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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 21

Date: October 21, 2012

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: Psalm 90, TLH p. 142

Opening Hymn: TLH 1: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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 will extol the Lord at all times, His praise will always be on my lips.

C: My soul will boast in the Lord, let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

P: Glorify the Lord with me;

C: Let us exalt His name together.

P: I sought the Lord, and He answered me;

C: He delivered me from all my fears.

P: The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;

C: He delivers them from all their troubles. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: TLH 377, st. 10

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God that saved us by His grace, - All glory to His merit!

O Triune God in heaven above, Who hast revealed Thy saving love,
Thy blessed name be hallowed.

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:1-11

The watchman is to sound the trumpet in warning to the people of God.

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. This is the Lord, we trusted in Him;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation. Alleluia.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-24

While the sound of the trumpet warned at Mt. Sinai, we have been brought to Mt. Zion through Jesus as the Mediator of the new covenant.

Confession of Faith: Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12

Hymn: TLH 609: Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Sermon: Joel 2:1-11

¹ Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the Lord is coming, For it is at hand: ² A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. A people come, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there ever be any such after them, Even for many successive generations. ³ A fire devours before them, And behind them a flame burns; The land is like the Garden of Eden before them, And behind them a desolate wilderness; Surely nothing shall escape them. ⁴ Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; And like swift steeds, so they run. ⁵ With a noise like chariots Over mountaintops they leap, Like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, Like a strong people set in battle array. ⁶ Before them the people writhe in pain; All faces are drained of color. ⁷ They run like mighty men, They climb the wall like men of war; Every one marches in formation, And they do not break ranks. ⁸ They do not push one another; Every one marches in his own column. Though they lunge between the weapons, They are not cut down. ⁹ They run to and fro in the city, They run on the wall; They climb into the houses, They enter at the windows like a thief. ¹⁰ The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness. ¹¹ The Lord gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; Who can endure it? (NKJVTM)

BLOW THE TRUMPET OF GOD'S WORD

I. In fear

II. In Zion

Guest Preacher: Seminarian David Ude

Offertory: TLH p. 12 f.

Hymn: TLH 487: How Beauteous Are Their Feet

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: TLH p. 14

Hymn: TLH 613: Jerusalem the Golden

✠ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✠

- ◆ **Thanks:** to David Ude, a seminary student at Immanuel Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. He is also a former member here at Grace. May the Lord richly bless his studies as he prepares for the ministry.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Curt Miesen is done with his second treatment for leukemia and is waiting at North Memorial for testing to see if he needs any more treatments. Phil and Jackie Radichel were blessed with a grandson, Levi Benjamin Radichel, son of Neal and Erin Radichel. Mom and baby are well.
- ◆ **Parking:** A reminder for our younger and/or able-bodied members ... in consideration of others, please park further away to permit the elderly and those with physical impairments to be able to park closer to the church.
- ◆ **Blood Drive:** Rick Nelson reports that 29 units of blood were donated last weekend, a potential for 87 lives saved. 27 folks registered with 11 of those being first time donors with Memorial. Rick thanks everyone for donating and being flexible in their schedules.
- ◆ **Minnesota Joint Reformation Worship:** On Sunday, October 28, at 4:00 pm, the Minnesota Joint Reformation Worship Service will be held at Berea Ev. Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Hts., MN (9308 Rich Valley Blvd.) A fellowship meal will follow in which you may bring a dish to share. An adult choir will rehearse at 3:15 pm and the children's choir at 3:30 pm.
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day** will be held on Nov. 9. It will introduce students to the Immanuel foundation and experience. Come and learn more about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ! Lodging and meals will be provided. Speak with your pastor about questions and attendance. Please convey attendance information and any housing requests to Prof. John Ude, the ILC academic dean, before Nov. 6: work phone 715-836-6631; home phone: 715-955-4127; e-mail john.ude.ilc@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Alaskan Cruise:** Some CLC members are organizing an Alaskan Cruise in June or July of 2014. Although many details are not yet available, a website has some general information at www.CLClutheran.net/cruise. Also, information is posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. Glenn Oster can also answer any questions (goster@CLClutheran.com, 803-361-2739)

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!

