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## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Jan Davis**

Elder: **Frank Radichel**

Ushers: **Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner**

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

Hospitality Team 2: **Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Jenny Kleifgen**

Church Cleaners: **Rosendahl**      School: **None**

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner**

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: **K & A Baker**      School: **DeBoer**

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Oct. 19:** 8:30 am – Dr. Menton Seminar  
 10:00 am – Worship Service  
 11:15 am – Hospitality  
 11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings
- Wed., Oct. 22:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
- Sat. Oct. 25:** 9:00 am – Work Day
- Sun., Oct. 26:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service  
 11:15 am – Hospitality  
 4:00 pm – MN Joint Reformation Festival (Mankato, MN)
- Wed., Nov. 26:** 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Worship
- Thu., Nov. 27:** Thanksgiving Day

**Last Week's Stats:** Oct. 12, 2014    Sun.: 130    S.S.: ?    B.Cl.: 54    Wed.: 18

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,941.80	CLC:	\$1,335.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,200.00	CLC:	1,040.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-258.20	CLC:	+295.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$131,486.62	CLC:	\$40,952.65	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	131,200.00	CLC:	42,640.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+286.62	CLC:	-1,687.35	
GLC Other:	1.10	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	90.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	150.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	95.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Projection:	-233.67	Tuition Aid:	+1,675.12	

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# Grace Lutheran Church & School

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FOR ME TO LIVE IS  
**CHRIST**  
 AND TO DIE IS GAIN

PHILIPPIANS 1:21

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

Church Year: Pentecost 19

Date: October 19, 2014

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 188: Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

TLH 591: Jesus, I Live to Thee

TLH 608: Let Thoughtless Thousands Choose

WS 799:1,4-5: This Is the Feast of Victory

### Worship Prep:

Psalms 27, TLH p. 129

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 246:1,4

### Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 55:6-9

Matthew 20:1-16

### Sermon: Philippians 1:19-26

(19) For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, (20) according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. (21) For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. (22) But if I live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. (23) For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better. (24) Nevertheless to remain in the flesh *is* more needful for you. (25) And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, (26) that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## Christ: The Meaning of Life

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Creation Seminar:** We are privileged to have Dr. David Menton present a creation seminar today here at Grace, 8:30 am. The theme is, "Three Ways to Make an Ape Man." We thank him for coming!
- ◆ **Work Day:** Next Saturday will be work day, starting at 9 am.
- ◆ **Minnesota Reformation Festival:** A joint Reformation festival worship service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN, on October 26, 4:00 pm. The theme, "Faith of Our Fathers," will consider the background that caused selected hymn writers to pen their words to music. Following the worship service there will be a potluck meal in which you may bring a dish to share. An adult choir will sing during the service with a 3:00 pm rehearsal for those who wish to participate. Also, the children are invited to sing a song together with a rehearsal at 3:45 pm (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade room of the school). If your congregation is in Minnesota, music is available through your pastor/choir director. If not, you may contact Lane Fisher for copies ([lane.fischer@immanuelmankato.org](mailto:lane.fischer@immanuelmankato.org)). For any other questions, please email Pastor John Hein ([jphein@clclutheran.com](mailto:jphein@clclutheran.com)).
- ◆ **Reminder:** The Sunday School children will be singing "I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus," in church next Sunday, Oct 26.
- ◆ **Bridal Shower:** A bridal shower will be held for Abbie Hein on Nov. 1. Details are on the bulletin board. Please RSVP to Heidi Nelson.
- ◆ **Blood Drive:** Rick Nelson reports that the blood drive was a success in that 23 units were collected with 27 donors. Red Cross is thrilled.
- ◆ **Mexico:** Pastor Olvera from our affiliated church in Mexico informed Jack Kirkham that his children are in need of some cold weather clothing. His daughters need girls size large and his boy needs boys size 5. The most useful clothing would be sweaters and pants, but anything would be appreciated. Donations can be sent to an El Paso address: Rev. J. J. Olvera, c/o Jose Hernandez, P O Box 71282, El Paso, TX 79917-1282. For more info., please speak with Jack.
- ◆ **Installation:** Pastor Tom Schuetze will be installed at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran in Lakewood, CO (Denver area) at a 3:00 pm service on Sun., Nov. 9. A meal will be served following the service.
- ◆ **From India:** Cyclone Hudhud has been in the news lately, and several have asked if our party traveling in India was affected. The answer is no, the storm made landfall to the north of us, mostly in Orissa State. However we do have BELC churches there, and I would ask you to keep those pastors and members in your prayers. If you'd like to view some pictures from the trip so far, go to <https://pastorpnaumann.wordpress.com/>. Greetings from India's coral strand, Pastor Paul Naumann.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's in Jamestown, ND, has received the call to Faith in Coloma, MI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #7 – Fifth Commandment

