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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 25

Date: November 18, 2012

## ✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

**Worship Preparation:** .....Psalm 139, TLH p. 154 f.

**Opening Hymn:** ..... TLH 444, st. 1-3: Rise! To Arms!

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

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

P: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

**C: But the way of the wicked will perish.**

P: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked

**C: Or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.**

P: But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

**C: And on His law he meditates day and night.**

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.

**C: Whatever he does prospers. Glory be to God!**

**Gloria in Excelsis:** ..... TLH 36, st. 3

All praise and thanks to God

The Father now be given,

The Son, and Him who reigns

With them in highest heaven:

The one eternal God,

Whom earth and heaven adore!

For thus it was, is now,

And shall be evermore.

**First Reading:** .....Malachi 4:1-2b

The Day of the Lord will be a day to fear for those who have rejected Christ, but a day of healing for those who eagerly looked forward to His coming.

## 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. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth,

**C: That we might be a kind of firstfruits of all He created. Alleluia.**

**Second Reading:** ..... John 5:19-24

There is a distinction between the Father and the Son in so far as their Persons, even though they both deserve the honor as the one true, living God.

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

**Hymn:** ..... TLH 420: My Jesus, as Thou Wilt

**Sermon:** ..... James 4:13-17

(13) Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; (14) whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. (15) Instead you *ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." (16) But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. (17) Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin. (NKJV™)

## *"My Times are in Your Hands, O Lord"*

**1. The folly of planning without Him**

**2. The wisdom of planning with Him**

**Offertory:** ..... TLH p. 12 f.

**Hymn:** ..... TLH 413, st. 1-2, 5-6: I Walk in Danger All the Way

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

**Hymn:** ..... TLH 444, st. 4: Rise! To Arms!

*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 visit with you!*

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Among Us:** Curt Miesen continues to be hospitalized. A test tomorrow will reveal whether or not the leukemia is in remission. Some have asked for his address: 7D Medical Oncology; University Campus, Unit J; 500 Harvard Street SE; Minneapolis, MN 55455. He's in room 511, direct phone 612-273-0737. Also the family has asked that I pass along Jenettie's desire to receive rides to the facility. She's uncomfortable with the thought of driving there. She's getting rides from family members and others when they can. But she'd like to get there more. The family has looked at bus routes, but there is no direct route there and she's uncomfortable switching buses. If you are willing to bring her to the hospital from her home in Plymouth, please give her a call at 763-553-1117. She, Curt, and the rest of the family would greatly appreciate this.
- ◆ **Heavenly Transfers:** This past week three individuals who have served their Lord faithfully passed to eternal glory. Ruth Sydow passed away on Tuesday morning and her victory service was held yesterday at Eau Claire, WI. She was a former Grace member, wife of Pastor Gilbert Sydow and matriarch of the Sydows, including Benno Sydow (2750 Oxford St. N; Roseville, MN 55113; bennosydow@yahoo.com). Memorials may be made to either the ILC Scholarship and Endowment Fund OR to the ILC Building Fund. On Wednesday the soul of Prof. Em. Jim Pelzl was also called home to heaven. A service celebrating God's gift of eternal life to His child will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI on Mon., Nov. 19 at 1:00 pm. There will be visitation today from 4:00-6:00 pm at Lenmark-Gomsrud Funeral Home. Visitation at Messiah will be held one hour before the service. Following the victory service, there will be a luncheon in Messiah's fellowship hall. Correspondence can be mailed to: Carla Pelzl, 825 Rainetta Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Also, on Friday the Lord called Adelgunde Schaller, a former faculty member at ILC as well, to her eternal home. A victory service is being planned for Sat., Dec. 1, at Messiah, Eau Claire. Details will be announced. Correspondence can be sent to Messiah, 2015 N. Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI 54703.
- ◆ **New Book:** Now available at the CLC Bookhouse for \$14.95, and just in time for Christmas: *Preaching to Preachers* by Norman A. Madson. "Don't let the title fool you. Although the sermons were written and delivered primarily to those in the preaching and teaching ministries, every Christian home would benefit from these scripturally-based and well-written devotions. Rev. Madson's application of Law and Gospel toward the servants in the public ministry will give you an insightful and instructive glimpse into the lives of your pastors and teachers as the gifts that God means them to be for you." See [clcbookhouse.org](http://clcbookhouse.org).
- ◆ **Annual Evangelism Workshop:** This will be held at 3 pm on Sun., Nov. 25, at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI. The sessions will close with a chili supper. For more information, contact Messiah's Outreach Chairman, Mr. Dan Sullivan, at (646) 388-1716, or [daniel.sullivan.978@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.sullivan.978@gmail.com).
- ◆ **Poinsettias:** A sign-up sheet is by the guest book for those who wish to purchase poinsettias for use in the sanctuary.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor David Reim of St. Paul's in Vernon, BC, has received the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Missionary to India and as part time Missionary to Tanzania, Zimbabwe, and Zambia.

## GOD'S CHILDREN:

"You are all the children of God through faith in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26). Those words were addressed to believers in Galatia. This is a unique privilege intended for all but reserved "for as many as received Him" (John 1:12). As children of God by the Word of the Gospel through which the Spirit of God works in the heart, believers in Christ are heirs, "heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:16). How this rankles Satan!

From the moment of our baptism as an infant to the day of our death, believers in Christ are children of God. There is no distinction due to age, rank, race or social standing. By Jesus' merit, the treasures of heaven belong in equal measure to all.

The mature among us are told by our Savior to have the continuing and unquestioning nature of the Father's little children concerning the forgiveness of sins and the hope of heaven (Luke 18:17). We all know the passage where Jesus was indignant that the disciples were keeping little children from Jesus. He said, "Permit them to come to me" (Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17). Satan is contending with God to steal young and old from our Heavenly Father. Satan cannot win that battle as we continue in the Word and hold fast to our Lord's promises!

Satan contends with parents, particularly Christian parents, to steal the hearts of God's children in their care. Satan wants to convert them into followers of evil and children of the devil. On this side of eternity parents are the first line of defense of their children against the wiles of the devil. As such parents are answerable to God for how they raise His children. Shall we call it the "Defense of Children act"? It begins by faithfully bringing up children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. The tools of defense are not carnal, but the Word of God. ***Bringing up children in the Word begins at home.*** By word and example children are to hear and see that parents value the Word of God. Family devotions, prayer, and faithful attendance at worship serve the purpose to train up children in the way of the Lord with the accompanying appreciation of the blessings that flow from the Word of the Lord.

Every parent wants the best for children in the home. What comes to mind first if you are asked, "What is best for your children?" We will answer the question, and here we all stand indicted. If we have not put their spiritual welfare at the *top* of our list, we have not given our children the best! If we have not faithfully exposed our children to the Word of God, and seen to their growth in Jesus, we have cheated them. It begins in the home from day one until the day they no longer put their feet under our table. And even then Christian parents will not ever lose interest in their children's spiritual welfare!

The natural progression of life means that children go off to school. Martin Luther said, "Above all things, the principle and most general subject of study both in the higher and lower schools should be the Holy Scriptures" (What Luther Says, Vol. 1, para. 1326). He further said, "But where Holy Scripture does not rule I certainly advise no one to send his child" (Para. 1327). Martin Luther was no prude. He recognized the benefit of a rounded education. "True it is that human wisdom and all the liberal arts are noble gifts of God, good and useful for all kinds of things, wherefore one cannot do without them in this life. But they can never thoroughly tell us what sin and righteousness are in the eyes of God, how we can get rid of sins, become pious and just before God, and pass from death to life" (Para. 1328).

We appreciate the fact that many of parents who have no access to Christian Day school are home schooling. May God continue to give them strength, and bless their labors! We hope they seriously consider Immanuel Lutheran High School for the high school education of their children.

Though not all parents for various reasons can do that, this is an unabashed and unapologetic promotion of our Christian Day schools and ILHS. They are nurseries where parents find assistance toward the fulfillment of their God-given responsibility that begins in the home.

There may be legitimate reasons why parents cannot use our schools. But God forbid that any parents would simply dismiss the idea of utilizing them to educate their children in the way of the Lord because in their judgment the government schools are more appealing or offer more. Luther said again, "I greatly fear that schools of higher learning are wide gates of hell if they do not diligently teach the Holy Scriptures and impress them on the young folk" (Para. 1327).

Let this be heard clearly. Our teacher training school at ILC has the responsibility to turn out the best teachers possible with the help and by the grace of God. Christian Day schools should not be content to simply go through the motions of instructing in secular subjects, "because our primary focus is to teach religion." Teaching in a Christian school at any level is not a job. It is a *call* from the Lord to look after the students whom parents in exercise of their God-given responsibility have placed in the care of the school!

Our schools are worthy of our prayer and our support, never more than in this evil age. In a recent Bible class conducted by this writer the subject was Christian education and the influence of government schools. It was pointed out that the humanistic system of education in our country has an agenda, and it is not Christian!

*The Patriot Post* (November, 2012) pointed out: **"Not surprisingly, government schools are the Left's primary institutions for indoctrinating neglected children with the "Marxist Model." "The education of all children," as Karl Marx wrote, "from the moment that they can get along without a mother's care, shall be in state institutions at state expense." Marx's disciple, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, concurred: "Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted."**

Some may say we are crying wolf — "It will never happen in this country, and it will not affect our schools or our children." Are you sure? On November 13, 2012, we found the following on *Breitbart* (online):

**"This Saturday, the Midwest Marxist Conference was held at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. The event was teeming with teachers who spoke about the new found bond between the radical socialists and their Teachers Union. The all-day event, which collected money to support Chicago Socialists and featured a communist bookstore, provided students on-campus along with the radical left community to plan the next phase in their activism ...**

After the opening plenary, breakout sessions addressed more specific topics like the history of the Democratic party, education, and case studies in Russia. In these sessions, speakers continued to celebrate the use of education as a mechanism to insert Marxism into public institutions ... \_\_\_\_\_ of the ISO spoke about the Socialists' partnership with the Chicago Teachers Union during "The Meaning of Marxism" breakout session:

There are big moments in the sort of chain of historical development that we have to be able to intervene ... And in order to do that, you need an organization. That's really the sort of thing you saw in the Chicago teachers strike. In a situation where there was a huge struggle, our organization threw itself in the middle of that and had a demonstrable impact on it.

Because we've been rooted, experienced activists who worked together in a collaborative way to try to build up that influence over the long haul ... I think when you get in revolutionary moment where your ability to quickly assess what's happening and make strategic and tactical shifts on the fly, that is essential.

After attending the all-day event, which began at 11 a.m., I [the journalist who wrote this article] was singled out as "not in solidarity" by International Socialist Organization (ISO) organizer \_\_\_\_\_ around 4 p.m, and removed from the premises for "not being a Communist."

... While it may or may not come as a surprise that a radical leftist conference was held on the grounds of an esteemed U.S. university, it is ironic that when a journalist shows up—at this "school of journalism," no less— they are summarily booted from just being at the conference. The mere presence of a journalist whom they could not trust to be "in solidarity" with communism was enough to send organizers into a frenzy to remove me immediately.

... The International Socialists Organizations recruitment program isn't over after Saturday's conference at Northwestern University. Next week, the University of Wisconsin Madison will open its doors to the group to indoctrinate another crop of students ripe for the message of revolution."

To be sure not all teachers in the government system, hopefully a majority, will follow the party line. But they will be severely put upon by those who have adopted the Marxist line.

The danger to our children is real. Children in our Christian schools are subjected to it on TV, in society in general, and by peer pressure. But ought we not at very least give our children the privilege and opportunity to be educated in the ways of the Lord from His Word by Christian teachers? Ought we not provide for them an education in the Word that at least gives them the ability to identify right from wrong and truth from error? Ought we not prepare them for eternity by teaching them the way of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? Finally in view of what Scripture says concerning the evil of the last times, ought we not help them understand from the Word of God that come what may, their Heavenly Father has promised that though they be assailed by evil of every sort they still "may overcome and obtain the victory" (6<sup>th</sup> Petition) and pray that the Heavenly Father will grant them (and us) a blessed end and graciously take us from this vale of tears to Himself in heaven" (7<sup>th</sup> Petition).

We are in a struggle for the hearts of our children. "Human reason teaches only the hand and the foot of a man; God alone teaches the heart" (WLS. Para. 1339). Can we, dare we, simply dismiss educating children of God in our schools? Shall we not regularly shower them with the education that makes wise unto salvation, at home and at school?

Our school in Eau Claire is unique. It is IMMANUEL—"God with us." Why would we not send children to a school where in a very special way God is with them?

## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Ed Lentz

Ushers: Mark Wales, Don Auel, Ole Olmanson, Adam Wales,  
Eli Wales, Brandon Wendland, Brandt Wendland

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: ?? School Cleaners: A. Baker

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Mark Wales, Don Auel, Ole Olmanson, Adam Wales,  
Eli Wales, Brandon Wendland, Brandt Wendland

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: ?? School Cleaners: None

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., Nov. 18:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:15 am – Hospitality  
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

**Wed., Nov. 21:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship

**Thu., Nov. 22:** Thanksgiving Day  
9:00 am – Thanksgiving Day Worship at Berea

**Sun., Nov. 25:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:15 am – Hospitality

**Sun., Dec. 2, 9, 16:** 12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsals

**Wed., Dec. 5, 12, 19:** 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship

**Last Week's Stats:** Nov. 11, 2012 Sun.: 133 S.S.: 21 B.Cl.: 39 Wed.: 21

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,613.75	CLC:	\$725.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-416.25	CLC:	-235.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$127,321.28	CLC:	\$39,999.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	139,380.00	CLC:	44,160.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-12,058.72	CLC:	-4,161.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	230.00	
GLC Other:	4.00	MDF:	145.00	Kinship:	54.00
ILC Student Aid:	85.00	ILC Bldg.	55.00	IIF:	0.00
				CEF:	0.00

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Teach us to  
number our days  
aright,

that we may gain  
a heart of

# wisdom.

PSALM 90:12