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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Benno Sydow

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

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandev eer, Clint Welker

Church Cleaners: Hein

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Pat Paplow, Alex Baker, Kevin Baker, Dan Degnan, Brian Eichstadt, Brandon Paplow

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland; Chad Hestekin

Church Cleaners: Welker

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., June 7:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conference @ Eagle Lake, MN
- Sun., June 14:** **Grace Lutheran's 60th Anniversary Celebration**
9:00 am – Grace Lutheran 60th Anniversary Service
10:15 am – Potluck Meal
- June 16-18:** CLC General Pastoral Conference @ Eau Claire, WI
- Sun., June 21:** 4:00 pm – Pastor Rob Sauers Ordination @ Morris, MN
- Sat., June 27:** 9:00 am – Grace Work Day
- Sun., July 19:** Quarterly Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings
- August 3-7:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School
- Sat., Aug. 8:** 9:00 am – School Cleaning Day
- Mon. Aug. 10:** 7:00 pm – School Ice Cream Social
- Mon., Aug. 24:** 10:00 am – Immanuel Opening Service @ Eau Claire, WI
- Mon. Aug. 31:** 8:00 am – School Opening Service (First Day of School)
- Sun., Sept. 13:** Return to Regular Schedule (Worship at 10 am)

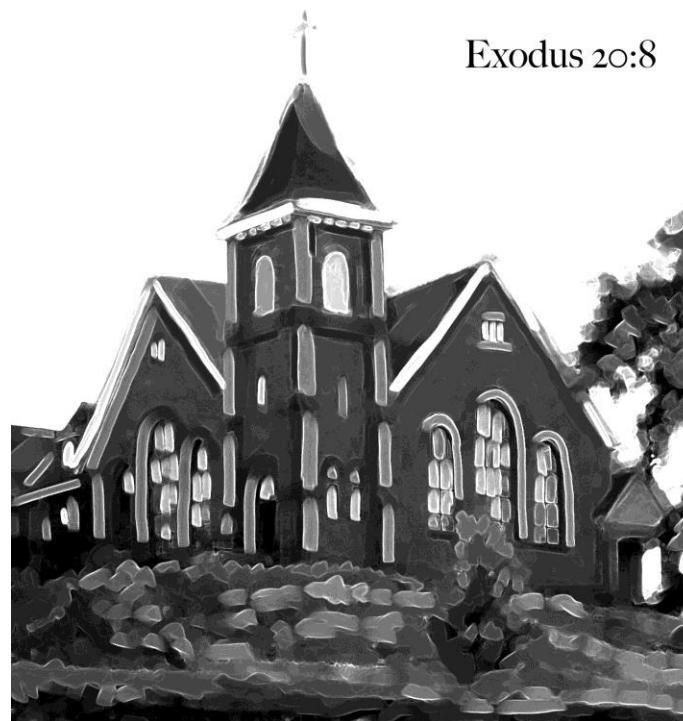
For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

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“Remember the
SABBATH DAY by
keeping it holy.”

Exodus 20:8



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Church Year: Pentecost 2

Date: June 7, 2015

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 11: Safely Through Another Week

TLH 277: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

TLH 9: O Day of Rest and Gladness

Communion Distribution: TLH 306

All You Who Struggle, Are Weary and Worn (bulletin)

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 126, TLH p. 153

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 15 (Communion)

Gloria: WS 758, st. 4

Scripture Readings:

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23-28

Sermon: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹² Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

¹⁴ but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day. (NKJVTM)

“Observe the Sabbath for Genuine Rest”

All You Who Struggle, Are Weary and Worn

All you who struggle, are weary and worn,
Seek refuge neither in the people nor things;
Battles are long and the vic-tories seem few,

All you who burdens have bat-tled and born,
They can not give what I'm pro-mise to bring;
But My child, know that I'm al-ways with you.

These words of com-fort I bring you, the best;
Rest for your con-science and an- peace for your heart,
Ris-ing on wings of an- gle you'll soar,

"Come un-to Me and I will give you rest."
Un-dy-ing love that has burned from the start.
You may lose bat-tles, but I've won the war.



