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*Grace Lutheran
Church & School*

THEREFORE GO AND
MAKE **DISCIPLES**
OF ALL NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM
IN THE NAME OF THE
FATHER & OF
THE **SON** & OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT...

MATTHEW
28:19





GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Church Year: Mission Festival

Date: October 13, 2013

✠ *THE ORDER OF WORSHIP* ✠

Worship Preparation:.....Psalm 96, TLH p. 144

Opening Prayer:

Hymn:.....WS 772: On Galilee's High Mountain

Invocation:

Confession of Sins: Based upon Luther^hs Catechism

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when He said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving His life on the cross. Through our baptism He clothes us with the robe of His righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: Baptism means that the old Adam in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance and die with all sins and evil desires. It also means that a new Man should daily appear and arise, who lives eternally before God in righteousness and purity.

**Sing: Baptized into Thy name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Thy seed, Thy chosen host,
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.
Thy Spirit now shall live within. (TLH 298, st. 1)**

P: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my desires, thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner.

P: God, our Heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us respond in thanksgiving and praise!

**Sing: For the joy Thine advent gave me,
For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,
For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,
For Thy resurrection mourn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,
And in heaven I shall behold Thee. (TLH 207, st. 6)**

P: What do we confess about the meaning and power of Baptism?

C: Baptism is not just plain water. It is water used by God's command and connected with God's Word. ... Baptism works the forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe, as the words and promises of God declare. ... The water doesn't actually do anything by itself. The power is in God's word, which is in and with the water, and in faith which trusts this word of God in the water. Without the word of God it is just plain water, and there is no baptism. But with the word of God it really is a baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and washing of rebirth through the Holy Spirit.

**Sing: Here stands the font before our eyes
Telling how God did receive us;**

Th' altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
 And what His table doth give us;
 Here sounds the Word that doth proclaim
 Christ yesterday, today, the same,
 Yea, and for aye our Redeemer. (TLH 467, st. 6)

Hymn:..... WS 749: Come to Living Word and Water

Baptism:..... Emmanuel Alieu Kanneh

Confession of Faith:..... Apostles Creed

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptism:..... Kevin Dexter Baker & Karen Joy Schlegel

Hymn:..... TLH 301: He that Believes and is Baptized

Old Testament Reading:..... Acts 8:26-40

Choir:..... We All are One in Mission

New Testament Reading:..... Matthew 28:16-20

Hymn:..... TLH 508: Thou Whose Almighty Word

Sermon:..... Matthew 5:13-16

¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (NKJVTM)

“Let Us Glorify Our God in Heaven”

1. By giving flavor to the earth

2. By giving light to the world

Guest Speaker: Seminarian Raju Bhitrakoti from Nepal

CDS Children:..... With One Voice

Hymn:..... WS 767: Church of God, Elect and Glorious

Offering:

General Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

Profession of Faith:.....Karen & Vic Schlegel, Teresa Wendland

Benediction:

Hymn:..... Shine, Jesus, Shine

1. Lord, the light or Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine;
Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow;
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word,
Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance.
By the blood I may enter Your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me. Shine on me. (Refrain)
3. As we gaze on Your kindly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me. Shine on me. (Refrain)

Silent Prayer:

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* ✠

- ◆ **Today:** Today we have the privilege of having Seminarian Raju Bhitrakoti from Nepal be our guest speaker. 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. Committee #1 will host. We also welcome Vic and Karen Schlegel and Teresa Wendland into communicant membership via their profession of faith! What a joy to have our fellowship in Christ and His Word! We also take great joy in the new life Emmanuel Kanneh now has through His baptism. May Maima Minor, daughter of Rachelle and Alieu Kanneh, consider it a privilege to nourish her child with the Word of God. In addition, last weekend the Council accepted the transfer from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, of Chad and Amanda (sister to Laura Wales) Hestekin; Rob and Samantha McDonald (children Patrick, Jack, and Brendan); and Blong and Anna Yang (children Kylee, Elaina, Gavin, and Thomas). May the Lord richly bless our fellowship together in Christ Jesus!
- ◆ **Blood Drive:** The blood drive will be during the potluck meal. You may still donate if you are willing. Rick Nelson has organized this in memory of the Lord graciously tending to his family at a time when blood was a great need. Donors will get a free gift for their time.
- ◆ **Thanks:** Barb and Benno Sydow thank everyone for their cards and prayers. They have truly appreciated it! Barb's surgery is scheduled for November 12. May the Lord provide her healing in His grace.
- ◆ **Outreach Seminar:** Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, will sponsor an Outreach Seminar on Sun., Nov. 10, on the state of Lutheranism today. The Seminar theme is "What Would Jesus Say about Lutherans?" Part 1 is entitled "A Word of Approval for Bible-based Teaching," and will be presented by Prof. Em. David Lau. In this part, Prof. Lau will demonstrate that, historically, Bible teaching has been Lutheran teaching. Part 2 is entitled "A Word of Warning for a Compromising Church," by Pastor P.D. Nolting. He will be discussing the present departure from Bible teaching in much of Lutheranism. The seminar will be held in two places: 1:30 p.m. in Barron, WI, and 6:30 p.m. at Northstar Middle School in Eau Claire. The general public will be invited, and CLC members are also welcome.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Rev. Delwyn Maas has returned the calls to St. Peter's in Iron River, MI, and to Living Hope in Appleton, WI. ✠ Missionary Ed Starkey and his wife, Janice, have now arrived in Chennai, India. They are tired but very excited. Initially, they will be staying with Missionary Dave Koenig while they get settled in and find a flat of their own. The Asian Pastoral Conference begins tomorrow in Chennai...so they will be busy meeting lots of the pastors from India and a few from Nepal and Myanmar over the next few days.
- ◆ **CLC Missions Webpage:** <http://lutheranmissions.org/>
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #6 – Fourth 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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Bible Seminar: “The Bible: Divine Revelation or Human Speculation?” is the title of a free Twin Cities seminar TODAY 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 be able to attend! For more information, please speak with Pastor Hein.

