# Grace Lutheran Church & School

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

### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Opening Hymn**

TLH 550:2,4-5,9: "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

#### 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: A 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)

# **Christian Day School**

The Sure Prophetic Word

# 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 9:7-10

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading

Luke 6:27-36

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 400: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

#### Sermon

1 Peter 4:7-11 – The Doctrine of Vocation

#### The Offertory

(TLH 50:2: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing")

All: A 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 293: "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"

#### The Offering and Hymn

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

All: A 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 everlastina Kina.

# **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 and keep you.

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

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

All: 🞜 Amen. Amen. Amen. 🞜

#### Final Hymn & Silent Prayer

TLH 439: "O God of Mercy, God of Might"

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- ♦ 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Series: This October we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> 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 Nathanael Mayhew for sharing his message today. Pastor Hein is in Mankato this weekend.
  - 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)
- ◆ Voters Meeting: Due to the Reformation rotation in October, the Voters meeting is later today, at 6:30 pm. The Dorcas Guild will still meet shortly after worship.
- ◆ Among Us: While he has seemed at ease and comfortable, it appears that the Lord will soon call Bob Schuetzler to his eternal rest. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Also, Pastor Joseph Kwiwalazu in Liberia has been regaining strength after suffering from malaria and typhoid this week. Pastor Emeritus Elton Hallauer, father of Jan Davis, had a fall last weekend. He needed surgery to repair a laceration on the outside of the eye. He will need more surgery to repair the back of the eye. He is at home, but returns to Minneapolis tomorrow for another appointment at the Phillips Eye Clinic.
- ◆ Joint Worship: The Minnesota Area CLC Reformation Festival for the 500<sup>th</sup> 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 500<sup>th</sup> 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.

- ◆ Box Tops for Education: We only have a couple of weeks 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.
- ◆ 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: #5 Third Commandment

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 15,	2017 Sun	n.: 91 S.S.: ?	B.Cl.: 39 Wed.: 21
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,564.25	CLC: \$155.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC: 950.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-735.75	CLC: -795.00
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$132,447.50	CLC: \$36,812.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	135,300.00	CLC: 38,950.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,852.50	CLC: -2,138.00
GLC Other: 279.60	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid: 300.00
SAF Endowment: 0.00	MDF:	50.00	Kinship: 0.00
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg.	100.00	IIF: 0.00 CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot	29.436.75	Tuition Aid: 1.430.12

**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!



# **Martin Luther on Vocation**

A cobbler, a smith, a farmer, each has the work and office of his trade, and yet they are all alike consecrated priests and bishops, and every one by means of his own work or office must benefit and serve every other, that in this way many kinds of work may be done for the bodily and spiritual welfare of the community, even as all



the members of the body serve one another..."

"What you do in your house is worth as much as if you did it up in heaven for our Lord God...We should accustom ourselves to think of our position and work as sacred and well-pleasing to God, not on account of the position and work, but on account of the word and faith from which the obedience and the work flow"

"Monastic vows rest on the false assumption that there is a special calling, a vocation, to which superior Christians are invited to observe the counsels of perfection while ordinary Christians fulfil only the commands; but there simply is no special religious vocation since the call of God comes to each at the common tasks."

"The idea that the service to God should have only to do with a church altar, singing, reading, sacrifice, and the like is without doubt but the worst trick of the devil. How could the devil have led us more effectively astray than by the narrow conception that service to God takes place only in a church and by the works done therein...The whole world could abound with the services to the Lord, Gottesdienste – not only in churches but also in the home, kitchen, workshop, field"

## **廿** TODAY AT GRACE 中

Organist: Jan Davis <u>Elder</u>: Benno Sydow

<u>Ushers</u>: 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

<u>Hospitality Team 2</u>: Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Janelle Hein; Jenny Kleifgen; Chris Lentz

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

# 中 NEXT WEEK AT GRACE 中

<u>Ushers</u>: Brian Eichstadt; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

<u>Counting Team 2</u>: Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandeveer; Clint Welker

**Hospitality Team 3**: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan

<u>Church Cleaners</u>: P. & C. Lentz <u>School</u>: NA

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October Sun.: Lutheran Reformation 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Series

Sun. Oct. 15: 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

Wed., Oct. 18: 4:30-6:15 pm — Catechism for Public School Students

7:00 pm - Midweek Bible Class

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

Sun. Oct. 22: 8:30 am - Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am – Worship Service (Reformation #4)

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: 500<sup>th</sup> 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