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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 10

Date: July 28, 2013

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: Psalm 8, TLH p. 124

Hymn: TLH 296: Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth

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

Introit:

P: Righteous are You, O Lord, and Your laws are right.

C: Oh, how I love Your law! I meditate on it all day long.

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: For they are ever with me.

P: How sweet are Your promises to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

C: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

P: Accept, O Lord, the willing praise of my mouth,

C: And teach me Your laws. 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: Romans 3:21-28

God's words here are all-inclusive - there is no room for anyone to think it doesn't apply to them. And this is the amazing beauty of the law and the gospel as it is revealed in God's Word: every one of us is guilty, but every one of us is forgiven! There's nothing in ourselves, nothing we can do, nothing of which we can boast; and yet we still are righteous before God!

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. Lord, to whom shall we go?

C: You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Second Reading: Matthew 7:15-29

Faith is only as strong as the truth on which it rests. This is the danger of false teachers - they try to build on the foundation of their own words, and call them God's. Only faith built on the Rock - Jesus Christ - can withstand the storms of life and all the tempests that the powers of darkness throw against us.

Confession of Faith: Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12

Hymn: TLH 286: How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts

Sermon: Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28

¹⁸"Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ²⁰And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth. ... ²⁶"Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: ²⁷the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you today; ²⁸and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known. (NKJVTM)

These are Words to Live By!

1. Our guide for this life
2. Our guide to eternal life
3. Our privilege to share

Guest Speaker: Stephen Sydow

Offertory: TLH, p. 12 f.

Hymn: TLH 629: Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: TLH p. 14

Hymn: TLH 52: Almighty Father, Bless the Word

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS DIVISIVE? (II)

The claim that the existence of private religious schools — Catholic and Protestant — **“encourages division and discourages cooperation,”** bears watching as that attitude may significantly impact our schools. It may well be indicative of a negative attitude toward Christianity that, while not new, is increasingly more strident.

We suspect that the administration and its spokesman will deny that the intent was to attack Christian schools or Christianity. We also expect that there will be people who say that we are crying wolf. But we say that we must be alert to potential wolves from whatever lair they may come!

We know and believe from Scripture that ultimately the Lord will prevail. That finally is the message of Revelation. But our confidence in the Lord is not excuse for us to sleep or stop manning the walls. We of our generation are to guard for the next generation the unsullied Word so that they may have the same confidence and hope that we have in Christ. “Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober” (1 Thessalonians 5:6).

Scripture more times than we can count instructs us to warn God’s people to resist evil, to flee sin. It urges us to vigilance because the devil as a roaring lion walks about seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). The devil approaches in many guises and covers his intent in deceitful words. After warning that all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution, and that evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and be deceived, Paul says by inspiration of the Holy Ghost, “But you continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of ... (2 Timothy 3:12-14). We are further instructed to hold fast that which we have so that no one take our crown (Revelation 3:11). Clearly, those words of our Lord are exhortation to be alert and be awake to the dangers that are around us!

Precisely because Christianity is being attacked on many fronts, from government edicts to church apostasy, our ears must not become deaf to hints which at very least leave us uncertain of what was meant. When the substance as well as the activity and institutions of our ministry, of which our educational agencies are part, are characterized as “divisive,” it calls for more than a sneer and a shrug of the shoulders because such characterization is only symptomatic of an antipathy against the Christian faith.

When our educational program from our Christian homes to our Sunday Schools to our Day Schools to Immanuel Lutheran High School and College are maligned, it is a serious matter, particularly when done by those who have the power to do us harm. Our schools are an integral part of our ministry (We hope all of our parents know and appreciate the benefit of our Christian schools) as we seek to feed and nourish lambs of the Good Shepherd in the way of salvation.

For the same reason we encourage Christian parents to utilize our schools to help them build up their children upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, for the same reason we must be alert to and resist with the Word and prayer, and renewed commitment, every attempt by the world to undermine them.

In the past it was accepted that homes were the backbone of society. If anyone doubts it, look at what has happened to society as marriage and home life has deteriorated. Similarly a sound educational system from home to school is the backbone of the church’s gospel ministry from generation to generation. Surely that is one reason why Luther advised that children should not be sent to a school where the Word of God is not taught. He said, “But where the Holy Scripture does not rule I certainly advise no one to send his child ... I greatly fear that schools of higher learning are wide gates to hell if they do not diligently teach the Holy Scriptures and impress them on the young folk” (*WLS*, Vol 1, p. 449). Luther’s deep concern was foremost the eternal welfare of the children, but he also recognized the value of education in the Word for the here and now. He said, “It is a serious and important matter, in which Christ and all the world are mightily concerned, that we help and assist our youth. By helping the youth we shall be helping ourselves and all men” (p. 442).

Christian parents should give serious consideration to using the schools of our church to assist them in the education of the children whom God has placed in their care temporarily. Churches and the CLC should wholeheartedly support the establishment and support of nurseries of Christian education. We all should be concerned about veiled attacks upon our schools. Luther again: “Human reason teaches only the hand and the foot of a man; God alone teaches the heart” (p. 449).

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 6/2013

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Larry Nelson

Ushers: David Stifter, Scott Baker, Al Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Michael Ude

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

Church Cleaners: Nelson

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: David Stifter, Scott Baker, Al Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Michael Ude

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

Church Cleaners: Fleischer

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., July 28: 9:00 am – Worship Service

Sun., Aug. 4: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper

August 5-9: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

August 26: Grace School Begins

August 28: Catechism for Public School Students Begins (Grades 6-8)

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ♦ **TODAY:** We thank Stephen Sydow, a former son of the congregation, for sharing the Word of God with us today. He is the son of Jim and Beth Sydow. Stephen actively serves in many capacities in Eau Claire, at Messiah Lutheran Church and Immanuel Lutheran High School as a teacher of modern history. Pastor Hein is on vacation and will be returning at the end of the month. For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor David Schierenbeck at 651-492-2323.
- ♦ **VBS:** This is scheduled for August 5-9. Registration signup is located by the guest book.
- ♦ **VBS Snacks:** Those who are willing to provide snacks for the children at VBS, please sign up on the sheet by the guest book. Thanks!

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!

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Put these words of mine in
your heart and soul
Teach them to your children

Deuteronomy 11:18-19