PREACHING TO THE CHOIR AND OTHERS:

The pastoral ministry to which the pastor is called is of course broader in responsibility and scope than preaching. But there is no more important responsibility, much less privilege, a servant of God has then to preach! It is to be regretted when a pastor becomes so busy or otherwise occupied that he cannot put his best effort into sermon preparation. In the preface to *“Preaching to Preachers,”* Norman Madson wrote, “While there must ever be the seriousness of eternity about our preaching, let it be the seriousness which is ever concerned about bringing sin-burdened souls to see the glories awaiting them in the realm of full Gospel liberty, where ‘the winter is past, and the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land’ (Song of Solomon 2:11,12). Where God’s all-exacting Law is preached without reservation, there weeping (whether evident to the eye or no) will naturally result. But where the Gospel is proclaimed in all its saving grace and accepted in child-like faith, weeping will give way to mouths filled with laughter and tongues with singing.” Yes, sermon work (and it is work), and the privilege to share the fruits of one’s labor in preaching the Gospel is a joy!

Perhaps most preachers enter the pulpit for 45-50 years in the span of their ministry. Except for a vacation or illness, normally he preaches 52 Sundays a year. Add to that special services—Advent, Lent, and other services such as Thanksgiving Day and Ascension. Now add to those times weddings and funerals. That is a lot of sermons, even if in the course of a long ministry some are recycled!

Every opportunity to prepare a sermon and to bring the Word of God to the flock is a privilege for which one thanks the Lord. There is no greater expression that a person can give the pastor than a thank you **for the message heard**.

When a pastor brings the word to the flock Sunday after Sunday he is, we might say, preaching to the choir: members of the congregation. He should never dismiss the importance of that because the members are in need of the Law by reason of their flesh, and of the Gospel to the healing of penitent, broken, and troubled hearts. The “choir” needs the song of forgiveness and the balm of salvation! Furthermore, the pastor’s first responsibility is to the flock under his care (Acts 20:28). He is to feed the Church of God.

The joy of preaching for this preacher was never greater, however, strange as it may seem, than when presented with the opportunity to bring the Word to a couple at their wedding, or the necessity of preaching a funeral sermon. Why is that? Because at such occasions there are frequently more strangers than flock! Many to whom we speak at a funeral, and perhaps at a wedding, may be unchurched. They do not know the first principles of the Christian faith. These are opportunities to share the precious Word with people who may otherwise never hear it, even if they go to church every Sunday.

We bring the Gospel for the comfort of congregation members who have lost a loved one. But what a privilege and responsibility to be able to bring a Law-Gospel sermon to extended family or to strangers, many of whom have not heard such a sermon. It has happened more than once that a total stranger approached after a funeral and expressed thanks saying, "We never heard sermon like that." Just recently upon preaching at a funeral, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life" (Romans 6:23), with the theme, "*The Truth Hurts, but it also Heals*," a couple said upon leaving the cemetery, "That was a good sermon." To this we responded, "It is the truth." They in turn said, "Yes it is. Thank you." To our delight we found out that the minister of a mega-feel-good, fun-and-game church had been in attendance. We had no comment from him, but we appreciated that we could bring a Law-Gospel sermon to him! Who knows how the Spirit of God works in a heart because a pastor brings the truth concerning the cause of death, and the comfort of the Gospel which witnesses to eternal life in Christ.

Preach to the choir faithfully, but thank the Lord for every opportunity the Lord presents to bring the Word to those not in tune with the truth! Thank the Lord for your pastor, who faithfully feeds the flock, and pray for the success of the Word in whatever forum he is privileged to share the Word.

Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 10/4/2013

THE MACEDONIAN CRY

Based on Acts 16:9. Written by Rev. W.M. Czamanske
The Lutheran Witness of July 1, 1924.