## CLC E-Devotion – October 11, 2010

### CLC FINANCIAL REPORT September 2014

<i>CLC Financial Report</i>	Balance	Year to Date	Year to Date	FY 2015 Budget	Balance
<u>Operating Funds</u>	7/1/2014	Revenue	Disbursed	3 Months	9/30/2014
General Fund	0	207,255	225,678	\$226,000	(18,422)
ILC Operations	0	422,260	291,785	\$336,750	130,475
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$629,515</b>	<b>\$517,462</b>	<b>\$562,750</b>	<b>\$112,052</b>
<u>Auxiliary Funds</u>					
IIF - ILC Improvement	67,647	3,262	64,245		6,664
ILC Building	14,168	18,872	23,952		9,088
MDF - Mission Development	190,077	26,994	123,222		93,849
Kinship	59,320	15,927	23,561		51,686
CEF - Church Extension Fund	1,624,475	197,084	196,297		1,625,263
SAF - Student Aid	19,672	65,272	48,026		36,918
Reserve Account	89,769	0	0		89,769

<u>ILC Academic Center Mortgage</u>			
Beginning Balance:	January 1, 2010		\$1,751,804
Current Balance:	September 30, 2014		<u>\$1,440,902</u>
	Principal Paid to Date:		\$310,902

**Comments:**

- The General Fund has a deficit year-to-date because offerings have not met plan
- ILC has a large balance because of advance student payments at semester start
- Note that offerings for the ILC Academic Center mortgage are short of the payments needed year-to-date

Dr. James A. Sydow, CLC Treasurer  
Philip E. Radichel, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

Psalm 139:13-14 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

### THE ALMIGHTY GOD IS ... MY CREATOR!

How many people have lived on earth since God created man in His image on the 6th day of creation? Would it be billions or even trillions? I'm sure someone has made an educated guess, but that's the best it would be -- a guess! I feel pretty small, insignificant, and unimportant thinking of the Almighty God who made uncountable planets, stars, and whole galaxies simply by speaking them into existence. Not to mention the billions if not trillions of other humans who have also lived.

But the psalmist above tells me a different truth about myself. This Almighty God is specifically MY Creator! His Word speaks of Him carefully taking the time to form my frame and knit me together in my mother's womb. I wasn't just some trillionth human off God's assembly line. I am fearfully and wonderfully made -- by the LORD! Even after being conceived in sin and living in a fallen world, my body amazingly grows by the Lord's powerful, yet gentle hand. He has designed the body to fight off sicknesses and diseases. He has created it with such a perfectly complex design that almost all of its functions are done without me even thinking about them.

The Almighty God -- MY Creator, has also hand selected all my own personal characteristics, abilities, and talents, my sense of humor and emotions, and everything about me down to the very number of hairs on my head. Why? What purpose does God have in store for me, His special creation? Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." There it is. I was created for the purpose of glorifying MY Creator and MY God! And why wouldn't I want to? Not only did He create my body, He created the faith and trust in Christ Jesus my Savior in my heart and soul, "my inmost being." So today, I again rejoice in these "wonderful works" of the Almighty God, THE Creator -- of my life, and my life in Jesus Christ.

