

# *Grace Lutheran Church & School*



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**Church Year:** Pentecost 22/Reformation

**Date:** November 5, 2017

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Opening Hymn**

*"The Sure Prophetic Word of God" (Tune of TLH 277)*

*The sure prophetic Word of God, Revealed to holy men  
At sundry times in ages past, Has come to us again.  
It is the Word our Savior spoke While He was here below,  
The Word restored by Luther's hand Five hundred years ago.*

*The sure prophetic Word has come To shed its blessed light,  
To drive away the clouds of grief, The dark and gloomy night.  
And we do well to heed this Word, To keep this treasure pure,  
Because it holds the priceless gems, The riches that endure.*

*The sure prophetic Word has come To us that we may trace  
The Love that gave His only Son, The Father's boundless grace.  
This Word alone has power to save, To make us truly wise,  
That we may see the dawn appear, The Morning Star arise.*

## **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)*

## **Choir**

*"Here I Stand"*

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

*Romans 3:19-28 – Justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law*

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

*Matthew 10:16-23 – Boldly confess God's Word*

Pastor: Alleluia, Alleluia! *"Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path."* (*Psalms 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 387, st. 1-5: "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"*

## **Sermon**

*Habakkuk 2:1-5 – The Just Shall Live by Faith!*

## **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**

*WS 774: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

## **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.

## **Communion Preparation – The Preface**

*(Tune WS 775, "Thy Strong Word")*

**Pastor:** ♪ May our gracious God be with you.

**People:** And may God be with you too.

**Pastor:** His great mercy be upon you.

**People:** His great love is with you, too.

**All:** Alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Lord for all men died!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Lord be glorified! ♪

## **Thanksgiving Prayer**

**Pastor:** Dear God, our heavenly Father, ... With joy in our hearts we join the whole company of heaven to sing:

## **The Sanctus**

*(Tune WS 774, "A Mighty Fortress")*

**All:** ♪ *Holy are You our mighty God!  
You live and reign forever.  
The Father gave His only Son.  
The Son Himself was willing.  
Man's death Christ endured.  
Man's life Christ secured.  
All men are now free  
Who this true Word believe  
By God the Spirit's power.* ♪

## **The Words of Institution**

## The Lamb of God

(WS p. 19, "Agnus Dei")

**All: ♪ O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord,  
Whose blood, once shed, true life restored,  
Impart Your joy, our faith increase.  
Sustain with Your mercy  
And grant us Your peace. ♪**

## The Distribution

TLH 313: "O Lord, We Praise Thee;" Meditative Music

## The Thanksgiving

(Tune WS 774, "A Mighty Fortress")

**All: ♪ All thanks and praise to Christ our King,  
Who gifts to us has given!  
His very body and His blood,  
To strengthen faith and gladden.  
Thank God for His grace.  
Thank God for His peace.  
Rejoicing we go,  
And sing His praise below,  
Refreshed with His forgiveness. ♪**

## 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 261: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word"



## ✝ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✝

- ◆ **Baby Girls!** But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). The Lord blessed the Wales and Bomber families each with a baby girl! We thank our Triune God for these precious blessings!

