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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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 Church Year: Pentecost 19 Date: September 29, 2013

✠ *THE ORDER OF WORSHIP* ✠

Worship Preparation: Psalm 146, TLH p. 156

Hymn: WS 743: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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

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

- P: Your name, O Lord, endures forever,
- C: Your renown, O Lord, through all generations.**
- P: Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord;
- C: Praise Him, you servants of the Lord, you who minister in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.**
- P: Your name, O Lord, endures forever,
- C: Your renown, O Lord, through all generations. Glory be to God!**

Gloria in Excelsis: TLH 239, st. 1, 4: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

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| <p>1. <i>Come, Thou almighty King,
 Help us thy name to sing,
 Help us to praise.
 Father all-glorious,
 O'er all victorious
 Come and reign over us,
 Ancient of Days</i></p> | <p>4. <i>To the great One in Three
 Eternal praises be
 Hence evermore!
 His sov'reign majesty
 May we in glory see
 And to eternity
 Love and adore!</i></p> |
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First Reading: Amos 6:1-7

A warning to those who take their ease in the things of this world.

Gradual:

- P: Oh the depths of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
- C: How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out!**

- P: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
- C: To Him be the glory forever! Amen.**
- P: Alleluia. Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- C: And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.**

Second Reading: Luke 16:19-31
 Jesus tells of the rich man and poor Lazarus.

Confession of Faith: Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12

Hymn: TLH 447: *Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might*

Sermon: 1 Timothy 6:6-16

⁶ Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. ¹¹ But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and *before* Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴ that you keep *this* commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, ¹⁵ which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen. (NKJV™)

Fight the Good Fight of the Faith

- I. *Flee Discontentment*
 - II. *Pursue Righteousness, Godliness ...*
- Guest Speaker: Seminarian Rob Sauers*

Offertory: TLH, p. 12 f.

Hymn: TLH 430, st. 1-4, 8: *What Is the World to Me*


Offering, Prayers, Benediction: TLH p. 14

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

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Thanks** to Seminarian Rob Sauers for sharing the Good News today! Mr. Sauers attends Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in Eau Claire, WI, and is in his second year of studies. His wife, Kate, is the girls dorm supervisor. May the Lord richly bless them in their service to the Lord! Pastor Hein is preaching Mission Festival at Middleton, WI, today.
- ◆ **Mission Festival:** We have the privilege of having Seminarian Raju Bhitrakoti from Nepal be our guest speaker for Mission Festival on October 13. He will have a presentation for Bible Class at 9 am and then will be our preacher during our 10 am worship service. Raju is attending the seminary at Immanuel in Eau Claire, WI, in order to be equipped to establish a potential seminary in Nepal. Following our worship service there will be a potluck in which members are invited to bring a dish to share. Committee #1 will host.
- ◆ **Blood Drive:** October 13 from 11-2. We are expected to deliver twenty units of blood to justify Memorial Blood Centers driving the bus out to our church. Donors will get a free gift for their time.
- ◆ **Bible Seminar:** “The Bible: Divine Revelation or Human Speculation?” is the title of a free Twin Cities seminar on Sunday, October 13, at 3:30-5:30 pm at the Radisson Blu Hotel conference room attached to the south side of the Mall of America (2100 Killebrew Dr, Bloomington, MN). ILC Seminary Professors Steven Sippert and John Ude will be the presenters. This timely and important seminar is being sponsored by CLC congregations in the Twin Cities (Grace, Berea, and SW Metro Outreach). This will address concerns over the widespread rejection of verbal inspiration and will help demonstrate the divine authority of Holy Scripture. We hope that many of our people will set aside this date in order to attend. For more information, please contact Pastor John Hein (jphein@clclutheran.com/763-784-8784) or Pastor David Schierenbeck (bera-pastor@comcast.net/651-454-7689). Information is also posted at TwinCitiesLutheran.com.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Emeritus Daniel Fleischer has received the call to serve as pastoral assistant at Messiah in Eau Claire, WI. ✠ Rev. Delwyn Maas, member at Grace in Valentine, NE, has received the call to St. Peter's in Iron River, MI, and to Living Hope in Appleton, WI. ✠ Kristen Friedrichs has declined the call to teach at Immanuel High School in Mankato, MN.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #4 – Second Commandment.

