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 Church Year: Pentecost 21 Date: November 13, 2011

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 84, TLH p. 139 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 591: Jesus, I Live to Thee*

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

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

- P: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;
- C: In Your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.**
- P: I spread out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.
- C: Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit faints with longing.**
- P: For Your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life;
- C: In Your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.**
- P: With You there is forgiveness, O Lord;
- C: Therefore You are feared. Glory be to God!**

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 360, st. 1, 7*

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
 My great Redeemer's praise,
 The glories of my God and King,
 The triumphs of His grace!

Glory to God and praise and love
 Be ever, ever given
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heaven.

First Reading: *Isaiah 52:1-6*

By faith, we stand before God clothed in the beautiful garments of Christ's righteousness.

Gradual:

- P: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;
- C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**
- P: Blessed are those whose strength is in You,
- C: Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.**
- P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen,
- C: So that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia.**

CDS Children: *In Peace and Joy*

Second Reading: *Matthew 25:1-13*

We are to be like the 5 wise virgins prepared while waiting for the bridegroom to arrive, the coming of our Savior on Judgment Day.

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

Hymn: *TLH 370: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Sermon: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

(13) But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. (14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. (15) For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. (16) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. (17) Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (18) Therefore comfort one another with these words. (NKJV™)

Live and Die with Hope

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 200: I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

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

Hymn: *TLH 341, st. 4-5: Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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 speak with you!

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Among Us:** Frieda Aden, member from our CLC church in Okabena, is now located at: Chandler Place; 3701 Chandler Dr. #207; St. Anthony 55421; (612) 788-4587.
- ◆ **Poinsettias:** There is a signup sheet with details by the guest book for those interested in purchasing poinsettias for the sanctuary.
- ◆ **Cookie Bake:** The annual cookie bake will be held on Saturday, November 26 from 9-11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We make cookies to be served for the Candlelight Service, and take some home as well. Please join us! For questions, contact Chris Lentz (chris@gruidl.com). If you know you'll be coming, please let her know.
- ◆ **Martin Luther:** Copies are available by the mailboxes of a Martin Luther report from this year's Christian Day School Catechism class.
- ◆ **Evangelism Workshop:** On Sun., Nov. 27, 2:30-6:00 pm, an evangelism workshop will be hosted by Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Pastor Richard Kanzenbach will be installed as pastor of Peace with God Lutheran Church on Sun., Nov. 20 at a 3:00 pm service. They are located at 1103 Riders Club Road, Onalaska, WI. Please email your intended presence to Kirby Pabst at refmsg@charter.net.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #10 – 8th Commandment.

Are You Prepared For Death?

A young prince whose mind had learned in some degree to value religious truth asked his tutor to give him a suitable instruction that he might be prepared for death. "Plenty of time for that when you are older," was the reply. "No," said the prince. "I have been to the churchyard and measured the graves, and there are many shorter than I am." - Selected.

Certainly, no matter what our age, death can occur at any time. Are you well-prepared for it? Is it something you fear? They flirt with tragedy, with eternal consequences, who think that they can put off sitting at the cross today when it could be more convenient for them in the future. The contemplation of death without the cross of Christ strikes fear from which there is no release. May we all be willing to sit at the cross of Christ to hear His Word, not only at Easter or at Christmas, but at every opportunity. By doing so, we will be prepared for death and prepared to meet our resurrected Savior. *"Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching"* Heb. 10:25.

Voters Meeting Notes – October 16, 2011

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Pastor Hein at 11:33 a.m. Minutes of the July 17 Voters Meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- The last quarter was good.
- Just paid \$5,580.00 for fall tuition for 4 students
- Giving to the Tuition Aid Fund remains good.
- Expenses are in line YTD for the Elders and Education budgets.
- Expenses YTD for the Trustees budget is up, due to the window and parking lot projects.
- CLC receipts are at 68% of plan YTD.

Pastor's Report:

- After informing the Voters and Council ahead of time with several membership items, many were addressed at the meeting. We pray that the Lord will lead many back to His Word and we are thankful for those who already have.
- Jeremiah Smith with children Emerson and Mahalia were removed per request.
- Josh and Laurie Benzer, with children Sydney, Allyson, and Madelyn, were removed per request.
- Ryan Auel has not responded to calls or letters. The Board of Elders recommended removal of his membership. Motion passed.
- Nichole Nygaard, with child Conner, has not responded to calls or letters. The Board of Elders recommended removal of membership. Motion passed.
- Renae Taylor and Logan Smith have not responded to calls or letters. The Board moved removal of Renae's membership and the motion passed. The Board moved for removal of Logan's membership and the motion passed.
- Andrew Rosendahl. Pastor and the Board of Elders are continuing encouragement with Andrew's attendance. A motion to remove Andrew from voting membership per his request was passed.
- Jonathan Davis. There has been no response from Jonathan. The Board made a motion to remove from membership. Motion passed.
- Jessica Stiebling has not responded to attempts at communication. The Board moved for removal of membership. Motion passed.
- Matthew Steibling has not responded. Motion to remove passed.
- Justin and Sarah Walker responded that work makes it difficult to attend church on Sunday, but they want to start attending bible study on Wed. evenings and asked not to be removed from membership. No action recommended.
- Judy Dahlin has been attending church and her presence has been a joy!
- Don and Lorraine Grimm have transferred to Berea.

- Matt Snyder passed away.
- Baptisms: Alex Baker and Alexandra. A motion to ratify Alex Baker's membership passed. A motion to approve his voting membership passed.
- Rona Flesner has a few classes left and will soon be joining. She and her sons, Dayne and Gavin, will soon be baptized.
- Pastor reported attending the Minnesota Pastoral Conference in Austin this past week.
- Twenty-five children attended VBS this summer.
- Alvin Jask wants to film how our Christian Day School works so his sister Suzie can observe and thus learn how to run one in Liberia.
- Pastor asked that we not be discouraged about today's necessary actions regarding membership and church discipline.

Board of Elders:

- The 2012 church calendar was presented and adopted.

Board of Education:

- Moved the call of Ann Radichel to be a substitute teacher. The motion passed.
- Recognized the volunteer work of Norma Rust.
- Reported that the school year was going well.

Board of Trustees:

- Reported spending over the budget by \$1,500.00 (this expense had been approved and the transfer of money from other funds were approved by the voters at the last meeting).

Old Business:

- Changes to the By-Laws
 - Change #1. Modification of the wording in Section 2 – Election Procedures, with regard to new make-up of the nominating committee. A motion was made to drop the words **a designated** and add the words **the second year** in the following sentence: "Each year a nominating committee, consisting of ~~a designated~~ *the second year* member of the Board of Elders, Board of Trustees, and Board of Christian Education and the pastor, shall propose a slate..." The motion passed.
 - Change #2. Modification of the wording in Section 7 – Auxiliary Officers and Committees. A motion was made to add the following sentence to paragraph 5: *If any delegate or alternate delegate is unable to attend, then any Grace voter may be appointed by the delegation present as a substitute with the ability to vote at the delegate conference and the CLC convention.* The motion passed.
- A change to the handbook with regard to the provision for assistance for the pastor with communion distribution – page 2, WORSHIP section, paragraph G. A motion was made to add the following sentence: *In the event that assistance for communion distribution is still needed, the pastor in conjunction with the elders will make a selection of a member to assist.* The motion was passed.

- Modification of the 2011 church calendar. A motion was made to change the calendar regarding mid-week Advent services, because of where Christmas falls. Drop November 30th and add December 21st, which will now be the Candlelight Service. The motion passed.

New Business

- A report on the September 18 Delegate Conference at Eagle Lake was delivered by Dave Rust. Dave reported that all 3 essays presented were excellent, one of which was timely, and addressed the loss of many of our youth's continued membership in the CLC.
- 2012 Budget.

Board		2011	2012
Elders			
	Office	\$8,100	\$10,000
	Benefits	\$20,000	\$21,000
	Salary	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$41,000</u>
	Total	\$68,100	\$72,000
Education			
	Office/School	\$6,200	\$6,500
	Benefits	\$2,500	\$2,500
	Compensation	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$41,000</u>
	Total	\$48,700	\$50,000
Trustees			
	Property	\$16,600	\$18,600
	Utilities*	\$15,400	\$14,200
	Misc.		<u>\$2,700</u>
	Total	\$32,000	\$35,500
	Grand Total	\$148,000	\$157,500
	* Decrease due to change in garbage service.		

A motion to adopt the budget passed.

- Dave Rust thanked those who worked on the church website. He then asked if it was possible to post the services on the internet sooner than the current 2 week delay? No answer was available.

Adapted from minutes by Secretary, Jack Kirkham

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: **Jan Davis**

Elder: **Frank Radichel**

Ushers: **Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner**

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

Hospitality Team 2: **Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Jenny Kleifgen**

Church Cleaners: **Ude**

School: **Story**

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: **Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner**

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

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

Church Cleaners: **B. Rust**

School: **Story**

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

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

Mon., Nov. 14: 9:30 am – MN Pastoral Study Club @ Inver Grove Hts.

Wed., Nov. 16: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Nov. 20: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., Nov. 23: 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship

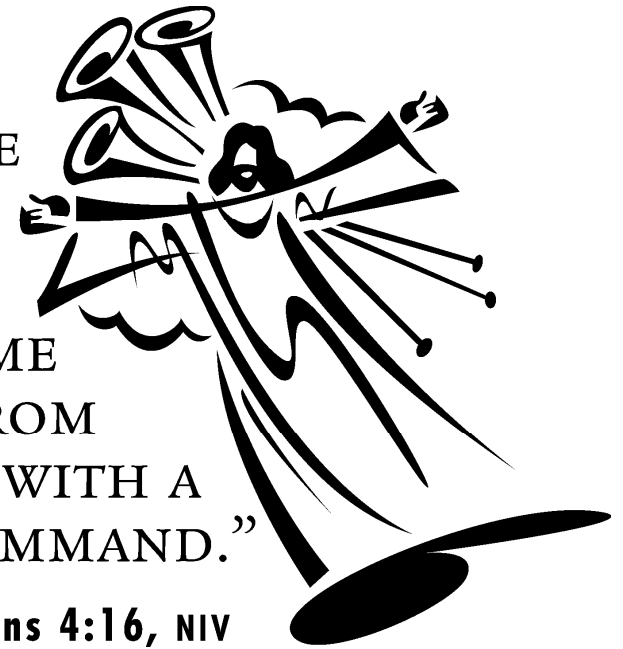
Sat., Nov. 26: 9:00-11:30 am – Dorcas Guild Cookie Bake

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 6, 2011 Sun.: 112 S.S.: 13 B.Cl.: 47 Wed.: 21

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,339.70	CLC:	\$968.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,850.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+489.70	CLC:	+8.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$129,385.95	CLC:	\$41,157.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	128,250.00	CLC:	43,200.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+1,135.95	CLC:	-2,043.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	8.00	Tuition Aid:	90.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	100.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	20.00	ILC Bldg.	565.00	IIF: 10.00 CEF: 3.00

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LORD
 HIMSELF
 WILL COME
 DOWN FROM
 HEAVEN, WITH A
 LOUD COMMAND.”



1 Thessalonians 4:16, NIV