✝ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✝

- ◆ **Grace's 60th Anniversary:** Next Sun., June 14, 9 am, Grace Lutheran will be celebrating "60 Years of the Lord's Grace." Pastor Neal Radichel, son of the congregation, will be our guest speaker and there will be a potluck meal following the worship service. We welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ to join us in thanking the Lord for all the wonderful blessings He has showered upon us! Note: Members are asked to bring salads, side dishes, and desserts. Chicken and ham will be provided by the church. Committee #3 will be hosting, chaired by Jen Kleifgen, Nyla Welker, and Pat Dick.
- ◆ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The Lutheran Spokesman is a publication by the CLC which is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. Those who currently receive the publication are listed on a sheet by the guestbook. If you no longer wish to receive it, please cross out your name. If you don't receive it and would like to, please sign up. The congregation covers the cost.
- ◆ **The Branches:** Attention ladies (and others interested)! It's time to renew or start your subscription to "The Branches," a quarterly publication for Christian women. Either check your name or add it to the list by the guest book. Do it quickly--response is needed by June 15. The cost of the subscription is paid by the congregation.
- ◆ **Book:** "Steeple in the Distance," a novel by Deborah Ude, is now available. It may be purchased either directly from Deborah Ude at deborahude.com, through the CLC Book House at clcbookhouse.org, or through Michael and Jess Ude. The cost is \$20.00 per book.
- ◆ **Summer Hospitality:** Hospitality hour is suspended during the summer. Those who may wish to host a hospitality gathering on any Sunday, there is a signup sheet on the fellowship hall's bulletin board.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** On August 3-7, 9:00 - 11:30 am, we will be having our VBS. This includes children age 4 years, to children going into eighth grade. Please register your children on the sheet by the guest book.
- ◆ **VBS Staff:** In preparing for VBS, we will need to put together a staff, including teachers and coordinators for crafts and music. Please consider this labor of love and let Pastor know of your willingness.



- ◆ **Sauers Ordination:** Our former vicar, Rob Sauers, will be installed and ordained on Sun., June 21, 4 pm, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN. A fellowship meal will follow. Pastor John Hein will serve as Liturgist and Pastor Peter Evensen will be the Preacher. Please let Pastor know if you are attending so the congregation can prepare.
- ◆ **Immanuel Dining Hall - Help Requested:** This summer, between June 29 and July 19, Paul Heinze, the Immanuel Facilities Manager, plans to remove the carpeting from the Immanuel dining hall and replace it with new tile. Those willing to assist in this project at Eau Claire may contact Paul at (715-456-7194/paul.heinze@ilc.edu) so that he can coordinate the volunteer efforts.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Gethsemane in Spokane Valley, WA, has resolved to wait with calling a teacher until the next school year, 2016-17.

Last Week's Stats: May 31, 2015 Sun.: 95

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,328.25	CLC:	\$730.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,340.00	CLC:	1,060.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-11.75	CLC:	-330.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$67,437.93	CLC:	\$18,805.55	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	73,480.00	CLC:	23,320.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-6,042.07	CLC:	-4,514.45	
GLC Other:	425.00	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	125.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	25.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	10.00	ILC Bldg.	80.00	IIF:	0.00
				CEF:	0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	6,755.00	Tuition Aid:	1,683.12

Luther on Mercy

It is an evangelical word and the sweetest comfort in every way for miserable sinners, where Ezekiel 18:23, 32 says: "I do not desire the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn and live," like Psalm 30:5: "For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime." Then there is Psalm 109:21: "How sweet is Your mercy, O Lord" and "For I am merciful" (Jeremiah 3:12) and also Christ's saying in Matthew 11:28: "Come to Me, all you who labor, and I will give you rest," and that in Exodus 20:6: "I show mercy to many thousands, to those who love Me." What, indeed, does almost more than half of Holy Scripture contain but sheer promises of grace, in which mercy, life, peace, and salvation are offered by God to men? And what else do words of promise have to say but this: "I do not desire the death of a sinner"? Is it not the same thing to say, "I am merciful," as to say, "I am not angry, I do not want to punish, I do not want you to die, I want to pardon, I want to spare? And if these divine promises were not there to raise up consciences afflicted with the sense of sin and terrified with the fear of death and judgment, what place would there be for pardon or hope? ... He does not say, "I do not desire the death of a man," but, "I do not desire the death of a sinner," plainly showing that He is speaking of the penalty of sin, which the sinner experiences for his sin, namely, the fear of death. And he lifts up and comforts the sinner from his affliction and despair, so as not to quench the smoking flax and break the bruised reed (Isaiah 42:3), but to give hope of pardon and salvation, so that he may rather be converted (by turning to salvation from the penalty of death) and live, that is, be at peace and happy with an untroubled conscience. (from Luther's "Bondage Of The Will," vol. 33 of Luther's Works, ed. Philip S. Watson, Philadelphia: Fortress, 1972, pp. 136-137)

Fight the Good Fight of Faith

Dear fellow contenders for the one true faith:

“Fight the good fight of the faith,” Paul wrote Timothy. I passed along the same encouragement to my Confirmation class recently. But do you ever get weary of fighting? “I don’t like conflict,” a friend recently shared with me. I think we would all agree. Who enjoys being at odds with someone? Paul writes, “If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone” (Rom. 12:18). We are called to be peacemakers as we proclaim the reconciliation of the world to God in Christ Jesus.

Yet at the same time, there is a disconnect or paradox, for while we preach that the conflict with God has been resolved since Jesus has paid for all sin, that very message ignites conflict when it is rejected. So Jesus warns: “I did not come to bring peace, but a sword” (Matt. 10:34). None of us relishes conflict. We face tremendous pressure today to avoid it by taking a pragmatic approach toward doctrine and life, so that instead of clearly identifying sin as a capital offense against God, we would let it slide as a matter of personal preference. The result, of course, is catastrophic. If there is no recognition of sin, there will be no repentance, no trust in Jesus for forgiveness, and no salvation.

Still, is the struggle worth it? Are we winning the fight? Do you ever feel as though you have failed in your ministry when a conversation or other efforts at reaching out to someone result in angry accusations and resentment, rather than peace and goodwill? Do you wonder where you have gone wrong if your congregation is seen by some in the community as unfriendly? What about all the members of past Confirmation classes who no longer are part of the congregation?

We want to share as joyfully and winsomely as the Spirit enables us the news of complete forgiveness and perfect peace with God in Jesus. We strive to be loving and patient in all we do. However, when the Word is denied and rejected, we dare not compromise it for the sake of “peace.” To surrender the Word would be to give up on the one thing which is truly able to overcome all hostility, lead hearts to Jesus, and create harmony with God and others.

It’s not easy. It is not always pleasant. Yet it is a “good” fight, for it is taking a stand on the saving foundation of Christ. “There is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

We may not like conflict, but may the Spirit continue to fortify us with faith-worked courage to keep fighting the good fight and rather than back down, meet every situation with the message of peace and victory in Jesus’ name. It’s a good fight with a glorious end!

Yours in Him, Pastor Michael Eichstadt, CLC President

CLC Coordinating Council Devotion

“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” (Acts 1:6). That was the burning question on the minds of Jesus’ disciples. Throughout the Lord’s ministry they had wrestled with the concept of His kingdom-rule. They envisioned a glorious reign like that of His famous ancestor David. They kept watching for signs that this glory-kingdom was imminent. They argued and debated with one another over who would have the pre-eminent positions of power under Him. Along with countless others, they no doubt longed for liberation from the heathen Roman Empire.

We can empathize with them. Do you ever dream of the advantages of an earthly glory-rule by the Lord? What would life be like if there were no question of His complete power and control? What if all those who followed Him were obviously favored with an abundance of material blessings and those who defied Him suffered quick retribution? But Jesus did not come to be that kind of king. Rather, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross. He told Pontius Pilate, “My kingdom is not of this world.”

Where would that leave the disciples? They were not to expect recognition and acclaim, but instead, persecution and hardship. At the same time, they were not to stay out of sight behind locked doors, isolated from the world. The Lord told them: “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

Jesus’ instructions are a lesson we want to keep foremost in our hearts and minds as a church body. It is tempting to think that we should be holding press conferences, leading protest marches, and taking a stand on the pressing social issues of the day, whether it is LGBT rights, immigration reform, or abortion in order to keep our country as “Christian” as possible. A militant Christian activism fits well with a glory-kingdom worldview. However, that is not the role Jesus has given us. When we hear of Christians brutally massacred in Kenya or see how believers are mocked and derided in our own country, it’s tempting to pull back, mind our own business, and just go “off the grid.” But that is not what the Lord has in mind for us either.

His intentions for us are not complicated. He tells us present-day disciples just what He told the Twelve: “Be My witnesses to the world.” Witnesses freely testify to what they have seen. With the eyes of faith we have seen incredible things in the Word. We have come to know Jesus as the God-Man who sacrificed Himself in payment for sin to reconcile the world to God. Then, to the surprise and shock of even His closest followers, He rose in glory. “He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification” (Rom. 4:25). Nothing could be better than to receive the awesome commission and great joy of spreading the gospel news of forgiveness and eternal life in Christ the Lord. We thank Him for that privilege and for blessing our efforts in His name.