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**The Doctrines of the Reformation are
Still and Will Always Remain Relevant**

**Theology of the
Cross and Glory**

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 523: "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

Invocation

Pastor: We begin our service in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.* (Spoken)

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

People: *For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

Pastor: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

People: *You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.*

Pastor: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

People: *But steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.*
(Psalm 32)

Pastor: As a called servant of God I announce His grace unto you, and by the command of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore the Psalmist declares: "Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!"

All: *Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations. Amen.* (Psalm 100)

Response

WS 792: "Let All Things Now Living"

All: ♪ *Let all things now living a song of Thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.* ♪

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you. (Spoken)*

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: ...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever.

People: *Amen. (Spoken)*

1st Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53:1-7

2nd Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:1-3

Pastor: Alleluia, Alleluia! "Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105) Alleluia!

People: ♪ *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!* ♪

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Second Hymn

TLH 421: *“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”*

Sermon

Matthew 16:21-27 – The Theology of the Cross and Glory

The Offertory

(TLH 50:2: *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”*)

All: ♪ *Thanks we give and adoration
For the Gospel’s joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your Salvation
In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To the Truth may we be found!* ♪

Third Hymn

TLH 423: *“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”*

The Offering and Hymn

After offering, rise to sing WS 742:1: “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

All: ♪ *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.* ♪

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you, the Lord keep you.

The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD life up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

All: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen. ♪

Final Hymn & Silent Prayer

TLH 354: *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*

✠ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✠

- ◆ **500th Anniversary Series:** This October we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation and the important doctrinal truths it has and continues to faithfully proclaim. We are focusing on five unique and important doctrines of the Reformation, through a “pastor exchange” with other CLC congregations in Minnesota. Each pastor is rotating to the five congregations and presenting a Bible Class study and worship service/sermon on one of these important Biblical truths. Lord, through our study of Your Word grant us understanding of these important truths, comfort us in Your abounding mercy and grace toward sinners, and give us strength to live our lives to Your glory. We thank Pastor Rob Sauers for sharing his message today.
 - Oct. 8: The Theology of the Cross (Pastor Rob Sauers – Morris)
 - Oct. 15: Vocation (Pastor Nathanael Mayhew – Sleepy Eye & New Ulm)
 - Oct. 22: Justification (Pastor Joe Naumann – Mankato)
 - Oct. 29: The Two Kingdoms (Pastor David Baker – Red Wing)
- ◆ **Thanks** to all who helped host the pastoral conference this week, including those who provided housing and those who helped out with the meals. Several of the pastors commented how nicely it was done this week. Many of you made that possible! Thanks so much!
- ◆ **Among Us:** This past week Bob Schuetzler appeared to be at death’s door. He has perked up the past couple of days and has been aware of the devotions which have been shared with him. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Also, Pastor Joseph Kwiwalazu from Grace Evangelistic Lutheran Church in Liberia has been suffering from malaria and typhoid this week. Please keep him in your prayers so that the Lord may continue to use him for His kingdom work.
- ◆ **Membership Request:** Lyle Trulin has requested to be removed from membership. He has not given any specific reason for doing so. While he has moved to River Falls, WI, he claims that this is not the reason why. He does not disagree with our teachings. He has no conflict with any member or with pastor. After a phone conversation, he appears to be disinterested in church altogether and does not seem interested even in a Christian funeral. Given that he has been so active for many years, the Elders want to give the members a chance to reach out to him before honoring his request next week at the Voters meeting.
- ◆ **October Voters Meeting:** Due to the pulpit rotation in October, the Voters meeting on October 15 is being revised. President Eli Wales changed it to 6:30 pm that same Sunday since Pastor will be at Mankato that morning to preach there.
- ◆ **Box Tops for Education:** We have just under a month left before we will be mailing in the Box Tops for Education. We would like to encourage everyone to keep clipping those Box Tops! We are shooting for a goal of \$150.00. We are currently at around \$85.

