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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 11

Date: August 4, 2013

## ✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

**Worship Preparation:** ..... Psalm 34, TLH p. 131

**Hymn:** ..... TLH 456: Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

**Liturgy:** ..... WS, p. 12 ff. (Pastor sings Lord Have Mercy, top of p. 13)

**First Reading:** ..... Colossians 2:6-15

We are complete in Christ Jesus, He having nailed the requirements of Law there and having risen from the dead in triumph over all our enemies.

**Second Reading:** ..... Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches us to pray and reminds us that our heavenly Father deals patiently with us as His children, answering our prayers in His best way.

**Alleluia:** ..... WS p. 14

**Confession of Faith:** ..... Apostles' Creed, WS p. 15

**Hymn:** ..... TLH 454, st. 1-5: *Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire*

**Sermon:** ..... Genesis 18:20-32

(20) And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, (21) "I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know." (22) Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. (23) And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? (24) "Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare *it* for the fifty righteous that were in it? (25) "Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the

wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (26) So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes." (27) Then Abraham answered and said, "Indeed now, I who *am but* dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: (28) "Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for *lack of five*?" So He said, "If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy *it*." (29) And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose there should be forty found there?" So He said, "I will not do *it* for the sake of forty." (30) Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not do *it* if I find thirty there." (31) And he said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not destroy *it* for the sake of twenty." (32) Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy *it* for the sake of ten."

## "Pray Boldly Before the Throne of Grace"

**Offertory:** ..... WS p. 16

**Hymn:** ..... TLH 457: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**Offerings, Prayers:**

**Service of the Sacrament:** ..... WS pp. 17-19

**Distribution:** ..... TLH 306: Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast Prepared

**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.

**Closing Liturgy:** ..... WS pp. 20-21

**Benediction:** ..... Sing Triple "Amen"

**Hymn:** ..... TLH 45: Now, the Hour of Worship O'er

*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* ✠

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** This is scheduled for this week, August 5-9, 9:00-11:30 am. You may still register any children. May the Lord richly bless our week as His Word is taught to our youth! Also, the children will be participating in next Sunday's service.
- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **Schweikert Memorial Service:** Romans 14:8-9: "For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living." The Viola Schweikert family has planned a victory service:  
 When: Friday, August 9, 2013 – 3:00 pm  
 Where: Grace Lutheran Church - Fridley, MN  
 Visitation: 2:00 pm (Prior to service)  
 Luncheon will follow the memorial service at Grace Lutheran Church Dorcas Guild Committee #1 will serve, Norma Rust, Ann Radichel, and Krista Sandhoefner as committee heads. All members are asked to bring salads and desserts. The funeral will be held not long after the last day of Vacation Bible School coming to an end (between 11:30 am and noon). Therefore, time for cleanup and setup will be limited. All memorials may be directed to Grace Lutheran Church.
- ◆ **Larsen Memorial Service:** On Friday, August 2, the Lord received His son, Pastor Paul Larsen, home to his eternal rest. After being diagnosed with acute leukemia, he had arrived home from the hospital for hospice care, and was surrounded by his children and their families. Within an hour of arriving, as his family sang "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," Pastor Larsen breathed his last. He had prayed for the Lord to grant him a brief illness and a blessed end, and the Lord heard and answered. Pastor Larsen was a shepherd to a number of CLC congregations during many years of service to the Lord, most recently at the Church of the Lutheran Confession of North Port, FL. His victory service will be held at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire on Tuesday, August 6, beginning at 5:00 pm. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service, at the church, and a meal will follow. Correspondence may be addressed in care of Lisa Noeldner, 4626 Talmadge Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints," Ps. 116:15.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Benno and Barb Sydow have a new granddaughter. Gretchen had a girl on Wed., July 24, weighing in at 6 lbs, 6 oz., 19 1/2 in. long, named Lilly Marie Fitzgerald. This past week Alvin Jask's neice, Naomi, passed away. She had various struggles with tuberculosis. Alvin continues to remain in Liberia at this time and, according to what he told Dave Rust, hopes to get back to the U.S. soon.

- ◆ **School Cleaning:** This coming Saturday, August 10, 9 am, will be cleaning day to prepare for the Grace School year. We encourage all members to consider supporting your school by participating.
- ◆ **Baby Shower:** A baby shower for Andrea Dahl will be held at the church on Saturday, August 24 at 2pm. Please RSVP to Heidi Nelson. More details can be found on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Thanks:** Thank you to everyone who helped with Don's Memorial Service and for giving of your time. The food was wonderful and was served so beautifully. You really made a difference. I don't know what I would have done without your help. Thanks to the ushers for your help and I appreciate all you've done to help with the service and the lunch. God's blessings. Love, Judy Dahlin.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Prince of Peace Lutheran of Hecla, SD, is inviting area congregations and anyone who may be traveling to our corner of the Lord's flock to our famous Harvest Festival. It will be held, weather permitting, Sun., August 11, 4:00 pm. The service will be held at the Marvin and Gweneth Hansen farm, 10401 Stateline Road, Guelph, ND, 58474. Telephone 701-783-4479. Our guest speaker will be Pastor (em.) Daniel Fleischer. Should directions become necessary, let me (Pastor Rick Grams) know by email, rrgams1534@yahoo.com.
- ◆ **Golf Outing:** Some preliminary information is available about this year's Snell Memorial Scholarship Open. The date has been set for Saturday, September 21, 2013. Shotgun start at 1pm. More information coming soon.
- ◆ **Missions Newsletter:** Copies of the CLC Missions July newsletter are available under the mailboxes. This was also shared via the Grace email list. Please let Pastor know if you did not receive this or if you need to be included on the email list.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Jay Hartmann of Resurrection in Corpus Christi, TX, has returned the call to Rock of Ages in Grand Rapids, MI. ✠ Rev. Michael Schierenbeck has resigned as pastor of Living Hope in Appleton, WI. ✠ Claire Abbas has accepted the call to be the K-8 teacher at Peace Thru Christ in Middleton, WI (Madison area). ✠ Teacher David Bernthal of Luther Memorial at Fond du Lac, WI, has received and returned the call to teach at Immanuel HS in Mankato, MN. The congregation has now issued 1-year calls to Philip Matzke, Kristen Friedrichs, and Sara Purrington to fill the vacancy. ✠ From President Michael Eichstadt: Recently Delwyn Maas expressed his desire to be reinstated on the clergy roster and to again serve in the public ministry of the CLC. According to our practice, a re-entry committee made up of Vice President Mark Bernthal, Visitor Michael Roehl, and Visitor David Reim has been appointed. Please direct any comments to committee chairman Mark Bernthal by the end of the month. ✠ The Youth Conference is cancelled this year.

