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 Church Year: Easter 5 Date: April 28, 2013

✠ *THE ORDER OF WORSHIP* ✠

Worship Preparation: Psalm 67, TLH p. 137

Opening Prayer:

Hymn: TLH 53: Abide, O Dearest Jesus

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

Introit:

- P: I will exalt You, my God and King;
- C: I will praise Your name forever and ever.**
- P: Every day I will praise You and extol Your name forever and ever.
- C: All You have made will praise You, O Lord; Your saints will extol You.**
- P: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.
- C: Let every creature praise His holy name forever and ever.**

Gloria in Excelsis: TLH 193, st. 1,6

1. Christ the Lord is risen today,
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and, earth, reply.
6. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to Thee by both be given!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40
 The powerful Word bears fruit in the life of the Ethiopian eunuch.

Gradual:

- P: Christ has risen from the dead.
- C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**
- P: He has made Him ruler over the works of His hands;
- C: He has put everything under His feet.**
- P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again;
- C: Death no longer has mastery over Him. Alleluia.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
 The fruit of the Christian life is our love for one another.

Confession of Faith: Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12

Hymn: TLH 194: Abide with Us, the Day is Waning

Sermon: John 15:1-8

(1) "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. (2) "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. (3) "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. (4) "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. (5) "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. (6) "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. (7) "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. (8) "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." (NKJVTM)

"God's Glorious Verdant Vineyard"

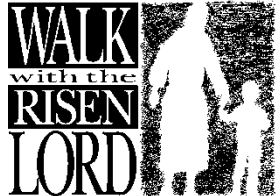
Offertory: TLH, p. 12 f.

Hymn: TLH 411, st. 1, 4-7: From Eternity, O God

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

Hymn: TLH 412: May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

WELCOME! With the assurance that our Savior now lives through His resurrection, our faith in Him will produce living fruit. His Word connects us to Him so that we remain in Him. The Christian life of sanctification follows. May our living Savior produce this living faith as you hear His Word today! Those interested in learning more about our resurrected Savior and the teachings found in His Word, please speak with Pastor Hein.



✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is planning for the 2013-14 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please speak to one of the teachers about the school and/or an enrollment form.
- ◆ **Graduates:** Please list any member of Grace that is graduating this year (Jan-Dec 2013) on the sheet on the tract rack table. Include the school's name and the degree. Our Graduation Sunday is May 26.
- ◆ **Work Day Postponed:** The work day originally scheduled for yesterday will now take place on Saturday, May 11 @ 9am. We know that this is on Mother's Day weekend but with the amount of late snow, we don't think the grounds are ready to go. - the Trustees
- ◆ **Arise and Shine Retreat:** This retreat held in Pillager, MN, on June 13-16, is designed for men and women in their 20s & 30s. Singles, couples, and families are welcome. The cost is \$135.00 per adult, which includes a t-shirt, lodging, meals, snacks, and activities. This year's theme is "JOY. Jesus. Others. You." based on Philippians 2:1-16. You can find more information and register on their web site: www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com.
- ◆ **Dorm Supervisor at ILC:** At the conclusion of this school year Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI, will be in need of a boys' dormitory supervisor. Men who are CLC members and are able and willing to fill this position should ask the pastor for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. The dormitory has a ground-floor apartment for its supervisor, which can house a married couple and even small family. Those who are interested in applying may contact the ILC president, Prof. Steve Sippert (steve.sippert@ilc.edu; 715-831-9104; 715-836-6620), for an application.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Mark Tiefel of Bethel in Morris, MN, has returned the call from the CLC Board of Missions to become missionary in India. ✠ Lana Strike has accepted the call to teach at St. John's Lutheran in Okabena, MN. ✠ Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel at Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call to Peace thru Christ in Middleton, WI. ✠ Teacher Joshua Ohlmann at Messiah in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Holy Cross in Phoenix, AZ.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #25 – Sacrament of the Altar

Last Week's Stats: Apr. 21, 2013 Sun.: 140 S.S.: 23 B.Cl.: 49 Wed.: 18

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,727.00	CLC:	\$1,175.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,000.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-273.00	CLC:	+215.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$49,723.50	CLC:	\$17,283.25	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	48,000.00	CLC:	15,360.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+1,723.50	CLC:	+1,923.25	
GLC Other:	162.50	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	450.00*
SAF Endowment:	75.00	MDF:	10.00	Kinship:	90.00
ILC Student Aid:	30.00	ILC Bldg.	130.00	IIF:	20.00
				CEF:	0.00

CLC E-Devotion - Friday, January 25, 2008

John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

I AM THE VINE

My wife is the gardener in the family. She loves her flowers and knows what they need to survive and thrive. Her hands skillfully work at plotting, planting, and pruning. Without her loving attention her petunias, tulips, and begonias would soon wither and die.

Our Heavenly Father is the gardener who knows just how to care for us so that we grow and prosper spiritually under His expert care. What the Father knows is that everything depends on the sinner's connection to His Son. Tenderly, then, he has grafted us into Jesus, Who says: "I am the vine; you are the branches."

Attached to Jesus in living, Spirit-worked faith, we have already been cleansed of the rot and disease of all sin. Connection to Christ means connection to His cross. Connection to the cross means forgiveness and salvation.

But the Father is also interested in growth. He wants us to bear fruit for Him, the beautiful fruit of "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23).

As the branches, we draw from Jesus the necessary nutrients needed to produce this lovely fruit of faith. Jesus says, "If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." The Savior's growing power flows into us through the Gospel in Word and Sacrament. The fruit we bear is evidence that we are in Him and He is in us.

Yes, a vine bears fruit through its branches. Christ accomplishes His purposes through you and me -- His believers! Our feet run for Him! Our hands work for Him! Our mouths speak His Truth! So go, my friends, and bear fruit for your Savior! Draw your strength from Jesus the Vine!

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me;
Died that I might live on high, Lived that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

(The Lutheran Hymnal, 342:1)

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Larry Nelson

Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Rick Nelson; Keith Radichel; Bob, Bobby, & Matt Vandevveer

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 Cleaners: Flesner

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Rick Nelson; Keith Radichel; Bob, Bobby, & Matt Vandevveer

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: Rust/Baker School Cleaners: Flesner

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Apr. 28:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
- Wed., May 1:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
- Sun., May 5:** 8:30 am – Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
11:15 am – Hospitality
- Wed., May 8:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:30 pm – Immanuel Keyboard Concert @ Fieldhouse
- Thu., May 9:** 7:00 pm – Ascension Worship Service
- Fri., May 10:** Field Day @ Inver Grove Hts., MN (change of date)
- Sat., May 11:** 9:00 am – Grace Work Day (change of date)
- Fri., May 17:** 3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day @ Immanuel Fieldhouse
7:30 pm – Immanuel Spring Concert @ Messiah Lutheran
10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation @ Immanuel Fieldhouse
- Sat., May 18:** Confirmation Sunday (Pentecost)
- Sun., May 19:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program
- Thu., May 23:** 12:00 pm – Dismissal for Grace School's Last Day
- Fri., May 24:** Summer Schedule Begins (9 am Worship)
Graduation Recognition (Trinity Sunday)
- June 11-13:** CLC Pastoral Conference @ Eau Claire, WI
- Sun., June 16:** 3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conference @ Mankato, MN
- August 5-9:** Vacation Bible School

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