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!



Bible Seminar

THE BIBLE: GOD'S DIVINE WORD OR HUMAN SPECULATION

Date: Sunday, October 13, from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Where: Radisson Blu Hotel conference room
(attached to the south side of the Mall of America)
2100 Killebrew Dr Bloomington, Minnesota
Cost: FREE
For more information: www.TwinCitiesLutheran.com
call 651-492-2323 or email bera-pastor@comcast.net
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The seminar, entitled “The Bible: God’s Divine Word Or Human Speculation”, will be presented by Immanuel Lutheran Seminary Professors Steven Sippert and John Ude.

Co-sponsored by Berea Lutheran Church of Inver Grove Heights, Grace Lutheran Church of Fridley, and Church of the Lutheran Confession of Eden Prairie.

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Written Word Most Dependable Witness

The matter of supreme importance to us is to appreciate the value and use of Scripture, that is, to know that it is a witness to all the articles of Christ, and the highest witness besides – the witness that exceeds by far all miracles. Christ indicates this to the rich man (Luke 16:29-31). They have Moses and the prophets, He said to him; if they do not believe them, they will certainly be less likely to believe if one rose from the dead. The dead may deceive us, but Scripture cannot. This, then, is the point that forces us to hold Scripture in high esteem. And indeed Christ Himself here holds it to be the best witness. He says in effect: You read the prophets and yet do not believe? It is true: Scripture is paper and ink, yet it is the principle witness. So Christ want to emphasize it even more than His appearance. He does not say: Why do you not want to believe the women who told you that I had risen? Nor does He say: Why do you not want to believe the angels who bore witness to My resurrection? He simply directs them from Himself to the Word and Scripture. – Martin Luther

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** Elder: **Brandt Wendland**
Ushers: **Pat Paplow, Alex Baker, Kevin Baker, Dan Degnan,
 Brian Eichstadt, Ryan Oman, Brandon Paplow**
Counting Team 2: **Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever;
 Clint Welker; Mark Wales**
Hospitality Team 3: **Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Ryan & Mikey
 Oman; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan**
Church Cleaners: **Dick** School: **K. Baker**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Pat Paplow, Alex Baker, Kevin Baker, Dan Degnan,
 Brian Eichstadt, Ryan Oman, Brandon Paplow**
Counting Team 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack
 Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland**
Hospitality Team 4: **Mark & Trudy Wales; Karen Auel; Bob &
 Suki Vandever**
Church Cleaners: **Dick** School: **K. Baker**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Sept. 22: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality
Wed., Oct. 2: 4:30 pm – Catechism
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
Sun., Oct. 6: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
 11:15 am – Hospitality
October 8-9: MN Pastoral Conference @ Inver Grove Hts., MN
Sun., Oct. 13: 10:00 am – Mission Festival w/Raju Bhitrakoti
 11:00 am – Blood Drive (ends at 2:00 pm)
 11:15 am – Mission Festival Potluck
 3:30-5:30 pm – Bible Seminar

Last Week's Stats: Sept. 22, 2013			
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,381.68	CLC: \$870.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,000.00	CLC: 960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-618.32	CLC: -90.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$112,469.01	CLC: \$37,028.75
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	114,000.00	CLC: 36,480.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,530.99	CLC: +548.75
GLC Other:	795.00*	Living Faith:	0.00
SAF Endowment:	100.00	MDF:	0.00
ILC Student Aid:	40.00	ILC Bldg.	55.00
		Tuition Aid:	100.00
		Kinship:	50.00
		IIF:	0.00
		CEF:	0.00

* \$375 Fire Alarm; \$70 Enns Memorial

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