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## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Janelle Hein**      Elder: **Brandt Wendland**

Ushers: **David Stifter, Scott Baker, Chad Hestekin, Al Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Michael Ude**

Counting Team 4: **Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner**

Hospitality Team 3: **Bye (Church Picnic)**

Church Cleaners: **P. Radichel**      School: **K. Baker**

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **David Stifter, Scott Baker, Chad Hestekin, Al Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Michael Ude**

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

Hospitality Team 4: **Mark & Trudy Wales; Karen Auel; Bob & Suki Vandever**

Church Cleaners: **Oman**      School: **K. Baker**

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., Sept. 14:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:15 am – Grace Church Picnic

**Wed., Sept. 17:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

**Thu., Sept. 18:** School Picture Day

**Sun., Sept. 21:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:15 am – Hospitality  
4:00 pm – Pastor Maas Installation (Mapleton, ND)

**Wed., Sept. 24:** CLC Coordinating Council

**Sun., Sept. 28:** 4:00 pm – Pastor J. Fleischer Installation (Sioux Falls, SD)

**Oct. 7-8:** MN Pastoral Conference (Morris, MN)

**Sun., Oct. 12:** Mission Festival Service & Potluck

**Sun., Oct. 19:** 8:30 am – Dr. Menton Seminar

**Sun., Oct. 26:** 4:00 pm – MN Joint Reformation Festival (Mankato, MN)

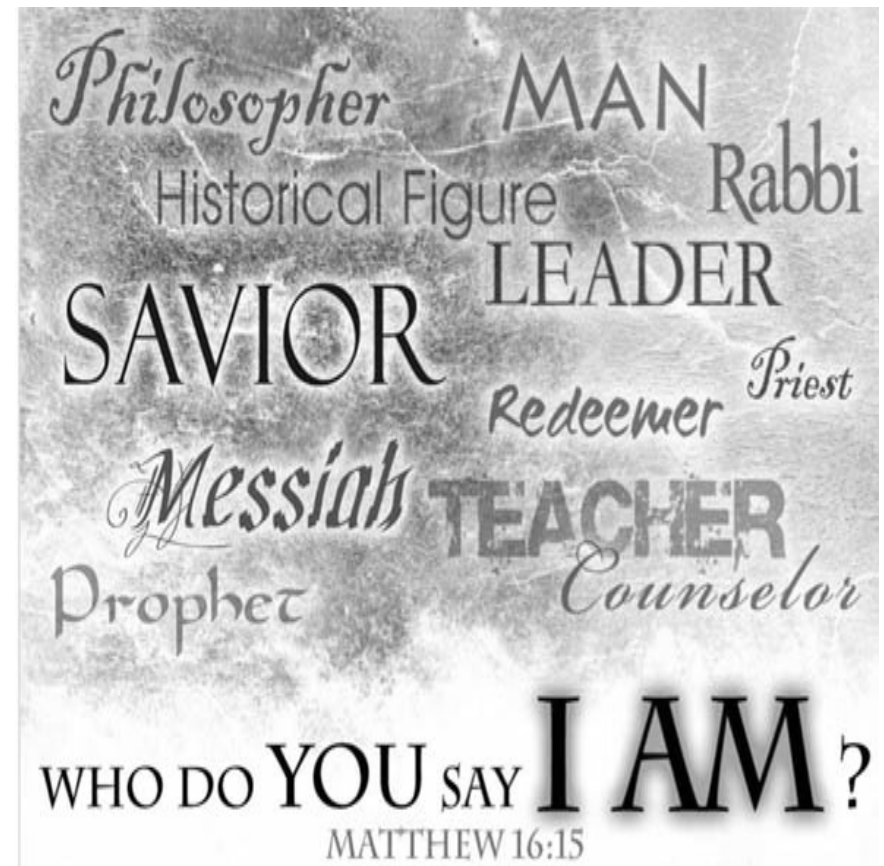
**Last Week's Stats:** Sept. 7, 2014    Sun.: 118    S.S.: 18    B. Cl.: 57    Wed.: 20

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,882.75	CLC:	\$846.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,200.00	CLC:	1,040.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+682.75	CLC:	-194.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$114,673.95	CLC:	\$35,436.65
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	115,200.00	CLC:	37,440.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-526.05	CLC:	-2,003.35
GLC Other: 217.10	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	308.00
SAF Endowment: 0.00	MDF:	195.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid: 50.00	ILC Bldg.	75.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Projection:	-439.67	Tuition Aid:	+7,300.12

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**Phone:** 763-784-8784

**School Phone:** 763-784-6340

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

**Church Year:** Pentecost 14

**Date:** September 14, 2014

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 465: Christ is Our Cornerstone

