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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 3

Date: July 3, 2011

## ✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 33, p. 131*

**Hymn:** ..... *WS 742: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

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

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

P: Sing to the Lord a new song;

**C: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

P: It is we who extol the Lord, both now and forevermore.

**C: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol Him all you peoples.**

P: For great is His love toward us,

**C: And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Glory be to God!**

**Gloria in Excelsis:** ..... *WS 758, st. 4*

**C: 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:** ..... *Joel 2:1-14*

After national disaster, the Lord's people are told to repent.

**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. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself,

**C: Not imputing their trespassing to them. Alleluia.**

**Second Reading:** ..... *Matthew 22:15-22*

As God's people, we are to honor both government and ultimately Him.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 579: Almighty Lord, Before Thy Throne*

**Sermon:** ..... *Romans 13:1-7*

(1) Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. (2) Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. (3) For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. (4) For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. (5) Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. (6) For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. (7) Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## “Let Every Soul Be Subject to the Governing Authorities”

1. They are appointed by God

2. They exist for law and order

3. They help us live peaceably

**Offertory:** ..... *TLH p. 22 f.*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 575: Before the Lord We Bow*

**Offering & Prayer:**

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

**Distribution:** ..... *Meditative Music*

**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 577: God Bless Our Native Land*

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Youth Conference:** There is still time to register for this summer's youth conference. The "early bird" registration cost has been extended to all participants. Total cost of the conference is \$275 (bus transportation from Mankato is \$80). Full youth conference information, forms, etc. are available at [youthconference.info](http://youthconference.info) (hard copies from your pastor). Deadline for registration is July 15.
- ◆ **Mission Helpers:** Tomorrow 10 CLC Mission Helpers will depart from Chicago on their way to spread the Gospel in Nepal. Prayers are requested for their travel, their safety, and for God's blessings upon the message shared while they are working in Nepal. The following blog has information about the trip: <http://2011mhtnepal.blogspot.com/>. The blog can also be found at: <http://lutheranmissions.org/> under "Missionary Journals"
- ◆ **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).

### Council Meeting Notes – June 12, 2011

The meeting was opened with prayer. Roll Call. Minutes from the April 10 meeting were read and approved. There was no meeting held in May.

#### Treasurer's Report

- April income was good, bolstered by the Lenten special services.
- May income was good and expenses were flat.
- CLC giving is \$4,000 behind budget plan year-to-date.

#### Pastor's Report

- Brandon Gehrls has requested to be removed from membership. A motion was passed to recommend to Voters that he be removed.
- The confirmations of Charles Davis, Emily Hein, John Maki, and Ned Sandhoefner on May 22 were noted.
- Julie Brandt and Christopher Fleming wedding on July 9
- Contacts:
  - Matt Snyder desires membership and has been attending services in Eden Prairie. Pastors Hein and Schierenbeck both believe that Matt's understanding of faith and doctrine is such that he is ready.
  - Pastor Alexander, friend of Alvin Jask in Liberia, has been corresponding with Pastor Hein and is receiving instruction

- Alvin Jask's sister and her daughter desire to come here from Liberia and receive instruction. They have financing in order and are now attempting to obtain Visas.
- Becky Koch, a U of M student, needs transportation to church. Discussion followed on how to assist her.
- Pastor will be on vacation Sunday July 31
- Pastor will preach on Sept. 25 and Nov. 20 at Eden Prairie. Oct. 9 is also Mission Festival. Guest preachers are being arranged.

#### Elders Report

- Church picnic on the church grounds on June 26 following worship.
- Medical insurance premiums will increase by 6.5% effective August 1.
- The CLC Convention survey has been submitted.

#### Board of Education

- The school year finished well.
- Graduates this year: Emily Hein, John Maki, and Ned Sandhoefner.
- Next year's enrollment will be reduced to seven. This includes the absence of the Maki children who have not been re-enrolled.
  - The board is not recommending a reduction in staff
- Kindergarten will not be offered for the next school year, but plans are being made to offer for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Planning is underway to produce and distribute a tri-fold brochure to advertise the school. There is \$2,000 in the budget for this purpose, plus \$450 left over from the school trip.
- Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of non-member students potentially outnumbering member students.

#### Board of Trustees Report

- Two skylights have been installed in the parsonage, one of the two being the wrong size has now been added to the loft area.
- Work on the key list continues.
- Work on the roof leaks continues.
- An estimate will be obtained for repairs to the parking lot.
- The new windows will not support the window air conditioner. The board is searching for different brackets.
- Work day is scheduled for Saturday, June 25.
- The dryer vent needs attention.
- Outside water faucets need attention.
- The lawn mower blade needs to be sharpened.

#### Old Business

- Rick Nelson is trying to schedule the blood drive for Sunday, Sept. 25.
- New federal tax credit available on medical insurance premiums.
  - Analysis applied to Grace revealed a potential savings of \$500.
  - The council felt the potential savings was not worth further government intrusion into our affairs.
  - Motion passed not to file for the tax credit.

#### New Business: There was no new business

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 11:48 a.m.

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Frank Radichel

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: Degnan

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel, Bob Vandever, Matthew Vandever

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

Church Cleaners: Degnan

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Worship Service  
**Sun., July 10:** 9:00 am – Worship Service  
 11:00 am – Council Meeting  
**Sun., July 17:** 9:00 am – Worship Service  
 10:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings  
**August 1-5:** Vacation Bible School  
**August 29:** First Day of School @ Grace

**Last Week's Stats:** June 26, 2011 Sun.: 104

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,769.03	CLC:	\$1,042.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,850.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+919.03	CLC:	+82.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$75,750.21	CLC:	\$23,137.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	74,100.00	CLC:	24,960.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+1,650.21	CLC:	-1,823.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	303.00
GLC Other: 3.00	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	100.00
ILC Student Aid: 20.00	ILC Bldg.	100.00	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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