CLC E-Devotion - Friday, September 14, 2012

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

THE CAPTAIN OF OUR SALVATION

Having good guidance in life is critical -- sometimes it's even a matter of life and death. A certain ocean liner sank along the Irish coast many years ago. In trying to determine the cause of the tragedy, divers were sent down. One of the items they brought up to examine was the ship's compass. Inside the compass box they found the point of a knife blade. It was guessed that some sailor had cleaned the compass, and in the process had broken off the tip of his knife, which somehow, then, had become lodged inside the device. That tiny piece of metal was enough to cause the compass to give a bad reading. The messed up compass guided the ship the wrong way which caused it to crash into the rocky coast. The captain thought his course was right, but it ended in death for him and his crew.

Sin, like the metal of that knife blade, throws the compass of our life off. That's why all human beings need the perfect and steady guidance of Jesus Christ, the Captain of our Salvation. Yes, without Christ a person may lead a relatively stable and carefree life, but in the end his self-chosen way will lead but to death and hell.

As God's blood-bought, set-apart, baptized, children of God, Jesus Christ is the Guide of your life and mine. One of the things that means is that everyday we need to repent of our sin. Repent of the fact that too often we try to run our own lives. We need to be honest and admit that we are so sinful and so blind that without the Lord's daily guidance we would, indeed, destroy ourselves eternally in hell.

So every day we need Jesus to set us on course to the only place where we can find forgiveness. We need Jesus to steer us toward the cross. Two thousand years ago Christ laid down his life for wicked and wayward people like you and me. He shed His blood for this entire world of sinners. Every day I need to see that Christ was crucified for me. That despite my stubborn, foolish and harmful pride, God loves me with an everlasting love. That's what the death of my Savior tells me! That God will always love me because He was even willing to let His Son suffer death and damnation in my place. I need to be led to the empty tomb, where the message is clear: Jesus Christ conquered death! I'm not going to die, not really. Only as a passenger on Jesus' ship can I live with the certain expectation that my Father will be there on eternity's shore waiting to welcome me into His home.

And as these solid truths are impressed upon my heart, then I'm ready to go with Him wherever else He may lead. I'm willing to let Him navigate my marriage, my family, my God-given mission to live and speak His truth to a world of lost sinners. Jesus is the Captain who will never steer me wrong!

Council Meeting Notes – September 9, 2012

- Meeting was opened at with prayer. Minutes of the August 12 meeting were approved as read with one minor correction.

Treasurer's report:

- August was an uneventful month with no large expenditures.
- A large amount was received for the Tuition Aid Fund - \$1,761.45.
- Receipts for the CLC were below the monthly target.

Pastor's report:

- The Bakers were permitted to use the fellowship hall on Sept. 8 for a reception in honor of one of their relatives who had passed away.
- Alex Baker and Bonnie Rust were married Aug. 18.
- Alice Weibye's funeral was on Sept. 7. She passed to eternal glory on Sept. 4
- Riley Oman was baptized Aug. 5.
- Rachele Kanneh, Alvin Jask's sister-in-law, has started taking instruction.
- Andrew Rosendahl: Andrew feels it is important to his children for him to be with them as they attend their Catholic church. Pastor explained that this is a wrong on-going witness to his children – he is giving his children approval for attending a heterodox church. Pastor's final letter to Andrew was read to the council. It will be sent to Andrew four different ways to assure receipt.
- Mission Festival is Oct. 14. Pastor Tiefel is unavailable and Pastor is still searching for someone to preach on that Sunday.
- Alvin Jask is preparing his report about his visit to Liberia.

Elder's report:

- The church picnic date is set for Sept. 16
- At times the entrance/exit to field is blocked by parked cars. Possible measures to prevent the entrance from being blocked were discussed, such as marking off the entrance with cones and having someone direct traffic. Able-bodied members should still park in the distant spots.
- The Harassment Policy should be ready for the next council meeting.
- The draft of the 2013 church calendar was presented.
- Experimentation with different microphones was discussed. A change was required after it was discovered that it used an illegal frequency.

