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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 2

Date: June 2, 2013

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation:Psalm 100, TLH p. 144 f.

Hymn: TLH 2: To Thy Temple I Repair

Liturgy: TLH, p. 15 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)

Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie): TLH, pp. 16-17

P: I trust in Your unfailing love;

C: My heart rejoices in Your salvation.

P: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You,

C: Who walk in the light of Your presence, O Lord.

P: Be my rock of refuge,

C: A strong fortress to save me. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: TLH 244, st. 1,4

1. Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

4. Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

First Reading:1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43

Solomon prays that Gentiles will come to know the Lord.

Gradual:

P: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

C: His greatness no one can fathom.

P: I will meditate on Your wonderful works,

C: And I will proclaim Your great deeds.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Your Word is a lamp to my feet ...

C: And a light to my path. Alleluia.

Second Reading: Luke 7:1-10

The Gentile Centurion is commended for his faith.

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed, TLH p. 22

Hymn: We Praise Thee, Lord (see insert)

Sermon: Galatians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead), ² and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: ³ Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen. ⁶ I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, ⁷ which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. ¹⁰ For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. (NKJVTM)

SAFEGUARD THE PRECIOUS GOSPEL!

Offertory: TLH p. 22 f.

Hymn: TLH 297: The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

Offering & Prayer:

Liturgy for the Lord's Supper: TLH p. 24 ff.

Distribution: TLH 310: Thy Table I Approach

Note: In obedience to God's Word, and out of concern for the welfare of souls (1 Corinthians 11:29), and finally that we may honestly express the unity of faith and hope that binds us, we ask that only such as have identified with Grace through public confession of faith or another CLC congregation, approach the altar at the usher's direction.

Nunc Dimittis, Prayer, Benediction: TLH 29 ff.

Hymn: TLH 309: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

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:** This past week Joyce Stifter was released from the hospital. She suffered congestive heart failure but is recovering well. May the Lord in His gracious will continue to improve her health.
- ◆ **Special Voters Meeting:** Today, after worship, there will be a special voters meeting to consider the proposal from the Board of Education regarding pre-school. There may also be an update on the fire alarm system which the City of Fridley is requiring in order to meet code.
- ◆ **Parade:** This Thursday, June 6, our school will be walking in the Spring Lake Park Tower Days Parade. We are hoping that many, if not all, of our students and parents will be able to participate in this so that we can get our school's name out in the surrounding community. Please speak with Rick Nelson for more details.
- ◆ **Labels for Education:** Now is the time to bring in all those proofs that you have been saving. Those proofs would be from Campbell's, Prego, Post cereals, Pepperidge Farms, Bic products, Emerald nuts, Glad products, Swanson, Wolfgang Puck, Pop Secret, V8, Dannon yogurt, and People magazine. This year's program is coming to a close and we want to submit as many proofs as we can by June 30.
- ◆ **Fire Alarm Project:** The fire alarm in the school needs to be updated to bring it up to code. Please mark your offering envelope with "Fire Alarm" if you want your offering directed towards this project.
- ◆ **Lutheran Spokesman & Branches:** Signup sheets for these publications are found by the guest book.
- ◆ **Immanuel Athletics:** See www.ilc.edu for these summer camps:
 - ⇒ Boys Basketball – June 8; Grades 9-12; No cost
 - ⇒ Girls Basketball – June 14-16; Grades 5-12; \$30
 - ⇒ Girls Volleyball – July 21-24; Grades 9-12; \$35
- ◆ **Immanuel Boosters Club:** Volunteers for low-profile ushering/security are being sought for working the Country Jam near Eau Claire, WI, in order to raise money for some extra athletic projects at Immanuel. If you are willing to help on July 18-20, please email Tom Beekman (Thomas.Beekman@dot.wi.gov).
- ◆ **Dorm Supervisor Needed at ILC:** ILC is in need of a boys' dormitory supervisor. Men who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position should ask the pastor for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. Those who are interested in applying should contact the ILC president, Prof. Steve Sippert (steve.sippert@ilc.edu, 715-831-9104), for an application or for more information.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Edward Starkey of St. Peter's in Iron River MI, has received the call to be missionary to India. ✠ Teacher Paul Tiefel III of Messiah in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Peace Thru Christ in Middleton, WI (Madison area). ✠ Teacher Jeff Karnitz of St. Stephen in Mountain View, CA, has received the call from Immanuel in Mankato, MN, to teach at its high school.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** This is scheduled for August 5-9.

WE PRAISE THEE, LORD

By Karl Kretzmann, Sung to TLH 476
From The Lutheran Witness, October 2, 1928

**We praise Thee, Lord, and bless Thee,
We laud Thy holy name;
Thou givest to Thy saints below
Thy Word – a constant flame,
A flame to be a beacon
To lighten us within.
O grant us grace to let it shine
Into this world of sin.**

**We praise Thee, Lord, and bless Thee,
We laud Thee for Thy Word,
That Word once given to the saints
To be the Spirit's sword,
A sword to wield with power
Against the Evil Foe.
O grant us grace in every hour
That we may onward go.**

**We praise Thee, Lord, and bless Thee,
We laud Thee for the life,
The living water of the Word,
Refreshing us in strife.
From scarlet sins it cleanses,
Restores the weary soul,
It strengthens us to run the race,
Makes wounded spirits whole.**

**We praise and bless Thee, Father,
The Lord of life above!
We praise Thee, Jesus, Savior dear,
Rejoicing in Thy love!
We praise Thee, Holy Spirit,
Whose truth has made us free!
We praise Thee, Holy Trinity,
In all eternity! Amen.**

EVIL CANNOT PREVAIL!

