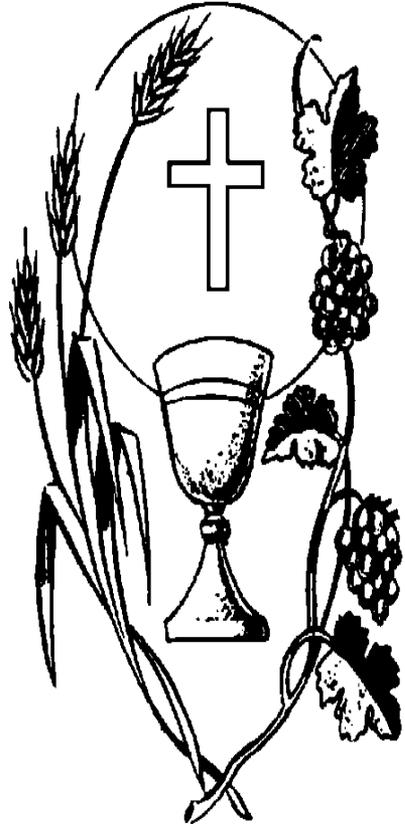
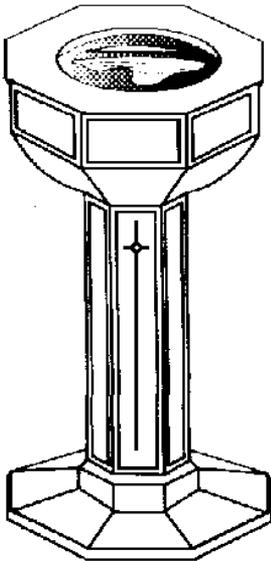
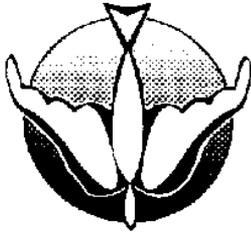


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TREASURING THE SACRAMENTS:

- 1. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism*
 - 2. The Sacrament of Holy Communion*
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Church Year: Pentecost 10

Date: August 5, 2012

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation:Psalm 51, TLH p. 134 f.

Invocation & Opening Prayer:

Opening Hymn: WS 749: Come to Living Word and Water

Confession of Sins: *Based upon Luther's Catechism*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when He said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving His life on the cross. Through our baptism He clothes us with the robe of His righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: Baptism means that the old Adam in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance and die with all sins and evil desires. It also means that a new Man should daily appear and arise, who lives eternally before God in righteousness and purity.

P: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my desires, thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and

failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner.

P: God, our Heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us respond in thanksgiving and praise!

**Sing: For the joy Thine advent gave me,
For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,
For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,
For Thy resurrection mourn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,
And in heaven I shall behold Thee. (TLH 207, st. 6)**

Hymn:.....WS 750: See This Wonder in the Making

Baptism: Riley Mae Oman

Hymn:.....TLH 301: He that Believes and is Baptized

Reading:..... Acts 2:37-42

The day of Pentecost in which the coming of the Holy Spirit is manifested, not only by the speaking in languages, but also by the baptisms and resultant breaking of bread.

Lutheran Confessions:.....Aug. Confession, Art. XIII: Sacraments

C: It is taught among us that the sacraments were instituted not only to be signs by which people might be identified outwardly as Christians, but that they are signs and testimonies of God’s will toward us for the purpose of awakening and strengthening our faith. For this reason they require faith, and they are rightly used when they are received in faith and for the purpose of strengthening faith.

**Sing: Here stands the font before our eyes
Telling how God did receive us;
Th’ altar recalls Christ’s sacrifice
And what His table doth give us;
Here sounds the Word that doth proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
Yea, and for aye our Redeemer. (TLH 467, st. 6)**

Gospel Reading:John 3:1-8

Jesus demonstrates to Nicodemus and to us that the Sacrament of Baptism creates within us a new birth, opening the doors of the kingdom of God.

Lutheran Confessions:..... Aug. Confession, Art. IX: Baptism

C: It is taught among us that Baptism is necessary and that grace is offered through it. Children, too, should be baptized, for in Baptism they are committed to God and become acceptable to Him. On this account the Anabaptists who teach that infant Baptism is not right, are rejected.