Dessa Coraline to Laura & Eli Wales

Born: November 2, 11:13 am, 19 1/2", 7 lb 5 oz

Brooke Christine to April & James Bomber

Born November 3, 7:58 am, 21", 7 lb 14 oz

- ◆ **Mission Festival/Blood Drive:** This year's Mission Festival will be held on Nov. 26 when Pastor Hein returns from his Liberia trip. Members are asked to bring a dish to share for the potluck which will be held following the worship service. Dorcas Guild Committee #3 is hosting. Also, the blood drive will be held on the same day.
- ◆ **Poinsettias:** There is a signup sheet for Christmas Poinsettias by the guest book at the church entry. If anyone would like to purchase a plant for church, please indicate it by signing your name and plant information on the sheet. For questions, contact Jackie Radichel.
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day:** is this Friday, 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. 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](mailto:john.ude@ilc.edu)).
- ◆ **Immanuel Musical:** Immanuel Lutheran Theatre Guild in Eau Claire presents this fall's musical: "Anne with an 'E.'" This will be performed at the Immanuel Field House on Nov. 10 and 11 at 7:30 pm, music to preface at 7 pm. The musical is based on the book Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery. See the poster on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Immanuel-Mankato Play:** The high school will have a production of "Little Women" on Nov. 17-19. See the poster for more information.
- ◆ **CLC Contractors:** Our ILC Facilities Manager is seeking contractors within the CLC willing to be on a list available to the Immanuel Maintenance Department. The list could include contractors for roofing, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, concrete, carpentry, drywall, painting, flooring/carpet installation, etc., who could be called upon for expertise or to submit bids on large projects to save money for Immanuel. Some of the work would require the contractor to be licensed and bonded. But such a list would still obviously be helpful. Those interested can contact Paul Heinze (715-456-7194/[ilcmaintenance@ilc.edu](mailto:ilcmaintenance@ilc.edu)).
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #8 – Sixth Commandment

## 2017 Liberia Mission Trip:



Earlier this year Pastor Hein accepted the call to be Part-Time Visiting Missionary to Liberia. This call was extended by the CLC Board of Missions and includes Grace Lutheran here in Fridley since it involves Pastor Hein.

This coming week, on Tue., Nov. 7, Pastor Hein will be leaving for Liberia to conduct his annual mission trip. He will return on Sat., Nov. 25. This will be the third trip Pastor Hein has taken there. The intent of this trip is to:

- 1) Lead a colloquy of about a dozen pastors, teachers, and evangelists who have been receiving instruction for the past year
- 2) Have organizational discussions with those who agree with us in doctrine
- 3) Conduct an instruction seminar with contacts in remote Bopolu
- 4) Conduct an instruction seminar in the Monrovia area to see if new contacts can be generated
- 5) Make an investigative mission trip to remote Lofa
- 6) Encourage those who have been in contact with us the past few years, in particular with discussions with Pastor Joseph Kwiwalazu who has been facilitating our classes in the Monrovia area

Retired Missionary David Koenig will also be with Pastor Hein for much of the trip. While in Monrovia, Grace member Alvin Jask is graciously hosting the mission team. When traveling to Bopolu and Lofa the team will be deep "in the bush." People there have said that many people will travel many miles by foot in order to learn from God's Word since Bible training is so rare.

On the day of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, CLC President Michael Eichstadt wrote a letter to Grace Evangelistic Lutheran Church informing them that we are now in fellowship! He wrote in this week's president's letter: "Cause for thanksgiving! Upon the recommendations of the Bd. of Doctrine and the Bd. of Missions and on behalf of the CLC, I have declared fellowship with Pastor Joseph Kwiwalazu and Grace Evangelistic Lutheran Church in Paynesville, Liberia. Unity in faith and God-pleasing fellowship which goes along with it is truly a gift of the Spirit for our encouragement in the work of the Kingdom. I will ask next summer's Convention to ratify the declaration." Pastor Kwiwalazu will be traveling as part of the teaching team while Pastor Hein is in Liberia.

During Pastor's absence, Grace's worship services will be covered by Pastor Emeritus Daniel Fleischer (Nov. 12); Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck (Nov. 19); and Pastor David Schierenbeck (Thanksgiving Eve). Pastor Fleischer will help out with Wednesday Bible Class and CDS Catechism. Pastor David Schierenbeck has offered to help with any pastoral needs/visits, so you may call him at 651-492-2323 or you may call the church phone and arrangements may be made by Mrs. Hein, 763-784-8784. Pastor will have his cell phone with him, but will need to have a Liberian number (unknown at this time) in order to connect with the local network. While internet service will be irregular, he will be able to Facebook Message or Google Hangout as well. Frank Radichel will be leading the Wednesday Catechism class. We thank everyone who is helping out to make this trip possible. Please pray for the team's safety and for opportunities for the Gospel message to prosper.



