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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 14

Date: August 29, 2010

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 139, p. 154 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 398: Renew Me, O Eternal Light*

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

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

P: We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks,

C: For Your name is near, men tell of Your wonderful deeds.

P: Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,

C: Who finds great delight in His commands.

P: He will have no fear of bad news, his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

C: His heart is secure, he will have no fear; Splendor and majesty are before him. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 36, st. 3*

All praise and thanks to God

The Father now be given,

The Son, and Him who reigns

With them in highest heaven:

The one eternal God,

Whom earth and heaven adore!

For thus it was, is now,

And shall be evermore.



First Reading: *Exodus 15:22-26*

The LORD provides sweet refreshment in the midst of the desert.

Gradual:

P: Oh the depths of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

C: How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out!

P: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C: To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death ...

C: And brought life and immortality to life through the Gospel. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Matthew 9:1-8*

Jesus shows His power over both physical and spiritual paralysis.

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

Hymn: *TLH 27: Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul*

Sermon: *Ephesians 4:20-28*

(20) But you have not so learned Christ, (21) if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: (22) that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, (23) and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, (24) and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (25) Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. (26) "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, (27) nor give place to the devil. (28) Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. (NKJVTM)

"Jesus Has Taught You How to Dress"

1. He converted you to a whole new look.
2. He leads you to evaluate and renew your attire.
3. He has given you an outfit for all occasions.

Preacher: Vicar David Pfeiffer

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 417: How Can I Thank Thee, Lord*

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

Hymn: ... *TLH 68, st. 5-6: The Advent of Our King (Tune of TLH 464)*

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!

BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER!

An editorial in praise of Charles Darwin said people often asked Darwin what he believed about God. Darwin objected to the question. He said his views were of "no consequence to anyone except himself." Why? Was he unsure that possibly the God he denied actually existed? Did he have doubts about his own unbelief? One would think that if someone was sure of what he believed or did not believe he would be happy to share it.

Like his wrong-headed thinking on the origin of things this evolutionist was wrong in his comment. By contrast, could a Christian declare that what he believed about God is inconsequential to everyone but self? Try this on for size. "I know and believe in the Triune God, but I am not going to tell you." Or, "I know what Scripture teaches, but it is of consequence only to me, so I am not going to talk about it." Or, "Don't ask me what I believe because it is not your business." Or "I am not going to tell you about the depth of God's love."

Scripture teaches us, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15). If our faith and our hope in Christ mean anything at all, the Christ believer will want to share that hope with those who ask. Furthermore our Savior's commission to preach the Gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15) strips us of any cloak of secrecy. Only the selfish would choose to say that one's views of God are of "no consequence to anyone else except himself." Only the cruel, if they recognize that souls are dying in sin and unbelief, would want to deny the Lord and His Word to those who ask. There are some things that we are to keep to ourselves, e.g. we are not to reveal our neighbor's confidences. But God's Word is not to be held a secret by us, and our neighbor's need of law and gospel – for the Lord desires the salvation also of our neighbor – obligates us to speak what we believe.

The apostles when told to be quiet could not. "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). Of course if one has nothing to say it is best to keep one's views to self. As Christ is the hope of our life, we have something to say. Say it!

(Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 2/8/2009)

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

◆ **Christian Day School Starts:** Tomorrow morning, at 8 am, there will be an opening service for the new school year. All members are invited to come. There are ten children that will be attending this year: Kindergarten – Natalie Story; 1st grade – Cole Flesner & Daniel Hein; 3rd Grade – Jessica Maki; 4th grade – Julianna Hein & Jack Maki; 6th Grade – David Hein; and 8th grade – Emily Hein, John Maki, & Ned Sandhoefner. We pray that our students will be richly blessed through the spiritual training they will receive through the daily immersion in God's Word. We also pray that our teachers will be upheld by God's promises that their work is not in vain but is done to the glory of God and for the welfare of His kingdom.



Christian School

◆ **Midweek Catechism:** This coming Wednesday, September 1, is the first midweek session of Catechism for those 6th-8th grade students attending public schools. These will be held from 4:00-5:45 pm every Wednesday, excluding a Christmas break.

◆ **Fall Schedule:** On September 12, the regular instruction and worship schedule will resume. Bible Class and Sunday School will be held at 9 am with worship service following at 10 am. Hospitality hour will also resume following each worship service. Midweek Bible Class will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm starting September 15.



◆ **Sunday School Teachers:** Those interested in teaching Sunday School this coming year may speak with Pastor or with superintendent Rick Nelson. We will be having a Sun. School teachers meeting next Sunday following our worship service.

◆ **Among Us:** Audrey Miller, mother-in-law of Lyle Trulin, passed away this past week due to a stroke. Her funeral was yesterday. She was a member of our CLC church in Red Wing.

◆ **Church Cleaning:** We are still in need of cleaners during the fall.

◆ **Eden Prairie Worship:** Regular Sunday morning services are still being held at 9:00 am in Eden Prairie, MN, as an outreach effort in the southwest area of the Twin Cities. Starting on September 12 Sunday School and Bible Class will resume following the normal worship service. Fliers for Eden Prairie are by the guest book.

◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Immanuel in Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI.

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** *Elder:* **Al Rosendahl**
Ushers: **David Stifter, John Auel, Scott Baker, Al Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Micheal Ude**
Counting Team 1: **Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Pat Paplow**
Church Cleaners: **Welker**

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

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: **Anyone Willing?**

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service
Mon., Aug. 30: 8:00 am – Opening Service for Grace School
Wed., Sept. 1: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
Sun., Sept. 5: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
 10:15 am – Sunday School Planning Meeting
Sun., Sept. 12: FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS
 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sun. School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality
 11:15 am – Boards; 12:00 pm – Council
Wed., Sept. 15: 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class Resumes
Sept. 17-19: Grace Men's Retreat
Sat., Sept. 25: Snell Memorial Scholarship Golf Open

Last Week's Stats: Aug. 22, 2010 Sun.: 92

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| Week's Offering: | Grace: | \$1,529.25 | CLC: | \$316.00 |
| Weekly Need: | Grace: | 3,015.00 | CLC: | 960.00 |
| -Under / +Over: | Grace: | -1,485.75 | CLC: | -644.00 |
| Year-to-Date Offering:: | Grace: | \$99,758.63 | CLC: | \$29,960.00 |
| Year-to-Date Need: | Grace: | 102,510.00 | CLC: | 32,640.00 |
| Year-to-Date (+/-) | Grace: | -2,751.37 | CLC: | -2,680.00 |
| Other Offerings: | Living Faith: | 50.00 | Tuition: | 0.00 |
| GLC Other: | MDF: | 0.00 | Kinship: | 3.00 |
| ILC Student Aid: | ILC Bldg. | 120.00 | IIF: 21.00 | CEF: 0.00 |

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“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

Colossians 3:12