## **SCHOOL IS ABOUT TO START, AND MEMORIES BUILT:**

As July turns into August, we begin to see earnest preparations for school. As members of the CLC, our Christian Day Schools and Immanuel come again into sharp focus. Given the state of education in this country, and the deteriorating moral society, we are blessed to have such schools where our children can sit at the feet of Jesus to hear His Word, as well as to be taught by teachers who are dedicated to the welfare of the children: body, mind, and soul.

It is doubtful though that there was ever a year like that of 1959 when Immanuel began. There was no building. There were no teachers, no curriculum, and no books. Only a need that was filled when 4 dedicated laymen moved an old country school house into town and prepared it for classes. There were dedicated teachers whose faith and dedication was far greater than their salary. And there were gracious members of Immanuel Church in Mankato who opened their homes to complete strangers, and treated the young people as members of their own family.

In July of 2013, there was a reunion of the graduates of 1963, and others who had been at Immanuel in Mankato before the school moved to Eau Claire. The class of 1963 was the last to graduate in Mankato before it moved. When it did move, Immanuel church restarted from scratch and has had a high school since.

The reunion was a wonderful time for reminiscences. Besides the memories of dorm or "home" life, and classroom activities, both on the serious and lighter side, the common thread was an appreciation of the Lord's blessings that were so evident. Most the students had left other schools of their former fellowships to be the foundation of something new. It was not easy for students, parents, teachers, or house-parents. But all having of necessity left the former fellowships due to doctrinal errors that caused disruption in their former church knew who they were, why they were, and what they were. We hope and pray that never again will any of us have to leave a church body to start over. But the beginning of the CLC and of Immanuel was a time like no other. We needed one another and the Lord welded a fellowship around the Word that, as was evident at the reunion, has endured the test of time. As time has passed the difficulties were seen in the light of God's plan, and the good times were remembered as an expression of the Lord's blessing.

We could not help but be struck by the thought that should such a necessity ever arise again—may God forbid it—we would never see such a time again. But we who lived it appreciate that it was part of the fabric of our fellowship that to this day warms us all through the remembrance of it.

Times have changed. We have all grown older, of course, and many have been called home to the Lord, but one thing that remains constant and secure is the blessed Word of God, and the blessed message of grace and forgiveness in Christ. Our hope remains unchanged and unchallenged. We look for a better home.

As much as things change, one other thing has nevertheless remained unchanged: Immanuel. The original Immanuel is on a different campus in a different city, in a different state, but the foundation remains the same. It is built on Jesus' words of promise. Those words have remained from the prairie school house across the tracks in Mankato to the beautiful campus in Eau Claire. Jesus' words of promise have trained many hearts and minds, and created a fellowship of students that has endured for 54 years.

All those who planned and worked on the reunion are due our thanks for creating the opportunity to get reacquainted, as well as remember the many blessings. Those of us who were at the gathering will be gone to our eternal home in 50 years. We encourage the parents of the CLC to give their children the opportunity to study at Immanuel in Eau Claire (or Mankato) so that 50 years from now our children and grandchildren can reminisce on "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1), and most importantly with the Lord.

Nestled in the quiet beauty  
Of the tall green pines,  
God has set our Alma Mater,  
Guiding hearts and minds.  
Built on Jesus' Words of promise--  
O Lord, bless her well--  
Thus may e'er our Alma Mater,  
Be Immanuel.

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 7/2013

## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Janelle Hein**      Elder: **Larry Nelson**  
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**

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner, Ned Sandhoefner**  
Counting Team 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland**  
Church Cleaners: **Fleischer**

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., Aug. 4:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper  
**August 5-9:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School  
**Fri., Aug. 9:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School  
                   11:15-11:45 am – VBS Picnic  
                   2:00 pm – Visitation  
                   3:00 pm – Viola Schweikert Memorial Service  
                   Memorial Service Luncheon  
**Sat., Aug. 10:** 9:00 am – School Cleaning Day  
**Mon., Aug. 12:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Ice Cream Social  
**August 26:** 8:00 am – Grace School Opening Service  
                   10:00 am – ILC Opening Service @ Eau Claire, WI  
**August 28:** Catechism for Public School Students Begins (Grades 6-8)

### **Last Week's Stats:** July 28, 2013    Sun.: 72

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,840.17	CLC:	\$425.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,000.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,159.83	CLC:	-535.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$84,776.81	CLC:	\$29,662.50	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	90,000.00	CLC:	28,800.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-5,223.19	CLC:	+862.50	
GLC Other:	150.00*	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	0.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	0.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	30.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

\*\$150 Fire Alarm

**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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**HEBREWS 4:16, KJV**