church Cleaners: Nelson/Kitzman

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: David Stifter, John Auel, Scott Baker, Al
 Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Micheal Ude
Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Michael Ude
Church Cleaners: Welker

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service
 10:15 am – Hospitality for Teacher Installation
 11:00 am – Council Meeting
Sat., Aug. 14: 9:00 am – Work Day for the School
Sun., Aug. 15: 9:00 am – Worship Service
 Seminarian David Pfeiffer Begins His Vicarage
Mon. Aug. 16: 7:00 pm – School Ice Cream Social
Mon., Aug. 23: 10:00 am – Opening Service at Immanuel in Eau Claire
Mon., Aug. 30: 8:00 am – Opening Service for Grace School
Wed., Sept. 1: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School students
Sun., Sept. 12: Regular Worship Schedule Begins
Sept. 17-19: Grace Men’s Retreat
Sat., Sept. 25: Snell Memorial Scholarship Golf Open

Last Week’s Stats: Aug. 1, 2010 Sun.: 118

Week’s Offering:	Grace:	\$3,703.75	CLC:	\$662.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,015.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+688.75	CLC:	-298.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$93,283.88	CLC:	\$27,699.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	93,465.00	CLC:	29,760.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-181.12	CLC:	-2,061.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	26.00	Tuition:	2.00	
GLC Other:	1.00	MDF:	2.00	Kinship:	0.00
ILC Student Aid:	1.00	ILC Bldg.	71.00	IIF: 4.00	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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We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. Psalm 78