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† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: Janelle Hein *Elder:* Frank Radichel

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

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

Hospitality Team 6: Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland

Church Cleaners: Dick/Englehorn *School:* Hein

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

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 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice Sandhoefner

Church Cleaners: Ude *School:* Hein

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

- Today:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am –Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality
- Wed., Oct. 2:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
- Sun., Nov. 6:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord’s Supper
 11:15 am – Hospitality
- Fri., Nov. 11:** Visitors’ Day @ Immanuel Lutheran College
- Nov. 11 & 12:** 7:30 pm – ILC Play “The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe”
- Wed., Nov. 23:** 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Last Week’s Stats: Oct. 23, 2011 Sun.: 112 S.S.: ?? B.Cl.: 45 Wed.: 19

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,736.72	CLC:	\$1,1051.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,850.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-113.28	CLC:	+91.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$123,406.50	CLC:	\$39,252.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	122,550.00	CLC:	41,280.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+856.50	CLC:	-2,028.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	5.00	Tuition Aid:	40.00	
GLC Other:	15.50	MDF:	5.00	Kinship:	58.00
ILC Student Aid:	20.00	ILC Bldg.	25.00	IIF: 6.00	CEF: 5.00

\$100 Memorial for Claudine Radtke

*Grace Lutheran
 Church & School*



Here I Stand

Martin Luther before the Emperor at Worms in 1521



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 30, 2011

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† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation:..... *Psalm 46, TLH p. 134*

Opening Prayer:

Hymn:..... *TLH 266: O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word*

Liturgy:..... *Based on Selected Psalms and TLH 267*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C(♩): Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

From Psalm 119

P: Oh, how I love Your law!

C: It is my meditation all the day.

P: You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies;

C: For they are ever with me.

P: I have more understanding than all my teachers,

C: For Your testimonies are my meditation.

P: I understand more than the ancients,

C: Because I keep Your precepts.

P: How sweet are Your words to my taste,

C: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

P: Through Your precepts I get understanding;

C: Therefore I hate every false way.

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet

C: And a light to my path.

The Reformation confessors set forth their faith and confession with a clarity that is hardly found in the Lutheran Church today! We of the *Church of the Lutheran Confession* chose the name we did 50 years ago, because on the first hand, we wanted to state the positive, namely that we were a church that stood by the Scriptures and the confessions drawn from the Scripture! Secondly we wanted our name to delineate the distance between ourselves and compromising Lutheranism. Today the ELCA is representative of those Lutherans who have sacrificed Scriptural principles on the altar of compromise, political correctness, social agendas, and plain indifference to the truth of Scripture.

They who have moved away from the true faith and true confession of the Lutheran Church are far removed from Martin Luther's clear and strong confession at Worms. The *Formula of Concord*, was set forth because true Lutherans "were determined that the Lutheran Church should never be contaminated with indifferentism or unionism, nor with any teaching deviating in the least from the divine truth" (*Concordia Triglotta: Bente Introduction*, page 235). The fathers were ready to give up their life rather than deny the truth!

C.P. Krauth in his *Conservative Reformation* wrote, "... the Faith of our Church, in all and each of its parts, is founded on the Word of God, which she will not permit to be overruled, either by the speculations of corrupt reason, or by the tradition of a corrupted Church, but which Word she interprets under the ordinary, promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, as a Word in itself absolutely perfect for its ends ... The propositions we have just advanced, no Lutheran, in the historical sense of the word can deny; for the man who would deny it would in virtue of that denial prove that he is not in the historical sense, Lutheran; for he, and he only, is such who believes that the doctrine of the Gospel is rightly taught in the Augsburg Confession" (page 179,180).

How far they have fallen who have fallen from the steadfast confession of Scripture and from the Lutheran confessions drawn from the Scripture!

Our Church, the *Church of the Lutheran Confession*, is what its name implies only so much as and so long as we faithfully confess and teach the Scriptures—only so long as we stand fast on the principle that our faith and principles drawn from and established upon the Word of God are not for sale for any price! God help us!

Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 10/2010

STANDING ON PRINCIPLE:

We are again engaged in political campaigns in our country. While we appreciate the freedom that we still enjoy to elect freely the candidate of our choice many people, especially faithful Christians, are finding the campaigns obnoxious and less than uplifting. First of all, the intonation of a god of choice by a politician or any citizen is an affront to the true God Who has revealed Himself in Scripture and manifested His love in Christ Jesus. Further, “God bless America” coming from mouths of foul-mouthed politicians is as meaningless as it is hollow. Furthermore, personal attacks, lying and deceit, as well as vulgarity have become a staple of campaigning in this allegedly “Christian” country. But there is another phenomenon of political campaigns. Even though successful politics involves compromise we are amazed at how easily and cavalierly principles are jettisoned when it is convenient or deemed necessary to achieve an end.

With regret we see that the church is to a great extent moving in the same direction. Objective observers of the church scene can recognize that political machinations, compromise, and lack of principle have made their way into the church. Even within Lutheranism which once was a bastion of Scriptural integrity things have deteriorated to such a degree that today one must explain what kind of Lutheran one is and to what Lutheran church one belongs. It is not sufficient to answer an inquirer with “I am a Lutheran.” To answer so may identify one with approval of false doctrine, abortion, homosexuality, political machinations, as well as the promotion of social agendas over the proclamation of the Gospel.

The historic Lutheran Church that grew out of the Reformation recognized that the Word of God was inspired of God and was therefore truth. It confessed without qualification the Triune God, the person of Christ, true God and true man. It declared that people are justified freely for Christ’s sake through faith. It set forth Scripture teaching on Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, as well as on the subject of civil government. It addressed from Scripture the subject of Christ’s return for judgment and condemned millennialism. It confessed what Scripture teaches on the cause of sin and good works. These points and others were set forth in its confession—the Augsburg Confession of 1530. It did not hesitate to condemn and reject anything that was taught that contradicted, denied, or supplanted the Scriptures, the inspired Word of God. It refused fellowship with those who departed from Scripture or who compromised with error and the errorist. It stood up against false Lutherans.

**SING(♩): Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.**

From Psalm 2

P: Why do the nations rage,

C: And the people plot a vain thing?

P: The kings of the earth set themselves,

C: And the rulers take counsel together,

P: Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

C: “Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us.”

P: He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;

C: The LORD shall hold them in derision.

P: Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:

C: “Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.”

**SING(♩): Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.**

From Psalm 31

P: In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed;

C: Deliver me in Your righteousness.

P: Bow down Your ear to me, Deliver me speedily;

C: Be my rock of refuge, A fortress of defense to save me.

P: For You are my rock and my fortress;

C: Therefore, for Your name’s sake, Lead me and guide me.

P: Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me,

C: For You are my strength.

P: Into Your hand I commit my spirit;

C: You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

**SING(♩): O Comforter of priceless worth.
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.**

P: God our Father, has preserved His Word for us. It is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Our Lord Jesus has made His power known. He is sitting at the right hand of the Father and will come to judge the world. God the Holy Spirit has extended God's grace to us through Word and Sacrament. But we have not kept the Word of our Lord. I now ask you, therefore, before God who searches the heart: Do you confess the sins you have committed in thought, word, and deed; do you repent of them, believe on the Lord Jesus for forgiveness, and sincerely intend, with the help of God's Holy Spirit, to lead a godly life from now on? If so, then answer "yes."

*P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto you. In the stead of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.
Let us praise our gracious God!*

**SING(♩): Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!**

Collect:

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

S.S. Children: *WS 774: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Note: The children will sing stanzas 1 & 2. The congregation may join in stanzas 3 & 4.

Scripture Reading:..... *Colossians 1:21-29*

Our ministry is to be grounded in the Gospel of Christ Jesus for it gives us hope.

Scripture Reading:..... *Matthew 16:21-26*

Standing up for Jesus means to take up His cross and follow Him.

Events in the life of Martin Luther

- 1483 - November 10, born at Eisleben, Saxony in Germany, baptized next day, St. Martin's day.
 - 1498 - High school at Eisenach; lived at the home of Ursula Cotta.
 - 1501 - Entered U. of Erfurt to become a lawyer;
 - 1505 - Thunderstorm vow; entered cloister and became an Augustinian monk.
 - 1507 - Ordained a priest
 - 1510 - Journey to Rome on official business when he became personally acquainted with the corruption in the church.
 - 1512 - Appointed professor of theology at U. of Wittenberg by Elector Frederick; became Doctor of Divinity
 - 1517 - October 31, posted 95 theses on the door of the Castle, church at Wittenberg calling attention to abuses in the Roman Catholic Church, particularly in regard to indulgences, letter of pardon for sale
 - 1519 - Disputation with Roman Catholic theologian Dr. Eck in Leipzig.
 - 1520 - Pope threatened to excommunicate Luther. Luther burned bull.
 - 1521 - Formally excommunicated from Roman church. Diet of Worms. "Here I stand" Edict making him outlaw.
 - 1522 - "Captured" by friends & taken to the Wartburg for his own safety. Translated the New Testament into the language of the people.
 - 1524 - Wrote & published his first 24 hymns.
 - 1525 - Married Catherine von Bora, a former nun.
 - 1529 - Diet of Speyer. Published Large & Small Catechism
 - 1530 - Augsburg Confession
 - 1534 - Published translation of the whole Bible (German)
 - 1537 - Luther publishes "Smalcald Articles"
 - 1546 - February 18 Death & burial in Castle Church in Wittenberg.
- "Grace alone, Faith alone, Scripture alone."*

The Reformation

The Lutheran Witness of Nov. 21, 1933
By Ida Campen Higer, of Cleveland, Ohio.

