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## Grace Lutheran Church & School



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**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Church Year:** Pentecost 24

**Date:** November 3, 2013

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 234: Holy Ghost, with Light Divine  
TLH 277: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
TLH 342: Chief of Sinners Though I be  
TLH 315: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table  
TLH 477, st. 2: Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 119, V., p. 149

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 15 (Communion)  
Gloria: TLH 9, st. 5

### Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 1:10-18  
2 Thess. 1:1-5, 11-12

### Sermon: Luke 19:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. <sup>2</sup> Now behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. <sup>3</sup> And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." <sup>6</sup> So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. <sup>7</sup> But when they saw *it*, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup> Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; <sup>10</sup> for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## "JESUS SEEKS YOU"

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ♦ **Poinsettias:** There is a signup sheet for Christmas Poinsettias by the guest book. For any questions, please see Jackie Radichel.
- ♦ **Bridal Shower:** A bridal shower for Nicole Oman will be held at the church on Sat., Nov. 16, 12 noon. Please RSVP to Jackie Radichel. More details can be found on the narthex bulletin board.
- ♦ **Bread of Life:** Each December the Lutheran Spokesman publishes a Bible reading program for the following year. This December each subscriber will receive this as a 28 page supplement to the magazine. The compiler was Pastor Em. David Lau. More than a simple listing of Bible references, the pamphlet includes Pastor Lau's running commentary on the historical background of the referenced readings. Excellent for year-long devotional purposes. Should you desire an extra copy of this item, the 2014 Bread of Life, please request it of Benno Sydow ([bennosydow@yahoo.com](mailto:bennosydow@yahoo.com)). Cost is \$2 for an extra copy.
- ♦ **MP3 Bible:** Pastor Paul Naumann from Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA, has put together a website that has mp3 files of the Bible. Those interested may find this at [mp3kjv.com](http://mp3kjv.com).
- ♦ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day:** Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day is Nov. 15 beginning at 10:05 am in the ILC Fieldhouse for chapel. It will feature presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 p.m. Come and learn more about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ. We will attempt to provide lodging, if needed, Thursday or Friday nights for those attending College Visitor's Day and these visitors will be our guests at meals. The ILC fall play will be performed both Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm with a band concert at 7:00 p.m. Speak with your pastor about questions and attendance, or contact Prof. John Ude, the ILC academic dean, before Nov. 12 (715-836-6631, [john.ude@ilc.edu](mailto:john.ude@ilc.edu)).
- ♦ **CLC News:** Pastor Norman Greve from Salem in Eagle Lake, MN, has received the call to St. Peter's in Iron River, MI.
- ♦ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #8 – Sixth 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!*

## CHILDREN WITH WHOM GOD IS WELL PLEASED:

In a sermon of 1530, Martin Luther said, "... To be sure, according to my first birth, I belong to the devil; but according to the new birth, I, sanctified by God's Word and work, am a sinner no more; now I am in heaven. Now you may glory greatly in the possession of a seat in heaven beside St. Peter ..." (*What Luther Says [WLS]*, Vol. 3, par.3979, p.1247). It is truth. Only holy people go to heaven! Even as we sinners died to sin when Christ died, through faith we rose again from the terrible wages of sin when Christ rose from the dead. Now then, while it does not yet appear what we shall be, it is also truth that as we through faith participated in the resurrection of Christ, and through faith are members of His body, we have ascended into heaven—made holy through the atoning blood of Christ, being sanctified by the Spirit of God! Luther gives voice to a biblical truth that goes beyond our poor ability to comprehend the breadth and richness as well as the mystery of our Father's grace to us, and love for us.

We thought about this in a recent Bible class as we contemplated a passage of which we have spoken many times over the years, and which a student of the Word has heard many times. At Jesus' baptism (Matthew 3:17) and again on the mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17: 5), the Father said concerning Jesus, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Martin Franzmann wrote, "God's approval rests on the Son and King as He makes Himself one with sinners, the Servant who is to die for all" (*Concordia Bible with Notes*, page 12). That expression in itself is pregnant with meaning. Christ made Himself one with sinners! Of course, this He did that He might bear the sins of the world, and pay the unpayable debt that we owed and which would have drowned us in eternal destruction. Through faith generated by the means of grace—the visible word of Baptism, and the spoken word of the Gospel—the Holy Spirit has incorporated us into the body of Christ. *Christ became one with sinners*, and through His *atonement has made us and all who believe in Him one with Him!* O, the depth and riches of God's grace and mercy to us!

The apostle Paul said, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief" (1 Timothy 1:15). If we look at ourselves in the mirror honestly, that may be the one time we disagree with Paul. "No, brother Paul; *I* am chief of sinners!" But how then can I be holy? In the hymn (The *Lutheran Hymnal*, 342) we sing, "Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me..." There is the answer. "Though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be white as snow, and though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

Unlike those who reject Christ, our heavenly Father looks at us through the filter of the Lord Jesus Christ; He does not see our sin. He sees us in our cleansed state, for the blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed us from all sin. Sinners in the flesh, but saints through faith! We are holy as Luther said through a "foreign holiness, namely that of the Lord Christ which is given them [us] by faith and thus becomes their [our] own. This faith is so strong and powerful that it covers and wipes away all sins and shortcomings that remain in flesh and blood" (*WLS*, Vol. 3, par.3978, p. 1247).

Baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and having been made members of the body of Christ, it applies to us as dear children of God: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

From the blessedness of children of God who are pleasing to the Father for Jesus' sake we can draw two conclusions: First of all, we can daily draw comfort from God's promises to us. In the old liturgy we hear it, "To them that believe on His name, He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved." We are sons or children of God, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ! Secondly, the claim that the Father has laid upon us, and the promises He has given us, as well as the pleasure that He has in us because of Christ is a powerful deterrent to sin. Why would we consciously walk the way of sin from which we have been delivered and thus incur the displeasure of the Father?

A life of sanctification is a fitting thank offering to the Father Who in His grace and mercy made us pleasing to Him in His Son! May we heed the kindness of the Lord who daily calls us as dear children to live the salvation life!

Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 10/7/2013

## MY BIBLE

Anna Hoppe, Northwestern Lutheran, 1916

Oh, what a joy, when toil of day is ended,  
And peace and calm steal o'er life's busy mart,  
When sunset glow with even's red has blended,  
To clasp thee, precious Volume, to my heart!

Oft as I read thy pure, inspired pages,  
I find in them a wisdom greater far  
Than all the learning of earth's wisest sages,  
A light of truth more bright than morning-star.

O precious book, thy rays of heav'nly glory  
At dawn of life upon my pathway fell,  
And when a child, in song and sacred story,  
I heard a mother's lips thy contents tell.

E'er since in childhood's paths my feet were treading,  
Thy lamp has led me in the way of truth;  
And still its beams their radiance are shedding  
Across the winding pathway of my youth.

Thou art my compass o'er life's stormy ocean,  
Thy beacon light shall guide me all the way  
Through waves of doubt and billows of commotion,  
Till dawns the light of an eternal day.

Thou bidst me sing the songs of the Immortal  
When I have passed the scenes of earthly strife;  
Thou leadest me to heaven's stately portal,  
Thou art my Guide to everlasting life.

Thy living stream my panting thirst assuages,  
Thy Bread of life my hungry soul doth fill.  
O Word of God, I'll love thy sacred pages,  
And cling to thee until my heart stands still!

## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Maureen Ochsner      Elder: Larry Nelson  
Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Jeremiah Boe, Mike Dick, Arnold Gehrls, Bob Maki, John Maki, Joel Stifter  
Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland  
Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Jenny Kleifgen  
Church Cleaners: Olmanson      School: Flesner

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

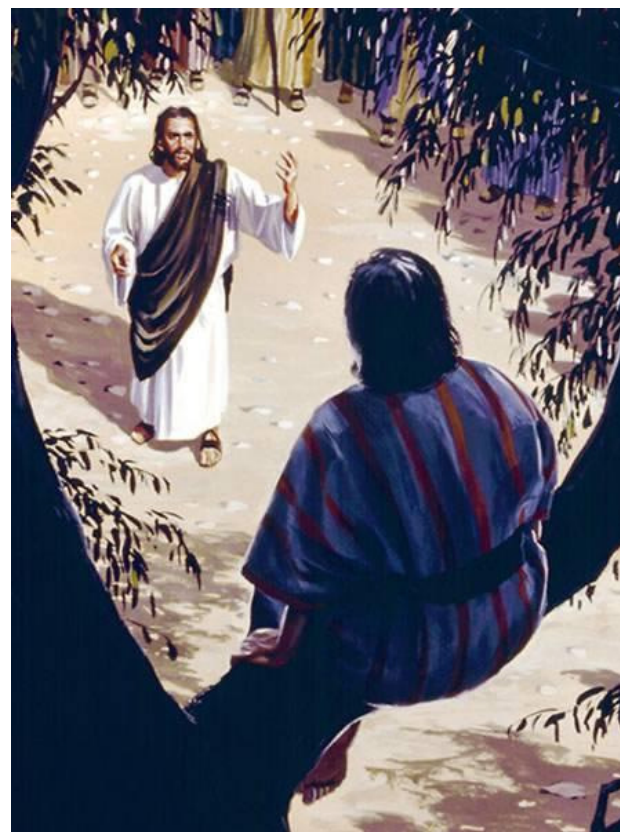
Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel, Bob Vandever, Bobby Vandever, Matt Vandever  
Counting Team 4: Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner  
Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Ryan & Mikey Oman; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan  
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## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., Nov. 3:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper  
 11:15 am – Hospitality  
**Wed., Nov. 6:** 4:30 pm – Catechism  
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class  
**Sun., Nov. 10:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
 10:00 am – Worship Service  
 11:15 am – Hospitality  
**Fri., Nov. 15:** Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day  
**Sat., Nov. 16:** 12:00 pm – Nichole Oman Bridal Shower  
**Wed., Nov. 27:** 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship

<b>Last Week's Stats:</b> Oct. 27, 2013      Sun.: 118   S.S.: 15   B.Cl.: 60   Wed.: 19			
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,084.15	CLC: \$865.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,000.00	CLC: 960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-915.85	CLC: -95.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$126,734.16	CLC: \$42,433.75
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	129,000.00	CLC: 41,280.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,265.84	CLC: +1,153.75
GLC Other: 312.00	Living Faith: 0.00	Tuition Aid: 440.00	
SAF Endowment: 60.00	MDF: 100.00	Kinship: 110.00	
ILC Student Aid: 5.00	ILC Bldg. 0.00	IIF: 30.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Fire Alarm: -1,879.19	Projection: -187.93	
	Tuition Aid: +109.67	(\$9,350 would cover 6 students in Jan.)	

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