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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 20

Date: October 6, 2013

## ✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

**Worship Preparation:** ..... Psalm 27, TLH p. 129

**Hymn:** ..... TLH 396: Oh, For a Faith That Will Not Shrink

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

**First Reading:** ..... 2 Timothy 1:3-14  
Paul reminds Timothy to not be ashamed of the testimony of Christ.

**Second Reading:** ..... Luke 17:1-10  
Jesus speaks of repentance and faith.

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

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

**Hymn:** ..... TLH 445: Am I a Soldier of the Cross

**Sermon:** ..... Psalm 27:1-6

(1) The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? (2) When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell. (3) Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war should rise against me, In this I will be confident. (4) One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple. (5) For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall

hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. (6) And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD. (NKJV™)

## "Hold Your Head Up High"

1. In Christian Confidence

2. In Christian Joy

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

**Hymn:** ..... TLH 206, st. 1-4: Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

**Offerings, Prayers:**

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

**Distribution:** ..... WS 755; TLH 310

**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

**Hymn:** ..... TLH 44: Ye Lands, to the Lord Make a Jubilant Noise

*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 LORD is  
my light and  
my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?"*

PSALM 27:1

## ✠ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✠

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Members:** Upon agreement with our teachings, Jeff Jacobson, Vic and Karen Schlegel, and Teresa Wendland all have requested to be members at Grace! Next Sunday they will make their profession of faith.
- ◆ **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 (Lakes Ballroom Salon C) 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 (berea-pastor@comcast.net/651-454-7689). Information is also posted at [TwinCitiesLutheran.com](http://TwinCitiesLutheran.com).
- ◆ **Thanks:** We, the family of Dean Enns, give thanks to the congregation for their prayers and loving support throughout the months of Dean's illness and at his memorial service. Your kind words and expressions of concern have been most comforting in our time of sorrow, and we rejoice to be a part of Grace's fellowship of believers.
- ◆ **New Addresses:**  
Michel & Jessica Ude: 7472 Dallas Ln N; Maple Grove, MN 55311.  
Seth & Kate Sorenson: 893 Fry St, Apt #2; St. Paul, MN 55104.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Emeritus Daniel Fleischer has returned the call to serve as pastoral assistant at Messiah in Eau Claire, WI. ✠ Pastor Rick Grams of Prince of Peace in Hecla, SD, has received the call to Rock of Ages in Grand Rapid, MI. ✠ Missionary Ed Starkey (and wife Janice) will be traveling to India to begin his new ministry. May all be done to the honor and glory of our Savior Jesus and His Kingdom.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #5 – Third Commandment.



# 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

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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

**“OH?”** Recently we read on line (9-19-13), “Earth could continue to host life for at least another 1.75 billion years, as long as nuclear holocaust, an errant asteroid or some other disaster doesn't intervene, a new study calculates. But even without such dramatic doomsday scenarios, astronomical forces will eventually render the planet uninhabitable ...” Among other bizarre statements, the article said, “Anatomically modern humans have only been around for the last 200,000 years — so you can see it takes a really long time for intelligent life to develop.” We shall refrain commenting on the “intelligent” life reference.

Further, it has been calculated “that Earth's habitable-zone lifetime is as long as 7.79 billion years. (Earth is estimated to be about 4.5 billion years old.) Meanwhile, the other planets had habitable-zone lifetimes ranging from 1 billion years to 54.72 billion years. If we ever needed to move to another planet, Mars is probably our best bet,” according to Andrew Rushby of the University of East Anglia. “It's very close and will remain in the habitable zone until the end of the sun's lifetime — 6 billion years from now.”

Obviously the progenitors of such conclusions do not believe in the Creator God. As Christians bound by Scripture we stand on Genesis 1, and all the other passages of Scripture which speak to the origin of the universe, the earth, and mankind. Without apology, Bible-believers acknowledge that there are things of the creation that we cannot explain; neither do we feel the need to explain. We are satisfied that there is One who knows what we do not know. That One is the Creator Himself—the Triune God! On the other hand, who knows what the evolutionist and unbeliever cannot explain? It takes more “faith” to believe evolutionary *philosophy*, the particulars upon which even the evolutionists don't agree, than to take on faith what the living God declares in His Word. To put it another way, we know Him who knows what we cannot explain. The evolutionists have no one to whom they can point as an authority on that upon which they speculate!