**Dark and silent as a tomb
O'er men's hearts lay error's gloom;
Christ, our Savior, was denied
To the souls for whom He died.
Other saints were much adored
Rather than our blessed Lord.**

**Martin Luther's heart was stirred
As he read God's sacred Word,
Read the Gospel-truth, which saith
That "the just shall live by faith."
In that Word his soul found rest;
Now through him are thousands blessed.**

**Let us spread this truth sublime
Unto earth's remotest clime -
That God's Son redeemed our race,
How we're saved alone by grace.
Every soul His name adore,
Reverence Him forevermore.**

Confession of Faith: *Explanation to the 3^d Article (Catechism)*

I believe that I cannot by my own reasoning or effort believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, nor come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the last day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

Hymn: *Tune of T.L.H. 360*

Note: By Pastor W. M. Czamanske, as found in The Lutheran Witness of Nov. 5, 1913

**"A mighty Fortress is our God,"
'Twas Luther's song and lay;
Its echoes rang through every land,
Are ringing still today.**

**"With might of ours can naught be done,"
God's Church must still confess;
In all her battles only God
Can shield, protect, and bless.**

**"Though devils all the world should fill,"
Take courage, little flock!
The gates of hell shall not prevail;
We stand upon the Rock.**

**"The Word they still shall let remain,"
'Twas Luther's battle-cry;
And round its banners, wide unfurled,
We'll rally till we die.**

Sermon: *Jeremiah 15:15-21*

(15) O LORD, You know; Remember me and visit me, And take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your enduring patience, do not take me away. Know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke. (16) Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts. (17) I did not sit in the assembly of the mockers, Nor did I rejoice; I sat alone because of Your hand, For You have filled me with indignation. (18) Why is my pain perpetual And my wound incurable, Which refuses to be healed? Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream, As waters

that fail? (19) Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, Then I will bring you back; You shall stand before Me; If you take out the precious from the vile, You shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, But you must not return to them. (20) And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; And they will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you; For I am with you to save you And deliver you," says the LORD. (21) "I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, And I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible." (NKJVTM)

"Here I Stand, A Fortified Bronze Wall"

1. When suffering rebuke for God's sake
2. When standing alone on God's Word
3. When being delivered by God's salvation

Response:..... *TLN 283: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

SING(♩): God's Word is our great heritage
 And shall be ours forever;
 To spread its light from age to age
 Shall be our chief endeavor.
 Through life it guides our way,
 In death it is our stay.
 Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
 We keep its teachings pure.
 Throughout all generations.

Hymn:..... *WS 775: Thy Strong Word*

Offering of Thanks:..... *Meditative Music*

Prayers:

Benediction:

C(♩): Amen. Amen. Amen.

Choir:..... *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

Hymn:..... *Tune of TLN 451*

Note: By Sue Anne Kirkham.

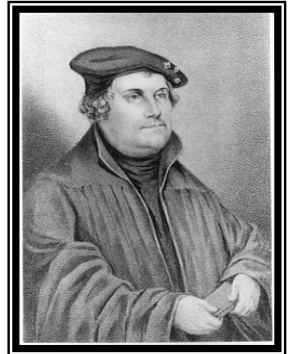
SING(♩): Stand up, stand up for Jesus, your savior and your friend
 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, whose mercy has no end
 He lived on earth to serve us, He died to set us free
 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, He stood for you and me.

Silent Prayer:

† **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** †

- ◆ **Time Change:** Remember to "fall back" one hour next Saturday!
- ◆ **Thanks:** To all those who participated in yesterday's work day or who helped behind the scenes this week! The fruits of your labor present Grace in a good image, part of letting our lights shine before the world.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Alice Weibye broke her hip this past week, having surgery at Mercy in Coon Rapids. She has moved temporarily to Anoka Care Center; 1040 Madison St.; Anoka, MN 55303. Elnora Smith was also hospitalized at Mercy for pneumonia and will be moving temporarily to a care facility as well. Ann Radichel also had a procedure to remove skin cancer this past Monday. She is recovering well. May the Lord's faithfulness ensure His people of His abounding love and goodness.
- ◆ **Poinsettias:** There is a signup sheet for those interested in purchasing poinsettias for the sanctuary. Details are on the sheet.
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day:** is November 11. Come and learn more about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ. Speak with pastor if interested.
- ◆ **ILC Play:** will be on Nov. 11-12, at 7:30 pm: "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." Two of Grace's members will be participating.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of Morning Star in Fairchild, WI, has accepted the call to Peace with God in Onalaska, WI, with the result that these two congregations now become a joint-parish.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #8 – 6th Commandment.

In April of 1521, Martin Luther was ordered to attend a special meeting before Emperor Charles V at the Germany city of Worms. Luther was asked to "recant," that is, retract, or change his mind about what he had written and taught. Luther's final response was this:



"Unless I am convinced by Scripture and by plain reason (I do not believe in the authority of either popes or councils by themselves, for it is plain that they have often erred and contradicted each other) in those Scriptures that I have presented, for my conscience is captive to the Word of God, I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand; I can do no other. God help me. Amen."