TLH 467: Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand

TLH 637: Founded on Thee, our Only Lord

TLH 644: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Note: CDS Children - LSB 861: Christ Be My Leader  
(before 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture reading)

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 34, TLH p. 131

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 16:4

### Scripture Reading:

Exodus 6:2-8

Romans 11:33-36

### Sermon: Matthew 16:13-20

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" 14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

### **Who Do You Say That Jesus Is?**

- I. The Wrong Answer Leads to Death
- II. The Right Answer Brings Eternal Life

Preaching Today: Vicar Rob Sauers

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Church Picnic:** Today there is a church picnic here on the church grounds following our worship service. Grilled meat will be provided. Folks may help out as needed with serving and cleanup. Please stay and enjoy the Christian fellowship!
- ◆ **Cell Phones/Smart Phones:** Please remember to turn off during church so as not to interfere with the projection system and with the worship of your fellow Christians.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Rev. Delwyn Maas will be installed as pastor of Gift of God Lutheran Church in Mapleton, ND, on Sunday, September 21 at 4 pm. A celebratory pot luck dinner will follow. The officiant is Pastor John Hein and the preacher is Pastor Joel Fleischer. Anyone who can make it is welcome!
- ◆ **Creation Seminar:** We are privileged to have Dr. David Menton present a creation seminar here at Grace on Sunday, October 19, 8:30 am. Please be aware that this will start earlier than our normal Bible Class time but will in place of it. The theme will be, "Three Ways to Make an Ape Man."
- ◆ **Minnesota Reformation Festival:** A joint Reformation festival will be held at Immanuel in Mankato on October 26, 4:00 pm.
- ◆ **Collection:** A purse is being collected for Vicar Sauers. If you wish to contribute, mark "Vicar" on your offering envelope.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Neal Radichel of Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI, has been called to Messiah in Eau Claire, WI, to be its third pastor. ✠ Pastor David Fuerstenau of Holy Truth in Ketchikan, AK, has returned the call to Grace in Live Oak, FL. ✠ Pastor Mark Bernthal of Peace Thru Christ in Middleton, WI, has returned the call to Calvary in Marquette, MI. ✠ Olaila Schulz, wife of Pastor Emeritus Arthur Schultz, passed away last Sunday. Correspondence can be sent to 724 Rose St.; Black River Falls, WI 54615.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #1 – Books of the Bible

*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 GREAT UNKNOWN?**

Space was once for the most part an unknown. After going into space there are still things which are unknown. The same could be said of the depths of the sea. Some speak of death as a great unknown in that they do not know what lies on the other side of the grave. The unknown creates fear.

Death is not something of which we particularly care to speak. But the after-effects of death God has addressed. Nothing is unknown, for better or for worse depending on where one is in relationship to the Lord! Upon death one is eternally lost in hell, or enjoys the bliss of heaven. While Satan and our flesh daily seek to drive Christ-believers to alarm of what is termed the unknown, we may live in peace and confidence. There is nothing unknown—or to fear—concerning the state of the Christ-believer after death.

To know what remains unknown to many by reason of unbelief we turn to God's Word:

"If you abide in My Word ... you shall know the truth..." (John 8:32).

"Sanctify them by Your truth, Your word is truth" (John 17:17).

"Then He who sat on the throne ... said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful'" (Revelation 21:5)

Since the Word tell us 1) who is in charge; 2) where we are going; 3) how we get where we are going; 4) who we shall see in the place where we are going; 5) what it will be like where we are going, 6) what we will do when we get to heaven, what else is there to know? So what does the Word say?

1) "But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases" (Psalm 115:3)

"For I know that You will bring me to death ..." (Job 30:23).

"My times are in Your hand ..." (Psalm 31:15).

"The Lord knows the days of the upright ..." (Psalm 37:18).

To Hezekiah: "Thus says the Lord: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live...I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will add to your days 15 years'" (Isaiah 38:1, 5).

2) "... and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven..." (2 Kings 2:11).

"But now they desire a better, that is a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them" (Hebrews 11:16).

"This same Jesus, Who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

"... I go to prepare a place for you ... that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:2, 3).

3) "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16)

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them eternal life ... (John 10:27, 28).

"He that believes on the Son has everlasting life ..." (John 3:36).

"By grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works ... (Ephesians 2:8).

"... The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

4) "... we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2).

"... In my flesh I shall see God..." (Job 19:26)

"They [His servants] shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads" (Revelation 22:4).

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After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen." Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 7: 9-17).

6) "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in his temple" (Revelation 7:15).

When Satan and your own flesh assail you and seek to implant fear of what to rejecters of Christ and His Word remains unknown, go back to the Word for assurance from the Lord God of heaven, your Father in Christ Jesus, your Savior:

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"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13).

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