We found another interesting tidbit in the local paper (9-29-13). The article spoke of “gravitational friction.” Gravitational friction “slows down the earth's rotation.” It is alleged that 200 million years ago a day consisted of 23 hours and a year had 385 days. In “Two hundred million years” we are told, we will be looking at “25 hour days and 335- day years.” As the days get longer the number of days in a year decreases. Hardly anything to worry about! But we do wonder when someone with a political agenda will suggest that we have to do something to fix the slowing rotation problem. Then we will have another “religion” ala the global warming craze which has become a quasi environmentalist religion.

Looking at the two things on which we have commented it seems that the 1.75 billion (give or take a few billion, no doubt) life span of earth that remains will have to be adjusted. Evolutionists and time speculators prove the point. Even the *foolishness of God*, as they describe what we believe, is *wiser* than the wisdom of man!

**“NO”** to the evolutionary drive!! We believe the Bible and confess, “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible” (Hebrews 11:3). We stand firmly on the witness of Scripture in Colossians 1:16, 17—by Him all things in heaven and on earth were created. We reject evolution and the empty speculations of those whose god is no bigger than self. We believe and confess that God defined the length of days, as well as of years, as recorded in Genesis 1. We reject the excessive thousands of years, or the reference to millions and billions of years as descriptive of the world's age. Further, we believe that the Creator God in His wisdom and providential care directs the laws of nature by which the world exists, continues, and will continue until *God himself determines it's end as well as the time of the end*.

We stand on Scripture because God is Truth. Furthermore, unless we accept without qualification the divine Word with respect to the origin of the world and man, we cannot be sure of our salvation! How so?

What is the source of our confidence of salvation? Our hope of heaven is established upon the sure and certain word of God—the divinely inspired Scriptures! So then, one who doubts or rejects Genesis 1, cannot be sure of his salvation through Christ, because the same Scripture is the source of both the teaching of origins, as well as of salvation. If one even pretends to believe Scripture, he cannot confess part of it as true, and reject another part without losing confidence concerning eternal salvation. Why would anyone believe in a God who tells the truth only part of the time?

Since evolutionary philosophy strikes at the very foundation of our faith, the Word of God, and therefore our confidence in Christ for salvation, it is therefore not insignificant when our children are taught in government schools that creation is a lie and God a liar!

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). “God said” and it was so! We stand on the Word of the only One who was there, and reject the feigned intelligence of those who think they know better than God. As we stand on Genesis 1, we are confident of what God promises in John 3:16 and every other passage that informs us and assures us of our salvation through the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ” (Colossians 2:8)!

Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 10/1/2013



## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein      Elder: Brandt Wendland  
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: Rust/Baker      School: K. Baker

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Jeremiah Boe, Mike Dick, Arnold  
 Gehrls, Bob Maki, John Maki, Joel Stifter  
Counting Team 4: Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl;  
 Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner  
Hospitality Team 5: Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick;  
 Frank & Ann Radichel  
Church Cleaners: Rust/Baker      School: Broder

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., Oct. 6:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper  
 11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting  
**October 8-9:** MN Pastoral Conference @ Inver Grove Hts., MN  
**Wed., Oct. 9:** 4:30 pm – Catechism  
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class  
**Sun., Oct. 13:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
 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. 29, 2013      Sun.: 112 S.S.: 11 B.Cl.: 35 Wed.: 25

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,079.75	CLC:	\$610.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,000.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+79.75	CLC:	-350.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$115,548.76	CLC:	\$37,638.75
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	117,000.00	CLC:	37,440.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,451.24	CLC:	+198.75
GLC Other:	952.00*	Living Faith:	50.00	Tuition Aid: 150.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	100.00	Kinship: 50.00
ILC Student Aid:	230.00	ILC Bldg.	30.00	IIF: 0.00    CEF: 0.00

\* \$400 Fire Alarm; \$505 Enns Memorial; \$40 Kirkham Memorial

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