# REFORMATION

## 500TH ANNIVERSARY

### 1517--THE REFORMATION CELEBRATION IS PAST--2017

The celebration is past. Lutherans have remembered the event of 1517 for months leading up to October 31. Many have celebrated with a special service commemorating the events that shook the church and the world in 1517. As is the nature of our society, the celebration of the Reformation has also been commercialized. Likely the beer mugs, the coffee mugs, the t-shirts, the caps, and other memorabilia will be tucked away in the cupboard or the drawer.

Luther did not set out to change the world. Nevertheless, the significance of the Reformation which the Lord started through him is such that even the secular world cannot ignore it. According to historians, it had and still has political, educational, and financial ramifications. Luther's purpose for the 95 theses was to stir debate concerning doctrine, and specifically the sale of indulgences. He sought to restore the authority of Scripture and the gospel message of salvation to its rightful place the church. Consenting to come to Worms for the Diet, he wrote to the Emperor, "All I have written and taught has been according to my conscience and sworn duty as a humble teacher of the Holy Scripture, for the praise of God, for the benefit and salvation of all Christendom, and for the good of the entire German nation." <sup>(1)</sup> However, the effect was far more reaching. "The Reformation of the sixteenth century is, next to the introduction of Christianity, the greatest event in history. It marks the end of the Middle Ages and the beginning of modern times. Starting from religion, it gave, directly or indirectly, a mighty impulse to every forward movement, and made Protestantism the chief propelling force in the history of modern civilization." <sup>(2)</sup>

Secular society takes note of it. The Lutheran Church, even those who have forsaken the basic tenets of Scripture doctrine, and confessional Lutheranism, observe it. The confessional Lutheran Church (one that stands unqualifiedly on the Holy Scriptures as the divinely inspired Word of God, and upon the Lutheran Confessions as faithful expressions of that Word) celebrates it with thanksgiving to God for raising up steadfast confessors of the Word.

Scripture instructs, "Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of *their* conduct. Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines" (Hebrews 13:7-9). The writer to the Hebrews says further, "Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you" (Hebrews 13:17).

Among those whom we remember with thanksgiving to the Lord are faithful parents, pastors, and teachers who established us faithfully in the Word of God.



However, as we have celebrated the Reformation, concentration has been on Martin Luther and other confessors, weak vessels of flesh and blood whom the Lord called and strengthened to stand on the wall 500 years ago for the sake of the Gospel. Remember them. But we do them injustice if we simply concentrate on their person and their unique personality. As to their person, they had their weaknesses and sins. Indeed, it was because he was a sinner who could find no peace of heart, that Luther was captivated by the Word of God when in his teaching he came upon the gospel of salvation by grace through faith in Christ Jesus alone, apart from the deeds of the law. By the grace of God, a burden had been lifted from him. Peace of heart replaced fear as he understood that the righteousness of God was not something demanded of him, but something given to him. He understood the righteousness of God as the cause of his salvation, and that this righteousness was his through faith in the Lord Jesus Who had reconciled him to the Father.

But as we remember them, what is the focus? We remember them because they *have spoken the word of God to us*. As they stood on the Word, proclaimed the divine Word, and in differing degrees suffered for it, they are as Abel “who being dead still speaks” (Hebrews 11:4). As men of faith, they proclaimed the Word which was the lamp to their feet and the light to their path. Not their person, but their faith still speaks. Not the men, but the Word of God creates faith, enlightens the soul and comforts the heart. The Word alone gives assurance of forgiveness and eternal life, as it alone holds before us, even in our dying moments, the Savior, Jesus Christ. Only through the Word does the Spirit create faith which says, “I believe.” The Word, the Word, the Word. That is what the Reformation was about.

The writer to the Hebrews writes, “Remember those who *rule* over you ...” “*Obey* those who rule over you, and be *submissive* ...” We live in a world where the concepts of rule, obedience, and submission are dirty words. The flesh reacts. “I will let no one rule over me, and I will be submissive to no one.” Martin Luther had a strong personality, perhaps to some even intimidating. Yet he had no desire to lord it over the church or individual souls. It was papal control over the church and souls that he decried, and against which he reacted.

Said Luther, “People are not to believe me, the church, the fathers, the apostles, or even an angel from heaven if we teach anything contrary to the Word of God. But the Word of God should stand forever.” <sup>(3)</sup>

As the Reformers set forth God’s truth, and championed salvation by grace through faith in Christ, we honor their memory and submit to them whose ruling staff was the eternal Word, and whose own faith was fixed on Christ. We are blessed through their witness, and we manifest obedience through the imitation of their faith.

As children and heirs of the Reformation, faithful under-shepherds have the responsibility to speak God's truth, and only the truth, be it law or gospel. They speak the Word in love, speaking the law that uncovers our sin and condemnation, and the gospel which holds Christ and His cross before our heart and minds. As they watch for our souls, with the apostle Paul they speak to us the whole counsel of God, without fear or favor. They exercise no rule, demand no obedience, and seek no submissiveness of the sheep they serve but that which we would owe the Lord if He spoke to us directly. As children of the Reformation we who listen are to obey and be submissive to those who speak the Word of God faithfully, for in so doing we are bowing to the rule of our Lord.

If our Reformation celebration was sincere, and if we truly remember and honor those who brought us the Word of God, we will heed the Spirit Who says through the holy writer, "Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines" <sup>(Hebrews 13:7)</sup>. On one hand, pastors will not twist or distort Scripture, and will not teach false doctrine; on the other hand, the sheep will not listen to, tolerate, or support false doctrine. Only by abiding in the truth day by day can we be true children of the Reformation, and faithful Lutheran Christians. Only by abiding in the truth shall we know the freedom from sin, death, and the power of the devil <sup>(John 8:32)</sup>. Only by abiding in the truth can we be confident of being true disciples of Jesus, our Savior. That is what the Reformation was all about.

Three years before his death, Luther wrote, "Let us henceforth be grateful to God, the Father of all mercy, that God's wrath may not again take away from us the precious Word and this light because of our sins and our ingratitude, and seven worse devils come after the expelled devil, and everything become worse than it has ever been." <sup>(4)</sup>

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 11/2017

1. *What Luther Says*, Vol. III p. 1183, para 3775
2. Schaff, Philip, *History of the Christian Church*
3. *What Luther Says*, p. 1479, para. 4779
4. *Ibid.* p. 1485, para. 4796



***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: **Janelle Hein**

Elder: **Al Rosendahl**

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

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

Hospitality Team 5: **Andrea Dahl; Pat & Dawn Paplow;  
Frank & Ann Radichel**

Church Cleaners: **Boe/Ochsner**    School: **Kanneh**

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Roger Ochsner; Bob Maki; Jack Maki; John Maki;  
Joel Stifter**

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

Hospitality Team 6: **Alex & Bonnie Baker, Kevin & Tracy  
Baker; Phil & Rona Flesner**

Church Cleaners: **Boe/Ochsner**    School: **Kanneh**

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., Nov. 5:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Reformation w/Lord's Supper)  
11:00 am – Hospitality

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

**Wed., Nov. 8:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

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

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

**Sun., Nov. 12:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pastor Em. Fleischer)  
11:00 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

**Wed., Nov. 22:** 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Pastor Schierenbeck)

**Sun., Nov. 26:** Mission Festival Sunday

<b>Last Week's Stats:</b>		Oct. 29, 2017	Sun.: 92	S.S.: 21	B.Cl.: 42	Wed.: 20
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,134.32	CLC:	\$520.00		
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	950.00		
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,165.68	CLC:	-430.00		
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$139,879.59	CLC:	\$39,002.00		
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	145,200.00	CLC:	41,800.00		
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-5,320.41	CLC:	-2,798.00		
GLC Other:	1,431.20*	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	880.00	
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	50.00	Kinship:	0.00	
ILC Student Aid:	25.00	ILC Bldg.	200.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00	
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	29,966.75	Tuition Aid:	2,420.12	
\$51 Robert Schuetzler Memorial						