Sing: Baptized into Thy name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Thy seed, Thy chosen host,
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.
Thy Spirit now shall live within. (TLH 298, st. 1)

Epistle Reading:..... 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

The Apostle Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, tells us that the Sacrament of the Altar (the Lord's Supper) imparts to us the very body and blood of Jesus.

Lutheran Confessions:..... Aug. Confession, Art. X: Holy Supper

C: It is taught among us that the true body and blood of Christ are really present in the Supper of our Lord under the form of bread and wine and are there distributed and received. The contrary doctrine is therefore rejected.



Sing: Thy body, gi'vn for me, O Savior,
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever,
By them my hungry soul is fed.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good! (TLH 315, st. 11)

Sermon: Hebrews 12:1-3

¹Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

SACRAMENTS FOR
OUR HEAVENWARD RACE

Hymn:..... **WS 755: What Is This Bread**

Offering, & Prayers:

Communion Liturgy: *Based upon Luther's Catechism*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: We are told in Scripture that the Sacrament of the Altar is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us Christians under the bread and wine to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself. What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C: The words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that God gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through the sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P: How can simple eating and drinking do such wonderful things?

C: Eating and drinking actually do nothing. It is the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," which do this. These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main part of the sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.

P: The words of institution ...

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Communion Distribution: TLH 163: The Death of Jesus Christ

Note: Since we desire to follow the words of our Savior, we practice "Close Communion." Without a true understanding of what the Lord's Supper is all about, participation can be harmful. Therefore, if you have a desire to commune with us in the future and are not a member of a CLC congregation, please speak with the pastor. He will teach and inform you of those things which you will need and want to know.

Prayer & Benediction:

Hymn:..... *TLH 477, st. 2: Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head*

Silent Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, You have blessed us with the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. May You lead us to appreciate these and the many spiritual blessings which they convey to us by Your Holy Spirit. Keep us from dishonoring them by our apathy, but rather instill in us the faith to treasure the marvelous profits they impart. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

✠ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✠

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** This will be held each day this week from 9-11:30 am. On Friday there will be a picnic starting around 11:15 am. Parents and siblings are invited. Next Sunday there will be a worship service in which the VBS children will participate with some of the things they have learned.
- ◆ **Among Us:** This past Tues., July 31, 7:59 am, Riley Mae Oman was born to Ryan and Mikey Oman. Riley was 6 lb., 12 oz., 20 inches long. Both Mom and baby are in good health! Today Riley will be baptized into God's family during our worship service. Rick and Heidi Nelson are sponsors. We thank the Lord for the precious Means of Grace in which He creates faith and makes one a Child of God! May Riley be a blessing to her family! Jane Englehorn thanks those in the congregation that helped her with her recent move. Her new address is: Silver Lake Pointe - Common Bond; 2701 County Road I, Apt #119; Mounds View, MN 55112. Peter Fleischer has recently sent greetings to the congregation. While still fatigued at times, he has been in good spirits. Some of you may remember Pastor Karl Neumann, a former member at Grace. He has cancer and recently fell and broke his pelvis. Karl is close to 94 years old. Here is his address: Heritage Manor; 19 W Newton St; Rice Lake, WI 54868; Phone: 715-234-2161. Lorraine can be reached at 715-736-1243.
- ◆ **Wedding:** The congregation is invited to the wedding service of Alex Baker and Bonnie Story on Sat., Aug. 18, 2 pm. May the Lord richly bless their day, but more importantly their lifetime together in the Lord.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, cordially invites everyone to its outdoor Harvest Festival on Sun., Aug. 12, at 4:00 pm. The location will be on the Marvin Hansen farm, 10401 State Line Road, Guelph, ND, 58474. The guest speaker will be Pastor Andrew Schaller, Watertown, SD. The Choir will be singing in this service. Anyone wishing to sing with them is invited to contact Gweneth Hansen, gmhansen@drtel.net or 701-783-4479.
- ◆ **Invitation:** The members of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, cordially invite you and yours to join us in two special worship services that shall be held, as the Lord wills, on Sun., Sept. 2. The morning service will center around Pastor Hallauer's retirement from the public ministry. The afternoon service will center around Pastor-elect Mark Tiefel's ordination/installation as pastor of our congregation. The morning service will be held at 10:30 a.m., followed by dinner at 12:00 noon at the Morris Senior Center. The installation service will begin at 3:00 p.m., and it will be followed by a light lunch and fellowship at the church. For planning purposes, we would greatly appreciate an RSVP head count by Aug. 25 of visitors who will be joining us for the noon meal and/or the lunch. Please reply to: elton.hallauer@gmail.com.

AN ODE TO CHRISTIAN YOUTH: “The Race of Life”

(Written by Rev. Paul Fleischer, first used at a Christian Camp in Spokane in 1988, adapted)
Philippians 3:14 – “I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

PROLOGUE:

Go “swifter, higher, stronger” was the word,
The motto heard at Christian camp this week.
It is a striving, fighting, to be sure—
An “agonizing” struggle to remain
In faith in Jesus as we travel towards
The prize of our high calling in the Lord. (Phil. 3:14)

As athletes train and strain, exert themselves,
So, too, must Christians shun the easy road
Against all sin—the devil, world, and flesh.
‘Tis this unholy three each day and year
Which work relentlessly to kill, destroy,
What God Himself by grace has done for us:
Enrolling each, by Spirit’s work and Christ’s,
For victory in the battle for our souls.

“SWIFTER”

But back to motto now—the words we said.
The three words are official ‘lympic rule.
Just how do words of God, the Scriptures true,
Direct our thoughts along these very lines?
The swiftest runners win the London race,
Yet “race is NOT to swift” says Solomon. (Eccl. 9:11)
Far more important, crucial, let us note,
For Christians is a speed, a hast’ning on
To hear—just hear!—the words from mouth of God.
“Let ev’ry man be swift to hear” the Word! (Jms. 1:19)

The living God sends His Word swiftly forth (Ps. 147:15)
To trip, to halt, the mischief men devise (Prov. 6:18)
To stir His hatred, nullify His rule.
There is no future for the foolish man
Who lets his life, like weaver’s shuttle, pass, (Job 7:6)
Ignoring, as he goes, the Word of Life.
No future? Wrong! Destruction swift awaits
The speedy London ‘lympian and all
Who “ride upon the swift” but fail to see, (Is. 30:16)
To know, the mettle that in men exceeds
All trophies, medals--silver, gold, and bronze.
That mettle was and is and e’er shall be
Repentance, faith, and trust in Jesus Christ. (Rom. 6:23)

“HIGHER”

From speed the motto turns to altitude:
Olympic heights are reached and set, attained,
By vaulters, swimmers, high jumpers *et al.*
How tense the muscles, nerves, and sinews as
Frail mortals, finely-toned, reach for the stars—
Yes, for the topmost rung on winner’s stand!

But back to God's own Word and sober view:
You want to speak of reaching for the heights?
Begin at the beginning and note well:
There is no God like Him who "dwells on high" (Ps. 113:5)
And with Him Christ the Son, the great High Priest,
Made "higher than the heav'ns." This His prize (Heb. 7:26)
When He had finished all He came to do
On planet Earth, redeeming sinful man.

Dare any finite creature then presume
To reach the highest goals—apart from Christ?!
Let ev'ry "high" indulged or earned by men
Be tumbled from its proud and lofty throne:
Oh "cast down ev'ry argument and thing (2 Cor. 10:5)
Which would enshrine itself on pedestals
Above the wisdom Christ alone imparts!"
The agonizing Christian's theme is this:
"Let Your salvation, O my God, suffice (Ps. 69:29)
To set me up on high."—"Your ways, not mine, (Is. 55:9)
Are highest, best for me." Oh, help me, Lord,
To stay the course 'til trav'ling days are done.

"STRONGER"

And now to "strength" we turn our racing tho'ts—
An attitude, official motto says,
Of all who would excel in track and field.
Perhaps 'tis so, yet keep the bearings here!
The Triune God, Creator, rules our world:
"The daily sun goes forth at God's command,
Rejoicing as a strong man in a race." (Ps. 19:5)
Let ev'ry body (soul!) in London's Games—
And those who watch on modern media—
Remember this: In battle, fight, for Life
"The vict'ry is not to the strong" of flesh, (Eccl. 9:11)
But comes to those whose might is Christ, the Lord. (Rom. 8:37)
For proof ask Pharaoh, Goliath too— (Ex. 14, 1 Sam. 17)
Two mighty men who felt the wrath of God
And fell before His mighty, outstretched arm. (Ps. 136:2)
To sinners, mortals all, the message is:
"Be strong in HIM and pow'r of HIS might!" (Eph. 6:10)
Be strong in FAITH, to God all glory give!
"God's weakness far exceeds the strength of men." (1 Cor. 1:25)

RECAP

Dear Christian youth—and all—oh ponder well:
For you, for me, life's hardly just a game!
Far more's at stake than most would care to hear:
We're pressing toward the mark, the heav'nly prize,
Of our high calling in the Savior, Christ. (Phil. 3:14)
In Him, by faith we sit, and walk, and stand (Eph. 1:6, 5:15, 6:14)
Until the everlasting crown He won
For us on Calvary becomes our own.
Indeed, the gold is won by those who look
To Christ—the Author, Finisher of faith. (Heb. 12:1-2)

Despising all its shame, He bore the cross--
Its curse of sin and death. As Forerunner
He ran into the fray in evil day
And won the prize: forgiveness, peace, and LIFE!

So Christian youth—and all—let's run the race
Of life remaining, patiently and hard.
God's armor all put on, from head to toe. (Eph. 6:11-18)
Keep heart and mind, yea, body, soul, and strength
Well focused on the goal laid up in heav'n. (2 Tim. 4:7-8)
When hardship comes (apostle pleads), endure
As a good soldier of our Savior-God. (2 Tim. 2:3ff)
No man who strives for masteries can gain
The victor's crown by sitting idly by,
By toying with the rules (apostle says!)
Or playing games with Satan, world, and flesh.

Such games of costly fun, yea, deadly weight, (Heb. 12:1)
Include the likes of free and open sex,
Of drug addition, alcohol, and pills,
And all the rest; yes, "doing one's own thing"
Regardless of what parents, teachers, say,
Or even God Himself "if He exists."
Alas, this land we love, home of the brave,
America, this land of flowing grain,
Is filling to the brim the wrath of God.
Dear precious souls, redeemed by Jesus' blood,
Beware of humanism, trust in things,
Of evolution's lie—the devil's tools.
The call, the challenge is, trust Christ—and LIVE!

CLOSING:

So let us pray: We thank You, Lord, for camp;
But pray and beg and plead, before we close,
For blessings on the Christian time we shared.
In Jesus' Name and for His glory, cause,
Instill in one and all the Spirit's strength.
Help youthful warriors fight the fight of faith,
And know the width and length and depth and height (Eph. 3:18)
Of Jesus' Savior love. May not a one
Fall victim to the wiles of evil foes,
Or lose the race of Life, the crown of gold!

To summarize our thoughts: there's simply none
That's "swifter, higher, stronger" than the one
Who strives by faith in Christ to win the prize!
To Him all glory be for now, fore'er! Amen. (Graphic by Rick Nelson)

THE CHRISTIAN
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2012

A WORD ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS: BAPTISM AND LORD'S SUPPER

For what reasons did Christ add the Sacraments to the Word?

So that our weak faith be sustained and preserved in this way. For our mind cannot so easily assent to the sole and bare Word and firmly rely on it. For though, when the general promise of the Gospel is heard, one indeed in general does not mistrust it, yet in the matter of a conscience troubled, and disturbed by temptations, one usually falls into doubt as to whether that general promise belongs and pertains also particularly to him and whether he can and should also apply it personally to himself. Therefore Christ, who is rich in mercy, instituted outward and visible sacraments to help our infirmity on this point; through them, as testimonies that are open and strike the eyes, He Himself wants to deal with us and thereby, as by a very sure seal and pledge, testify that He truly applies, confirms, and seals the promise of the Gospel individually to those who use these sacraments in true faith. Doubtless the Son of God works effectively through these His sacraments in believers, strengthening and preserving faith in them. The error of the Sacramentarians is therefore properly rejected; they hold that the Sacraments are only mere signs that do not present but only signify or remind.