- ◆ **Joint Worship:** The Minnesota Area CLC Reformation Festival for the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation will be held Oct. 29, 4 pm, at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. The theme will be “Celebrating God’s Grace.” A fellowship meal will be served following the service. Guests planning on attending the meal afterwards are being asked to bring a dessert of any kind to share. Those who wish to participate in the joint choir may get the music from our choir director. The children are invited to sing in the children’s choir which rehearses at 3:30 pm and will be singing “Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain,” something the Sunday School children are working on and will be singing here at Grace that morning. As we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, let’s take the time to join together with our fellow CLC brothers and sisters in Christ here in Minnesota to support and encourage one another with God’s grace in Christ Jesus and with our Biblical Lutheran heritage in these last days.
- ◆ **2018 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** Applications are being accepted for the 2018 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. You can find more information and apply online at: www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/
- ◆ **Mission Festival and Blood Drive:** This year’s blood drive will be following the Mission Festival church service on Nov. 26. Because you can only donate whole blood every 8 weeks, if you plan on supporting this drive you CANNOT donate any time after Oct. 1 leading up to the event . Last year we missed our goal by 8 units. If we are to continue this tradition we will need to make an improvement on this number. Hope to see you at the drive.
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day:** is Nov. 10 beginning at 10 am in the ILC gymnasium for chapel. It will feature presentations and classroom visits until 3 pm. Come and learn more about your church’s college and a continuing education with Christ. Housing can be provided along with meals. Friday evening there is the opportunity to see the ILC fall musical: Anne with an E. It will be performed both Fri. and Sat. evenings at 7:30 pm with music to preface at 7 pm. Speak with pastor about questions and attendance or contact Prof. John Ude, by Nov. 7 (W: 715-836-6631/H: 715-600-6210/john.ude@ilc.edu).
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work: #4 – Second Commandment**

Last Week’s Stats: Oct. 1, 2017 Sun.: 110 S.S.: 20 B.Cl.: 53 Wed.: 19

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,958.47	CLC:	\$1,115.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	950.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,658.47	CLC:	+165.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$129,883.25	CLC:	\$36,657.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	132,000.00	CLC:	38,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,116.75	CLC:	-1,343.00	
GLC Other:	277.75	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	525.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	100.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	0.00	IIF: 100.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	29,211.75	Tuition Aid:	1,130.12*

Council Meeting Notes – October 1, 2017

Meeting was called to order with prayer. Roll was taken. The September Council meeting minutes were read and approved. The September treasurer's report was read and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Lyle Trulin has requested to be removed from membership. Motion passed to recommend to the voters that we honor his request to be removed.
- The Minnesota Pastoral Conference will be held at Grace this week Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Pulpit rotation for Reformation is in place for October.
- The Liberia visit has been moved out one day, to Nov 7-25. Missionary Koenig will also be going.

Board of Elders Report

- The church picnic went well.
- The Delegate Conference will be held on a Saturday in June. Otherwise the calendar will be recommended to the voters.

Board of Education Report

- School is going well and all the volunteer help is appreciated.
- The first field trip is planned for the Ordway.
- Much discussion centered around non-member tuition rates and staffing changes.

Board of Trustees Report

- Lighting changes are being addressed at the front of the church to eliminate glare.

Other Business

- After much discussion regarding budgets for next year, motion passed to have the Board of Education work on revisions and then have an email Council meeting prior to the Voter meeting.

Adapted from Minutes submitted by Secretary Roger Ochsner

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!

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Benno Sydow

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Nick Duehlmeier;
Dale Enns; Duane Enns

Counting Team 4: James Bomber; Brad Kitzman; Paul
Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust

Hospitality Team 7: Jan Davis, Chad & Amanda Hestekin;
Ryan & Mikey Oman; Eli & Laura Wales

Church Cleaners: F.&A. Radichel School: Ecker

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Brian Eichstadt; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan;
Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Dale Enns; Larry Nelson;
Ryan Oman; Pat Paplow; Phil Radichel

Hospitality Team 2: Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Janelle
Hein; Jenny Kleifgen; Chris Lentz

Church Cleaners: F.&A. Radichel School: Holmberg

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

October Sun.: Lutheran Reformation 500th Anniversary Series

Sun. Oct. 8: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Reformation #2)
11:00 am – Hospitality

Wed., Oct. 11: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun. Oct. 15: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Reformation #3)
11:00 am – Hospitality; 11:30 am – Dorcas Guild Mtg.
6:30 pm – Voters Meeting

Oct. 16-20: Grace School – Fall Break

Mon., Oct. 16: Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 18-20: CLC Teachers' Conference @ Mankato, MN

Mon., Oct. 23: School Field Trip @ Ordway, "Diavolo"

Sat., Oct. 28: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Sun., Oct. 29: 4:00 pm – Joint Reformation Service @ Mankato, MN

October 31: 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation

Nov. 7-25: Pastor Hein's Mission Trip to Liberia

Fri., Nov. 10: Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day

Nov. 10-11: 7:30 pm – ILC Musical, "Anne with an E" (Music @ 7 pm)

Wed., Nov. 22: 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship