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Grace Lutheran Church & School

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Church Year: Last Sunday Date: November 20, 2011

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 47, TLH p. 134*

Hymn: *TLH 363: To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name*

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

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

P: We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth.

C: In which righteousness dwells.

P: Show me, O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days;

C: Let me know how fleeting is my life.

P: You have made my days a mere handbreadth;

C: The span of my years is as nothing before You.

P: But now, Lord, what do I look for?

C: My hope is in You. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 246, st. 1,4: Holy, Holy, Holy*

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

First Reading: *Isaiah 65:17-19*

Heaven's wonders are foretold.

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. Jesus promises: "I am the Alpha and the Omega,

C: The First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Matthew 25:1-13*

We are to prepare for the Last Day when Christ comes again.

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

Hymn: *TLH 341: Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Sermon: *Revelation 7:9-17*

(9) After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, (10) and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (11) All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, (12) saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *Be* to our God forever and ever. Amen." (13) Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" (14) And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (15) "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. (16) "They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; (17) "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (NKJVTM)

The Innumerable Multitude Before the Throne of God

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 656: Behold a Host, Arrayed in White*

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

Hymn: *TLH 552, st. 6-8: Abide with Me! Fast Falls the Eventide*

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 †

- ◆ **Thanks:** Pastor Emeritus Daniel Fleischer is our guest speaker today since Pastor Hein is preaching at Eden Prairie. We thank Pastor Fleischer for sharing the Gospel message with us.
- ◆ **Thanksgiving Eve Service:** Our Thanksgiving service will be on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 7 pm. While things may not be particularly bright with our national economy, we are still assured of our Lord's providence and bounty of spiritual blessings. The deep well of our Savior's all-abounding grace never runs dry! We have a great opportunity to gather together in worship with our fellow Christians to thank the Lord. Come and worship your Lord, thanking Him for every good and perfect gift! Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Hts. will also be holding its Thanksgiving service on Thursday morning at 9:00 am.
- ◆ **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 Sat., Nov. 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.
- ◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** This year's Christmas concert will be held on Fri., Dec. 16, 7:30 pm, at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. For those who wish to sign up for a ride on the bus, there is a signup list for the trip.
- ◆ **2012 Cleaning:** The 2012 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.



- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Devotion Book:** Pastor Emeritus Dale Redlin has published a devotional book called *Sheep & Shepherds*. It is available for \$12 plus postage. Those who are interested may sign up on the sheet provided. Pastor will collect the money later once the final cost is known. Here is a commendation by Teacher Doug Libby: "While we often speak of Christian pastors tending their *flocks* and their congregants as sheep, there are not many pastors any longer who have actually cared for and tended the animals upon which the Biblical comparison is based. When you come across one who has, the experience will likely have left an impression and yielded many apt analogies. Such is the case with Rev. L. D. Redlin. From his experience with both kinds, *Sheep & Shepherds* illustrates that in his retirement years he is still teaching lessons for this life and the next based on his many years of Scripture study and his work of shepherding His sheep."
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Service:** Our children will be rehearsing for the service on the following dates:
 - ◆ Sun., Dec. 4: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
 - ◆ Sun., Dec. 11: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
 - ◆ Sun., Dec. 18: 9-9:45 am (please be here at 8:45 am so that we can start promptly in order to get through everything)
 December is a busy month, but please understand the importance of these rehearsals for a successful Christmas Eve service. Each child should attend at least 2 out of the 3 sessions, but attending all three is obviously the most preferable. The children have a wonderful opportunity to express the Good News of our salvation through Jesus Christ. The parents' help is greatly appreciated to make everything go well, as is evident by how well things have gone the past few years.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #11 – 9th & 10th Commandments.

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 13, 2011 Sun.: 118 S.S.: 17 B.Cl.: 41 Wed.: 19

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,570.47	CLC:	\$835.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,850.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-279.53	CLC:	-125.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$131,956.42	CLC:	\$41,992.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	131,100.00	CLC:	44,160.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+856.42	CLC:	-2,168.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	5.00
GLC Other: 26.00	MDF:	5.00	Kinship:	0.00
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg.	110.00	IIF: 1.00	CEF: 0.00

Voters Meeting Notes – November 13, 2011

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Pastor Hein at 12:00 PM. Roll Call: 12 present. Minutes of the October 2011 meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

- October was a strong month with five Sundays of giving
- CLC contributions were strong for the month

Pastor's Report

- Pete Fleischer requested a transfer of his membership to Immanuel Mankato Congregation – Motion passed
- Previously the council approved pastor to join Berea in annually alternating Wednesday Thanksgiving eve and Thursday Thanksgiving morning preaching duties. Berea congregation has now approved this program, so it will start this year. Pastor Hein will preach Wednesday Thanksgiving eve at Grace and Thursday Thanksgiving morning at Berea.
- Pastor Hein will preach at Eden Prairie Sunday, November 20, 2011, Pastor Fleischer will be our guest speaker

Elder's Report

- Elders will be refurbishing Pastor's office and asked for feedback from the council on whether it should be done professionally or not. Consensus was to have the office done professionally

Education Report

- School Principal is considering option for the North Town performance and will discuss with Sue Nelson and North Town.
- School brochure for marketing to the public is in design and planning phase

Trustees Report

- Thank you to those who took care of the chipping and shredding service.
- The new snow blower has been purchased
- The congregation enjoyed a successful work day, **note: the lilacs should be kept from growing into the fence.

- Trustees and Pastor sat in on a policy review with a representative from Church Mutual (the Church Insurer)
 - Trustees explained optional Terrorism. A motion to reject the Terrorism Coverage in our policy was passed.
 - Trustees explained a recommendation from Church Mutual to put in place a Sexual Harassment & Abuse Policy. A motion to draft and adopt a Sexual Harassment & Abuse Policy was withdrawn.
 - A motion to draft a Sexual Harassment & Abuse Policy was passed.
 - A motion to adopt a Sexual Harassment & Abuse Policy was passed.
 - Discussion included the concern that the policy could inhibit Pastor's ability to minister to his congregation.
 - Discussion included the concern that we were adopting a policy that we had not yet written.
 - Discussion included whether this issue should be taken to the voters.
 - Trustees explained a potential problem with our use of copy righted materials. Trustees will review and follow up with a recommendation.

Old Business

- Nominating Committee expressed over the lack of willingness of members to accept nominations for Council positions. The Committee will meet again to work toward a solution for the 2012 slate.
- Pastor presented a draft of the Calling Tree, publication is included in the Grace Lutheran Church & School Annual Report

New Business

- No new business

A motion for adjournment was passed with the Lord's Prayer.

Adapted from minutes by Pro-tem Secretary, Paul Lentz

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Frank Radichel
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

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner
Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales
Hospitality Team 4: Mark & Trudy Wales; Karen Auel; Bob & Suki Vandever
Church Cleaners: D. Rust School: None

† OUR SCHEDULE †

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

Wed., Nov. 23: 12:00 pm – School Dismissal (Grace & ILC)
4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Thu. Nov. 24: 9:00 am – Thanksgiving Day Worship @ Berea

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

Sun., Nov. 27: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
2:00-6:00 pm – Evangelism Workshop at Eau Claire, WI

Wed., Dec. 7, 14: 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship

Sun., Dec. 4, 11: 12-2 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsals

Sun., Dec. 11: 3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital

Fri., Dec. 17: 7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert

Wed., Dec. 21: 6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Dinner
7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship

Sun., Dec. 18: 9:00 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal; 12:00 Council Meeting

Sat., Dec. 24: 6:30 pm – Christmas Eve Worship

Sun., Dec. 25: 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship

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**...before me was a great multitude...
from every nation...
standing before the throne.**

Revelation 7:9