For in the one spirit
we were all baptized
into one body.

Is our faith also necessary for a Sacrament?

As to the essence of the Sacraments, the faith or unbelief of those who administer or those who use the Sacraments adds nothing to them and takes nothing from them, since they are acts of God that rest on His Word. For not our faith but the Word, institution, ordination, and power of God creates and makes a Sacrament. But when one asks how and whom the Sacraments profit, so that as we use them we might receive not only their substance but also their fruit, usefulness, and efficacy unto salvation, there our faith is absolutely necessary; it apprehends, accepts, and applies to itself the grace offered also in the Sacraments as it is in the Word, as Scripture testifies in Mark 16:16 and 1 Corinthians 11:29. (Martin Chemnitz)



Voters Meetings Notes – July 15, 2012

The meeting was opened with prayer. Minutes of the April 15 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- The 2nd quarter was normal. Tuition Aid Fund is being well funded.
- Some big expenditures occurred in May: Retaining wall improvement - \$1,200.00; Property insurance premium.
- Giving to the CLC remains on schedule – almost at the 50% of estimated giving for the year.
- A question regarding the status of the video project fund was raised. Answer : The fund is still active, and the project remains on hold. The fund balance is 4,000.00.

Pastor's Report:

- Ann Radichel to be installed as a teacher for the coming school year.
- The communicant memberships of Brooke Wendland and Annie Rhinesmith were ratified.
- Lois Vlasak is taking long-distance instruction.
- Kevin and Tracy Baker are taking instruction.
- VBS staff is in place: Rachel Eichstadt, Emily Hein, Ann Radichel, and Brooke Wendland. A crafts coordinator is still needed.

Board of Elders Report: None

Board of Education Report:

- Work has begun on an update of the Student Handbook.
- There is a potential non-member kindergarten student.
- We now have ten students enrolled for the next school year.
- Rick Nelson appointed as Sunday School Superintendent.

Board of Trustees Report:

- The last work day went well; thank you to all who attended.

Old Business:

- Harassment policy: One has been developed by the CLC Board of Trustees. The Grace Board of Elders has not yet reviewed it.
- Eli Wales asked ushers to make an extra effort to retrieve the offering plates at the pew ends, thus preventing parishioners from having to get out of their seats to pass the plate to the next row.

New Business:

- CLC Convention reports given by Frank Radichel and Benno Sydow.
 - Pastor Hein observed that while there are some congregations who are unable to send any delegates to the convention, Grace has always been well represented, something for which to be grateful.
 - Blood Drive: Rick Nelson received a consensus approval for 2012.
- The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Jack Kirkham

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein

Elder: Larry Nelson

Ushers: Pat Paplow, Dan Degnan, Brian Eichstadt, Eric Eichstadt, Ryan Oman, Brandon Paplow

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

Church Cleaners: Ochsner

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Jeremiah Boe, Don Dahlin, Arnold Gehrls, Bob Maki, John Maki, Joel Stifter

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland

Church Cleaners: Ochsner

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Aug. 5: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord’s Supper
10:15 am – Hospitality

August 6-10: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

Sat., Aug. 11: 9:00 am – Grace School Work Day

Sun., Aug. 12: 9:00 am – Worship Service
11:00 am – Council Meeting

Sat., Aug. 18: 2:00 pm – Baker/Story Wedding

August 20: ILC School Year Begins

August 27: Grace School Year Begins

Wed., Aug. 29: 4:00 pm – Public School Catechism Begins

Last Week’s Stats: July 29, 2012 Sun.: 97

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,035.80	CLC:	\$600.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-994.20	CLC:	-360.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$85,997.64	CLC:	\$27,837.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	93,930.00	CLC:	29,760.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-7,932.36	CLC:	-1,923.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	400.00	
GLC Other:	0.00	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	140.00	IIF: 40.00	CEF: 0.00

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

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