## DO LEGALITY AND MORALITY EQUATE?

As Christians who confess, “Heaven is my Home” we find ourselves in a strange environment. In this technological age we can speak to our computer, or to an iPad and it will answer us. We can no longer believe what we see because a picture may have been photo-shopped. Much to our chagrin and loss, but nevertheless a reality, we hardly need books any longer. Even in the pastor’s study just about any theological subject can be found online, any passage can be found without a concordance, and any word definition found without a dictionary.

We thought about all this context of morals and the law, and the Christian’s life in a fallen world and what we call a post-Christian society. As election time rolls around we are subjected again to political campaigns that defy credulity as many politicians, if not all, are loose with the truth. Without apparent confidence in their own platform, they resort to mud-slinging and running down of their opponent to gain advantage. In so doing they violate the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment without a blink of the eye. Too often it works! We cannot necessarily equate what is legal with what is moral.

Life as Scripture defines life begins at conception (Job 10:8-12, Jeremiah 1:5, Luke 1:41). Nevertheless in our country abortion—the killing of the unborn—is defended and protected under the law, and while it is denied by many paid for by taxes. The Creator God created life and defines it. A corrupt society however has made its own definition of life to satisfy its own selfish agenda and has determined abortion is acceptable and protected by law. To that we say *“What is moral is not determined by what is legal but by what the Lord God says in His Word.”*

On another front, the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal on homosexual and lesbian relationships, thereby letting stand what are called “same-sex marriages” in 30 states. More are sure to follow.

Born anew by the power of the Spirit and called to righteousness, Christians are called to obey the government. We are to be responsible citizens even in this foreign land. It is the will of God (Romans 13). Yet what shall we do when what is legal and even promoted by government is counter to God’s will and instruction? We can oppose the law and try to change it within the context of law (We do not break the law to *change* the law). With Paul we say “... I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men” (Acts 24:16). We are on solid ground when we refuse to abide by that which is in opposition to God’s express will, His Word, and faith. When immorality or other

evil which God calls sin is foisted upon us as the law of the land “We ought to obey God rather than man” (Acts 5:29). At the same time, children of God must be ready to pay the consequences that may be imposed by civil authority.

The same pertains to the matter of marriage. Scripture tells us that the practice of homosexuality is sin (Genesis 19:5, Romans 1:26ff). Furthermore, the Heavenly Father defines what a God-pleasing marriage is (Genesis 1:22-24, Ephesians 5:22ff.). Since government defines marriage in society, and we abide by such laws as it sets (4<sup>th</sup> commandment), we now have to acknowledge, **though we do not approve**, that homosexuals and lesbians can legally set up housekeeping and garner whatever benefits government affords to marriage. As children of God we cannot approve, but out of concern for the truth as well as to slow down the exercise of this perversion our only response as citizens of this country is to try to change the law within the context of the law. Neither a Christian pastor, nor a confessing Christian Church can participate in stamping approval on what is legal but contrary to God’s will and therefore immoral. That means we may have to pay the consequences under the law should things move on to where we no longer have the right to express ourselves or live according to the dictates of our conscience bound by the Word of God. Some Christian businessmen have already had to pay for their refusal to condone such unions.

Living in this culture and society, how we address these sanctioned perversions is one thing. Try within legal means to change the laws that permit such immorality. However, as citizens of heaven and representatives of our God, we know that the only thing that can turn things around is the Word of God. We must continue to preach the law of God, not vindictively, but to convict the heart before God. Further we know that the only word that can change the heart is the Gospel. Thus we will proclaim the Gospel for comfort of those who repent of their sin, with the prayer that it will work mightily within the hearts of such to bring forth the fruits of sanctification.

Hold fast the faithful Word that you may be able to stand before God when He comes to judge. To the attainment of that for God’s children, the apostle prayed, “And this I pray that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ” (Philippians 1:9-10).

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 10/2014