*Before the gates of Troas stood A man who raised the cry:
"Come into Macedonia And help us lest we die!"*

*From every land, from shore to shore, That selfsame cry is heard;
For multitudes are yearning for The pure and saving Word.*

*Shall we ignore that stirring plea, The cry of direst need?
Or shall we answer, "Here am I," And bind the wounds that bleed?*

*Lift up your eyes, the fields are white, The joyous harvest waits
For laborers to bear the sheaves Within the garner's gates.*

*Oh, let us heed the Master's call To labor and to pray,
That all the harvest may be gleaned While it is still today!*



My Mission Offering

Our offerings designated for the *General Fund* of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) combined with the offerings of our sister congregations collectively support the mission work we have been blessed to do together. The CLC Convention and Coordinating Council (in non-convention years)

budget the mission offerings for the various ministries that we have undertaken as a church body. The following shows how your mission dollar is currently being used (based on FY13 Budget set by the 2012 Convention):



Board of Missions
(foreign and domestic missions)
36 cents



Board of Regents
(Immanuel Lutheran College)
47 cents



Board of Trustees
16 cents

Board of Education
and
Publications
1 cent

Board of Missions — Funding for domestic missions (currently 6 congregations and Traveling Vacation Bible School) and foreign missions (aid to various sister church bodies in foreign fields; two foreign missionaries, and additional part-time missionaries).

www.lutheranmissions.org

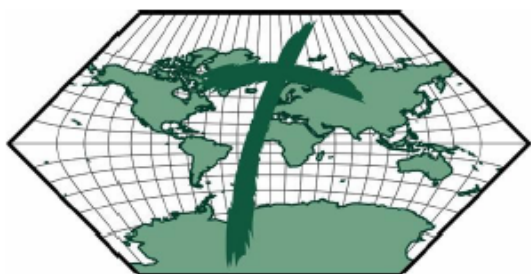
Board of Regents — The CLC subsidizes the Christian education at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary (ILC) in Eau Claire. The total ILC operating budget is \$1,315,000. The synodical subsidy is 32.5% of the operating budget. www.ilc.edu

Board of Trustees — Funding to administer the financial affairs of the church body and the "Old Retirement Plan" of the CLC.

Board of Education and Publications — Funding for various publishing projects, the CLC website, and for the work of the board in providing resources, review, and encouragement in Christian education as requested and as opportunity arises.

Extra-Budgetary Funds

A number of efforts within the Gospel-work of the CLC are funded outside of the General Fund. The following are funds that are created to support these various efforts as offerings allow. None of your General Fund offerings go to these funds. These are funded entirely through special offerings designated for this purpose.



ILC Building Fund — The Academic Center was built with a 30 year mortgage. The monthly payment on the mortgage is \$7,984. Offerings to the Academic Center are applied to the mortgage.

Mission Development Fund (MDF) — This fund finances various extra-budgetary projects and aid efforts. Examples of MDF projects: Bibles for missions, translations, exploratory mission trips, TVBS van replacement, rice aid in India, bicycles, motorcycles, disaster relief.

Project KINSHIP — Originally begun as a way of providing humanitarian aid to India's children (**K**ids **I**n **N**eed **S**ource of **H**elp for **I**ndia's **P**oor), Project KINSHIP now supports orphans in India, Nigeria, East Africa, Nepal as well as seminary students and pastors' widows.

ILC Student Aid Fund (SAF) — This fund supports the grants, loans, and work-study offered to students at ILC in an effort to make the Christian education at ILC as affordable as possible.

ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) — Funds used for larger maintenance and capital improvement projects on the ILC campus and its buildings.

Church Extension Fund (CEF) — Collects offerings and member loans. These resources are then loaned to congregations at a low mortgage rate for building projects. There are sufficient funds in the CEF so the fund is closed to new member-loans.

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Larry Nelson

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: Bye (Mission Festival)

Church Cleaners: Rust/Baker School: Broder

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Jeremiah Boe, Mike Dick, Arnold Gehrls, Bob Maki, John Maki, Joel Stifter

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

Hospitality Team 6: Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland

Church Cleaners: Sydow/Dahl School: None

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Oct. 13: 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

Wed., Oct. 16: 4:30 pm – Catechism
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Oct. 20: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality
 11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

Sat., Oct. 26: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 6, 2013 Sun.: 132 S.S.: 10 B.Cl.: 45 Wed.: 18

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,518.25	CLC:	\$1,025.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,000.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+518.25	CLC:	+65.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$119,067.01	CLC:	\$38,663.75
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	120,000.00	CLC:	38,400.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-932.99	CLC:	+263.75
GLC Other: 179.00*	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	0.00
SAF Endowment: 75.00	MDF:	165.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid: 20.00	ILC Bldg.	130.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

* \$50 Enns Memorial