Board of Education report:

- School issues during funerals were discussed. If more than one teacher wishes to attend the funeral, school should be cancelled that day.

Board of Trustees report:

- The sulfur odor is gone. The source may have been dry floor drains.
- The urinal valve in the boy's restroom is sometimes sticking.

New Business:

- Calling Tree issues were discussed.

Based on meeting minutes submitted by Jack Kirkham, Secretary

Council Meeting Notes – October 7, 2012

Meeting was opened with prayer. Benno Sydow appointed secretary pro-tem.

Treasurer's report: Report was accepted.

Pastor's report:

- Baptism of Zariah Enns
- Instruction Classes: Louis Vlasak, Kevin & Tracy Baker, Alieau & Rachele Kanneh
- Motion carried to recommend to the voters that Phil Flesner be reaccepted into communicate membership per his request.
- Motion carried to recommend to the voters to terminate the membership of Andrew Rosendahl pending non response by the voters meeting on Oct. 21.
- Public announcement of repentance: Rachel Rhinesmith, incarcerated due to drug abuse.
- Public announcement repentance: Tessa Enns, child out of wedlock.
- Mission Festival next week, Oct. 14. Prof. John Ude speaker.
- Joint Reformation Service at Berea, Inver Grove Heights, on Oct. 28, 4 pm.
- Picnic – good turnout.
- Annual Report – suggested to placing budget numbers w/treasurer's report.
- The nominating committee is functioning: Larry Nelson – Bd of Elders and Chair, Rick Nelson - Bd of Ed, Bob Vandevener – Trustee, and Pastor Hein.
- Abuse Prevention Program – Board of Elders met with Board of Ed and Pastor Hein. Motion carried to present this program to the voters. The Abuse Prevention Program will be placed in the voters' mail boxes.
- Motion carried to present the 2013 calendar to the voters.

Education Report:

- Ended 1st Grading Period
- Motion carried for Frank and Ann Radichel to apply for medical insurance with Blue Cross on our congregation's plan. No cost to the congregation.

Trustees Report:

- Still working on the stinky water issue.
- Work continues on placing pavers in the shed and AC areas.

Old Business:

- The CLC returned two of our notes for approximately \$11,000 and \$7,000 respectively. Motion carried to place \$7,000 in the Grace Tuition Fund and the \$4,000 into the budget reserve.
- Alice Weibye memorials were placed in the Undesignated Memorial Fund.

New Business:

- Motion carried to submit 2013 budget to voters: Elders \$71,500 + Education \$50,000 + Trustees 35,500 = \$157,500 (2012 Budget: \$157,500)

Based on meeting minutes submitted by Benno Sydow, Sec Pro-Tem

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Phil Radichel

Ushers: Benno Sydow, Gary Gunther, Larry Nelson, Jacob Rhinesmith, Rich Rhinesmith, Jeff Stifter

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

Hospitality Team 5: Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick; Frank & Ann Radichel

Church Cleaners: Lentz

School Cleaners: none

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Benno Sydow, Gary Gunther, Larry Nelson, Jacob Rhinesmith, Rich Rhinesmith, Jeff Stifter

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: Sandhoefner

School Cleaners: Hein

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Oct. 21: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service

11:15 am – Hospitality

11:30 am – Voters and Dorcas Guild Meetings

Wed., Oct. 24: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sat., Oct. 27: 9:00 am – Congregational Work Day at Grace

Sun., Oct. 28: 8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service

11:15 am – Hospitality

4:00 pm – MN Reformation Festival Worship @ Berea

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 14, 2012 Sun.: 145 S.S.: 16 B.Cl.: 58 Wed.: 9

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,955.59	CLC:	\$1,840.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-74.41	CLC:	+880.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$116,054.82	CLC:	\$37,058.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	127,260.00	CLC:	40,320.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-11,205.18	CLC:	-3,262.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	250.00	
GLC Other:	53.00	MDF:	100.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	75.00	ILC Bldg.	300.00	IIF: 10.00	CEF: 0.00

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