When our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, there was a certain glee among the enemies of Christ. In their mind they had accomplished their goal in being rid of Jesus. But as the passion history suggests, they could not rest securely because they could not rid themselves of the nagging thought that perhaps what He said was true. Perhaps He would rise from the dead. They concocted a cover for their uneasiness by suggesting that the disciples would come by night and steal the body of Jesus and say that He had risen from the dead. They prevailed upon Pilate to post guards at the tomb. Unbelief is as delusional as it is fearful, as it promotes its lies. Jesus rose from the dead!

Our God is not the Author of evil. That is not possible. Yet He uses the evil of the fallen world to bring as He wills His purposes to pass. To the accomplishment of His purpose He permits the ungodly to presume success. Wickedness and unbelief seemed to prevail, but Jesus rose from the dead. He accomplished the redemption of the world, and restored life and immortality. Our Lord is not vindictive. He desires the repentance of all, and that all should have life in Him. But neither is He One with whom to trifle, "He who sits in the heavens shall laugh. The Lord shall hold them in derision" (Psalm 2:4).

We thought of this as we read the preparatory Psalm before church recently. In the Messianic Psalm 8 we read, "For You have made Him a little lower than the angels." Hebrews 2:6-8 verifies that this is a reference to Jesus, Who taking the form of a bondservant "humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:8). This humiliation was not imposed upon Him by His enemies. He humbled Himself. He willingly permitted his enemies to take Him (Luke 22:51), and bore the ignominy that He might accomplish the purpose for which He came, namely to bear the sins of all and pay the penalty we deserved.

In His humiliation was strength and purpose not recognized or acknowledged by His foes. His humiliation served a purpose in the Father's plan that His foes could not know. They mocked and ridiculed Him at the cross but again He bore it and ultimately was exalted as He was crowned with glory and honor by the Father Who "made Him to have dominion" and put all things under His feet (Psalm 8:5 -6). As God and Man our Lord rules over all things in heaven and on earth.

That is significant for us who believe, because we have been graciously incorporated into the body of Christ. As members of His body now by faith we are rulers over all things! Though now in the weakness of our mortal body, and beset by affliction and sorrow, and put upon by the evil world about us, our real status as rulers with our Lord is not apparent as it shall be when we are translated from earth to heaven.

We need not recount the evils that the world visits upon God's people. If we are observant and at the same time live our faith before the world we recognize them, if we have not suffered them. But as being alert to them is necessary, we want to remember that even the evil and the attacks made against us as people of God are but for a while. The world rejects the grace of God, and mocks those who believe the "foolishness" of God. But evil will not prevail against any who trust in the accomplished victory of our Lord Jesus. As we are in Christ, we shall prevail as Luther wrote in the hymn. Even death itself cannot rob us of the kingdom.

In the life of Christ on earth things were not as His enemies perceived them, or hoped they would be. So today what the enemies of Christ's Church which is His body perceive and hope only feeds their delusion.

Paul spoke in the context of his ministry and the trials he endured, but we might in our Christian walk and confession identify with what he said: "We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed -- always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body" (2 Corinthians 4:7-8). Or as Joseph told his brothers, the evil which they visited upon him was by God meant to bring about a salutary purpose (Genesis 45:3-8; 50:20). The devil could not win then; all appearances to the contrary, he cannot win now! Christ our Strength and Stay has won for us the victory. We shall conquer in the strife if we do not faint. It remains the Father's good will to give us the kingdom!

Thanks be to God, "our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 5/2013

✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: **Sue Nelson** 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**
Church Cleaners: **Ude**

✝ 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**
Church Cleaners: **Hein**

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

Sun., June 2: 9:00 am – Worship Service
 10:15 am – Voters Special Meeting
Thu., June 6: 6:30 pm – Grace School in Spring Lake Park Parade
Sun., June 9: 9:00 am – Worship Service
 10:15 am – Voters Special Meeting
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

Last Week's Stats: May 26, 2013 Sun.: 121

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,366.75	CLC:	\$805.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,000.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-633.25	CLC:	-155.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$63,442.50	CLC:	\$21,893.25	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	63,000.00	CLC:	20,160.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+442.50	CLC:	+1,733.25	
GLC Other:	155.00^^	Living Faith:	470.00**	Tuition Aid:	50.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	50.00	Kinship:	150.00^^
ILC Student Aid:	75.00#	ILC Bldg.	330.00	IIF:	20.00
				CEF:	0.00

*\$125 Fire Alarm; ** \$420 Schuetzler Memorial; ^ \$30 Schuetzler Memorial;
 ^^ \$100 Schuetzler Memorial; # \$50 Schuetzler Memorial

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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