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*Grace Lutheran Church & School*



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**Church Year:** Pentecost 7      **Date:** July 31, 2011

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 145, p. 155 f.*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 38: The Lord, My God, be Praised*

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

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

- P: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
- C: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.**
- P: The Lord has chosen Zion, He has desired it for His dwelling;
- C: "This is My resting place forever and ever; here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it —**
- P I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor will I satisfy with food.
- C: I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints will ever sing for joy."**

**Gloria in Excelsis:** ..... *TLH 508, st. 1, 4*

**C: Thou whose almighty word Chaos and darkness heard  
 And took their flight, Hear us, we humbly pray,  
 And where the Gospel day Sheds not its glorious ray,  
 Let there be light!**

**Holy and blessed Three, Glorious Trinity,  
 Wisdom, Love, Might! Boundless as ocean's tide,  
 Rolling in fullest pride, Thro' the earth, far and wide,  
 Let there be light!**

**First Reading:** ..... *Ezekiel 2:1-5*

Ezekiel is called to proclaim God's Word whether it is listened to or not.

**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. The Word is very near you;
- C: It is in your mouth and in your heart that you may do it. Alleluia.**

**Second Reading:** ..... *Mark 5:21-24,35-43*

Jesus brings a young girl back to life.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 437: Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode*

**Sermon:** ..... *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

(7) And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. (8) Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. (9) And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (10) Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (NKJV™)

**BY THE GRACE OF GOD**

1. WE LEARN HUMILITY THROUGH AFFLICTION
2. WE FIND STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 518, st. 1-4, 7: If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 410: Jesus, Lead Thou On*

*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!*

# Voters Meeting Notes – July 17, 2011

Meeting opened with prayer. Roll call was taken: 23 present; 4 excused; and 9 absent. Minutes of the April 17 meeting were approved as read.

## Treasure's Report:

- Until June, receipts have been good. June receipts were down.
- Giving to the Tuition Aid Fund was up significantly.
- All the boards are in line with their budgets.
- The bill for the windows and skylights was paid in June.
- Giving to the CLC continues to be down, about \$5,000 from last year.

## Pastor's Report

- Brandon Gehrls, who has been attending a heterodox church, has requested that his membership at Grace be removed. Motion carried.
- Ken and Darlene Isaacson are attending an ELCA church and have requested the removal of their membership. Motion carried.
- Steven Gunther has been unreachable for several years. Motion to remove his membership due to loss of contact was approved.
- John Auel is attending a heterodox church and hasn't responded to several contact attempts. Motion to remove membership approved.
- Andrew Rosendahl hasn't responded to correspondence to date. No recommendation for any action was made.
- 12 families and/or individuals were sent letters via certified mail regarding their attendance and participation in the means of Grace:
  - Three letters were not signed for.
  - One recipient is meeting with Pastor.
  - One recipient came to church today.
  - Pastor read the letter to the voters.
  - Letter recipients were: Josh and Laurie Benzer; Jonathan Davis; Judy Dahlin; Jeramiah Smith; Jessica Stiebling; Matt Stiebling; Justin and Sarah Walker.
- The confirmations of Charles Davis, Emily Hein, John Maki, and Ned Sandhoefner on May 22 were noted. Affirmation of their communicant membership was approved by the voters.
- Matt Snyder, who has been faithfully attending services at Eden Prairie, wants to become a member of the CLC. Pastors Hein and Schierenbeck recommend his membership. Pastor Hein read Matt's letter declaring his faith to the voters. A motion to approve his membership passed. (Since the Eden Prairie is not yet a congregation, membership must occur at Grace or Berea).
- Continuing instruction classes with Rona Flesner and Alex Baker who have another six sessions to go. Pastor Alexander Gayflor in Libya, a contact of Alvin Jask, is being instructed via email.
- Alvin Jask's sister Suzie and her daughter Naomi are attempting to come to the U.S. for instruction. Suzie also plans to seek help and advice from Janelle Hein with regard to running a Christian day

school – something Suzie wants to do on her return to Libya. They have financing in place but are encountering complications with their visa applications. Please keep them in your prayers.

- Julie Brandt and Christopher Fleming were married on July 9.
- Freida Aden will likely be moving back to the area from Florida.

## Board of Elders

- The Elders recommend moving the date for our Mission Festival from Oct. 9 to Sept. 25 when Missionary Matthew Ude will be here and available to preach. A motion to move the date was approved.

## Board of Education

- The Board recommends the appointment of Rick Nelson as Sunday School Superintendent for the coming year. Motion passed.
- The Board recommends calling Heidi Nelson and Jan Davis to serve as substitute teachers for the coming school year. Motion carried.
- Pastor reminded us that we still need one more VBS teacher.

## Board of Trustees

- The new windows and skylights have all now been installed.
- The board is seeking bids for sealing the parking lot.
  - One bid has been received to date: seal with new rock and stripe - \$8,346.00, or seal coat only w/o rock - \$4,446.00
- Roof leaks: The board is still seeking solutions to this problem.
- The board sought guidance on prioritizing the projects since there isn't enough money to address all the issues. Discussion followed. It was noted that there was \$1352.00 in the Project Undesignated fund, and \$5,000.00 in the Project Reserve fund.
- A motion was made and passed to move both funds to the General Fund to be available for the Trustees to use for the above mentioned projects at their discretion.

## Old Business

- A blood drive has been scheduled after church, Sept. 25. Donors may sign up over the next two weeks.
- Changes to the constitution and by-laws, second reading. Proposal One, parts one and two, and Proposal Two passed.
  - Proposal 1 effected the elimination of the office of Financial Secretary and the transfer of the duties of that office to the Vice Chairman.
  - Proposal 2 effected the addition of two members from the board of Education to the Nominating Committee, in the process redefining which members of each board may be selected to serve on the committee.

## New Business

- There was no new business.

Notes condensed from secretary's minutes by Jack Kirkham.

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

*Organist:* Maureen Ochsner

*Elder:* Ed Lentz

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

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

*Church Cleaners:* ??

## † 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:* Ochsner

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Worship Service  
**August 1-5:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School  
**Fri., Aug. 5:** 11:15 am – VBS Picnic  
**Sun., Aug. 7:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper  
**Sat., Aug. 13:** 9:00 am – School Cleanup Day  
**Mon., Aug. 15:** 7:00 pm – School Ice Cream Social  
**August 29:** First Day of School @ Grace

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Guest Speaker:** We thank Pastor Emeritus Daniel Fleischer for sharing the Word of God with us today. Pastor Hein will be returning late this evening from vacation.
- ◆ **You can be a Lifesaver!** We will be holding a blood drive here at church on September 25th. The purpose of this drive is simply to raise awareness for the need for blood. Before Memorial Blood Center will commit to bringing their bus here, we have to verify that there is enough interest. We will have a sign-up sheet in the back of church (by the entrance). Please sign up if you are interested. This does not mean you are committed to that date. We are simply showing MBC that we have enough willing individuals. Please talk with Rick Nelson if you have any questions.

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My Grace  
is sufficient for you, for  
my **power**  
is made perfect  
in weakness.

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2 Corinthians 12:9