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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 2

Date: June 26, 2011

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 119, Part III, p. 149*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 18: Lord, We Come Before Thee Now*

**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 trust in Your unfailing love;

**C: My heart rejoices in Your salvation.**

P: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You,

**C: Who walk in the light of Your presence, O Lord.**

P: Be my rock of refuge,

**C: A strong fortress to save me. Glory be to God!**

**Gloria in Excelsis:** ..... *TLH 244, st. 1,4*

1. Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

4. Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

**First Reading:** ..... *Hosea 5:15-6:6*

The Lord promises healing for the repentant sinner.

### Gradual:

P: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

**C: His greatness no one can fathom.**

P: I will meditate on Your wonderful works,

**C: And I will proclaim Your great deeds.**

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Your Word is a lamp to my feet ...

**C: And a light to my path. Alleluia.**

**Second Reading:** ..... *Romans 4:18-25*

Righteousness comes by faith, not by works.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 322: And Wilt Thou Pardon, Lord*

**Sermon:** ..... *Matthew 9:9-13*

(9) As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. (10) Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, *that* behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. (11) And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" (12) When Jesus heard *that*, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. (13) "But go and learn what *this* means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## JESUS CHRIST — THE DOCTOR FOR OUR SOULS

**Offertory:** ..... *TLH p. 12 f.*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 342: Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 376: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ♦ **Church Picnic:** Today there will be a picnic here on the church grounds following our worship service. Everyone is welcome to stay and join in on Christian fellowship!
- ♦ **Thanks:** to all those who participated in yesterday's work day.
- ♦ **VBS:** This is scheduled for August 1-5. Registration signup is located by the guest book. Those willing to volunteer for teaching and for crafts may speak with Pastor Hein.
- ♦ **Immanuel Boosters:** For the past few years the Immanuel Booster Club has been able to work at the Country Jam near Eau Claire, WI, in order to raise money for some extra athletic projects at Immanuel. They are seeking volunteers to help with some low-profile ushering/security for July 21-23. If you are willing to help, please email Tom Beekman at [Thomas.Beekman@dot.wi.gov](mailto:Thomas.Beekman@dot.wi.gov).

# CLC E-Devotion

Friday, September 26, 2008

Matthew 9:12-13 Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

## WANTED: SINNERS

When the holy God came to earth and began to round up sinners, one would have thought that it would be a bad day for those who lie, cheat, and steal -- for those who hurt and harm, lust and hate, neglect and defraud. But Jesus says He came for the purpose of healing sin-sick sinners by calling them to repentance -- that is, by leading them to turn from their sin and put their confidence in Him as their Savior.

In our day many people deny that there is such a thing as sin. They contend that those who persist in "anti-social" activity are "sick." Jesus agrees, but not as a way to condone or excuse sin, or to deny the reality of morality. He uses the picture of physical sickness to describe sin because sin is an affliction of creatures God originally created without any such problem. Furthermore, this sin problem which infects us all from birth is an affliction Jesus is able to treat.

Jesus calls sinners to treat them; to apply the one medication that can heal and cure: His forgiveness/righteousness. But non-sinners (you know who you are) need not make an appointment. And, of course, they won't. They see no symptoms and if there are nagging indications of sin they hide them under the bandages of their own "good works."

But the Great Physician sends those who think they are righteous and have no sin-sickness to the lab for tests. He says, "Go, get an x-ray," and writes an "order" such as the one He gave the Pharisees: "... go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'"

The Law of God scans our hearts and lives and reveals sinful human pride, conceit, and arrogance in startling relief. If we think we are a cut above other sinners because of what we do in connection with church, this prescription is for us too. But remember, Jesus uses the law to reveal our sin so that He may apply the healing of His blood-bought forgiveness.

## WHOM SHALL WE OFFEND?

We live in a touchy, feely society. We are to be broadminded and accepting of many different life-styles, religions, cultures, and political views. We are reminded time and again that we have a constitutional right to say whatever is on our mind -- freedom of speech they call it. We are to sit in judgment of no one's words, or actions. We are to be careful lest we offend anyone.

But apparently it is all right to trifle with the Lord God, or to offend our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Some Christian minister spoke the daily opening prayer recently in the Florida Senate. This is not unusual. Many, if not all states have the practice. The U.S. Senate opens with prayer. This itself smacks of hypocrisy and is an offense to the Lord! Hardly are all members praying to the same God, much less with united heart and voice. Twice your pastor was asked to open a session of the House of Representatives in Minnesota. Twice he declined with explanation. People have a hard time understanding why a Christian pastor would not want to lead such a prayer; after all, most do.

There are reasons. Scripture teaches us that prayer is worship. We are to engage in joint worship with people of like hearts and minds manifest by a steadfast confession to the Word of God- the whole Word of God. This is why we do not join in prayer fellowship with other churches. Admittedly, we are not open-minded enough to violate our conscience bound by the Word of God in this matter. How can joint prayer be God-pleasing in venues where the individuals do not even all confess the Triune God, much less that He and He alone is the true God, and are not willing to be bound by the whole Word of God?

The aforementioned minister in Florida found out the hard way. He used the name of Jesus Christ in the daily opening prayer. Among other things he thanked God for the "freedom for people to believe in Jesus Christ." What he found out is that one can believe in Jesus Christ but one dare not confess what he believes. The president of the Florida Senate apologized to Jewish lawmakers because the name of Jesus was invoked in the prayer. Prayer in such gatherings is supposed to be nondenominational. In other words, prayer becomes nothing more than throwing meaningless words into the air. A truly Christian prayer would offend Jew, Muslim, the atheist, the ACLU, the homosexuals, the feminists, and who knows whom else. It is not good to offend them we are told.



So whom is it allowable to offend? It is allowable to offend the Triune God, and our Savior Jesus Christ. But why would we offend the One who died to save us by omitting His name in our prayer, refusing to confess His name, or apologizing for confessing Him?

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer (5/16/2004)

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Janelle Hein Elder: Frank Radichel

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Don Dahlin, Jeremiah Boe, Bob Maki, John Maki, Joel Stifter, Arnold Gehrls

Counting Team 4: Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner

Church Cleaners: Degnan

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Don Dahlin, Jeremiah Boe, Bob Maki, John Maki, Joel Stifter, Arnold Gehrls

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

Church Cleaners: ??

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Worship Service  
Church Picnic @ Grace  
**Sun., July 3:** 9:00 am – Worship Service  
**Sun., July 10:** 11:00 am – Council Meeting  
**Sun., July 17:** 10:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings  
**August 1-5:** Vacation Bible School

**Last Week's Stats:** June 19, 2011 Sun.: 104

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,320.60	CLC:	\$415.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,850.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,529.40	CLC:	-545.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$71,981.18	CLC:	\$22,095.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	71,250.00	CLC:	24,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+731.18	CLC:	-1,905.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition:	0.00
GLC Other: 0.00	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	0.00
ILC Student Aid: 20.00	ILC Bldg.	50.00	IIF: 0.00	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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