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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 17

Date: October 9, 2011

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 103, TLH p. 145 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 537: Every Morning Mercies New*

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 love the Lord, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy.

C: Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live.

P: The cords of death entangled me,

C: The anguish of the grave came upon me. I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

P: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, save me;"

C: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. 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: *Romans 14:5-9*

We are to be the Lord's in all circumstances.

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. For whatever things were written before were written for our learning,

C: That we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Matthew 18:21-35*

In the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, Jesus illustrates to us how the forgiven sinner is to show forgiveness toward others.

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

Hymn: *TLH 31: When All Thy Mercies, O My God*

Sermon: *Genesis 50:15-21*

(15) When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." (16) So they sent *messengers* to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, (17) 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you." ' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. (18) Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we *are* your servants." (19) Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for *am* I in the place of God? (20) "But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive. (21) "Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. (NKJVTM)

Forgiveness Has the Power to Heal

1. The forgiven

2. The forgiver

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *Forgive Our Sins (See insert)*

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

Hymn: *TLH 657: Beautiful Savior*

Hymn:.....*Forgive Our Sins (Tune of TLH 360)*

1. "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.
2. How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us;
How great our debt to you!
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love
Our lives will spread Your peace.

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ♦ **Immanuel Position Open:** The position of facilities manager has opened in the maintenance department of ILC. Application forms will be available through your pastor or at: <http://www.ilc.edu/administration/Online%20Forms/job%20application.pdf>. Contact: John K. Pfeiffer, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701-7134 john.pfeiffer@ilc.edu (715) 836-6621
- ♦ **CLC News:** Mr. David Rodebaugh of Messiah in Hales Corners, WI, has accepted the call to the professor position vacated by Prof. Michael Buck at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. † Peace with God in Onalaska, WI, has called Pastor Richard Kanzenbach to be its pastor, forming a dual parish with Morning Star in Fairchild, WI.
- ♦ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #4 – 3rd Commandment.

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!

CLC E-Devotion

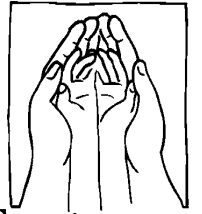
Friday, July 18, 2008

Luke 11:4 Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

THE FORGIVEN FORGIVE

While Jesus called God "Father" when He prayed on Calvary, He asked for forgiveness for His enemies in His own name. And in the name of Jesus we come to the Father, for only in Jesus is there a basis for our forgiveness.

To pray in Jesus' name is to pray trusting for access to God through the blood-bought forgiveness of Christ. Apart from Jesus we couldn't pray "Our Father" and expect to be heard.



Forgiveness

That we come to God trusting in Jesus is also evident when we pray, "Forgive us ... as we forgive." We have been forgiven before and know it. Faith says "I have been forgiven" by forgiving others. That's the mark of the believer. God is holy love, therefore He acts in holy love. We are forgiven sinners, therefore we forgive. Through Christ's forgiveness we are restored to God's own family and we then do as our heavenly Father has done for us. We forgive.

Is it hard to forgive those who wrong us? Depends on what we look at first: Their actions against us or Jesus' actions on our behalf. Forgiveness becomes natural for our new nature when we consider what Christ was willing to pay to be able to say: "Be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you" (Matthew 9:2).

Forgiveness is costly, but remember Christ paid for the forgiveness we give to others. If we refuse to forgive those who sin against us, our actions amount to a denial that God is our Father in Christ. For what has God done for us in Christ? Did He wait until we asked for forgiveness -- or until we vowed not to do it again?

No. "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ... when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son" (Romans 5:8 ff).

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Frank Radichel

Ushers: David Stifter, Scott Baker, Al Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Michael Ude

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Michael Ude

Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Ryan & Mikey Oman; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan

Church Cleaners: B. Rust School: Flesner

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: David Stifter, Scott Baker, Al Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Michael Ude

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

Hospitality Team 4: Mark & Trudy Wales; Karen Auel; Bob & Suki Vandever

Church Cleaners: Dick/Englehorn School: None

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

October 11-12: Minnesota Pastoral Conference (Austin, MN)

Wed., Oct. 12: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Oct. 16: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

October 19-21: CLC Teachers Conference (Markesan, WI)

Sat., Oct. 29: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 2, 2011 Sun.: 98 S.S.: 14 B.Cl.: 37 Wed.: 17

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,426.10	CLC:	\$1,674.50
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,850.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,576.10	CLC:	+714.50
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$116,905.28	CLC:	\$36,064.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	114,000.00	CLC:	38,400.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+2,905.28	CLC:	-2,336.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	5.00	Tuition Aid:	365.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	50.00	Kinship:	150.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	133.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

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"Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ
has forgiven you."
Ephesians 4:32,

