

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 21

Date: October 25, 2020

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 416: Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways

TLH 517: The Will of God Is Always Best

TLH 458, st. 4: Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above

TLH 529: I Leave All Things to God's Direction

TLH 532: Thy Way, Not Mine, O Lord

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 143, TLH p. 155

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Projected)

Offering: Plate at organ

Scripture Readings:

Psalms 143:7-12

1 John 2:12-17

Sermon: Luke 22:41-42

⁴¹ And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." (NKJVTM)

Lord's Prayer – 3RD Petition: Thy Will be Done

1. God's will described
2. God's will opposed
3. God's will accomplished



"Not my
will, but
yours be
done."

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ➔ **Caution:** If anyone is high risk, vulnerable, recently exposed to a COVID-19 patient, or has symptoms of illness (especially high temperature and cough), the individual along with any others in that person's household are strongly urged to stay home for one's own well-being and the well-being of others. Online worship is still available at FridleyLutheran.org.
- ➔ **Masks:** Due to the Governor's executive order, face coverings or masks are now required during worship at Grace. Children under the age of 2 are exempt. Ages 2-5 "are encouraged to wear a face covering when in public if they can do so reliably ..."
- ➔ **Physical Distancing:** Post-its are on the pews that are to be used. Please remember to not block areas of foot traffic. Thank you for being mindful of your fellow Christians.
- ➔ **Thanks:** To all those who participated in yesterday's work day.
- ➔ **Church Cleaning:** The rest of the year is open for cleaning volunteers.
- ➔ **Note:** A note to the congregation was received this week from Patrick Baker who is currently going through boot camp. This is posted on the bulletin board. Address: RCT. BAKER, Patrick; 2nd Bn Golf Co. Plt. 2142; 35051 Midway Ave.; San Diego, CA 92140-2146
- ➔ **Fall Back:** Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend. Remember, turn your clocks back an hour.
- ➔ **Sunday School & Adult Memory Work:** 3rd Petition

Lord's Prayer: Third Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

God's good and gracious will is certainly done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when He breaks and stops every evil will and plan of those who do not want us to hallow His name or let His kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, of the world, and of our own flesh. His will is also done when He gives us strength and keeps us firm in His Word and in faith for as long as we live. This is God's good and gracious will.

Voters Meeting Notes – October 18, 2020

Meeting opened with prayer. Aug. 2020 Voters meeting minutes read and approved. (Not in July because of Covid-19). 3rd quarter treasurer's report reviewed and approved.

Pastors Report

- Instruction classes continue with Grant Wells. 2 lessons remain.
- Pastor attended the MN Pastoral Conference in Sleepy Eye on Oct. 6-7.
- The 2021 calendar was presented and approved.

Board of Elders Report

- Thanks to Pastor Mark Bernthal for preaching Mission Festival on Oct. 11.
- Background checks were requested for new Sunday School and school volunteers. All checks came back without any issues.
- The hymnals will be returned for use during church services. From the MN Dept. of Health: www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/safefaiith.pdf

Board of Education Report

- A little different school year w/Covid-19 but all is going fine, no illnesses.
- With Brian's recent medical issues, Ellen is currently unable to teach. Jan Davis is now filling in as a substitute.
- Tuition aid (\$1800/student) has been sent to ILHS for Grace's 2 students.

Board of Trustees Report

- An audit of the 2019 financial records has been done. Everything is in order.
- Snow plowing arrangements need to be finalized for the upcoming winter.
- New carpet has been installed in the parsonage. Most of the new carpet has been installed in the school. Remaining section will be installed tomorrow.
- A church workday is scheduled for next Saturday.
- A \$1,000 insurance deductible is all that is due for the fire restoration work.
- Thanks to Duane Enns for making a matching bookshelf in fellowship hall.
- Pastor thanked Pat and Rick for all the restoration from the arson damage.

Other Business

- The 2021 budget of \$214,500 was approved:

Budget				
	2021	2020	2019	2018
Board of Elders	\$82,500	\$82,000	\$82,000	\$80,500
Board of Education	\$95,000	\$89,000	\$91,000	\$75,000
Board of Trustees	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000
Total	\$214,500	\$208,000	\$210,000	\$192,500

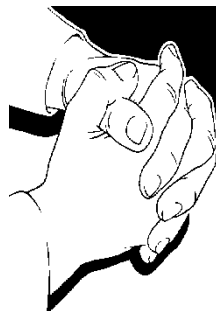
- Phil talked about opening a brokerage account at Wells Fargo to allow a member to contribute stock to the church. The stock would be converted to cash soon afterwards. Motion approved to have the church council open the brokerage account and finalize the guidelines for implementation.
- Benno talked about possible options for making contributions electronically.
- Some comments on how communion is administered during Covid-19. The Elders mentioned that private communion is available with Pastor.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

3RD PETITION

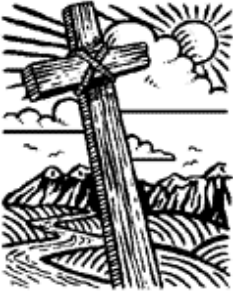
"Thy will be done on earth as it is heaven"

In one of the hymns that appears in our hymnal (The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, Hymn 458) we sing, "Curb flesh and blood and every ill, that sets itself against Thy will." What is the will of God? In the first petition we have prayed that the name of God be kept holy among us. That is done when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity and we as the children of God lead a godly life according to it. In the second petition we have prayed that the kingdom of God would come, that is that His gracious saving rule will envelop our heart. That is God's will for us.



But there is another will, one that is all that God's will is not; it is a will that seeks our harm. It is the will of the devil. The will of the devil is directly opposed to God and His will. The devil, the fallen angel who out of pride and envy rebelled against God as we read in the Scriptures, is ably assisted by our own sinful flesh as well as the world with all its allurements. This "unholy trinity," the devil, the world, and our flesh, seeks in many ways to lure the Christian into a snare. The enemy of our souls suggests that truth is relative and that one can never know for sure what is truth. He suggests that right is wrong and wrong is right. He suggests that flirting with sin, walking on the edge, engaging in the questionable activities offered by the world is an acceptable way to walk. His suggestion is that God would not expect us to deprive ourselves of those things which make us happy through gratification of our flesh.

He does not want Christians to be under the rule of Christ, but under his rule. While the devil might not necessarily suggest that we should throw Christ and the will of God overboard and out of our life - he is too subtle for that - he would suggest that we make room in our heart for himself. In other words, in spite of the fact that our Lord says that we cannot serve two masters, the devil suggests that it is the way to go. In summary, the devil has very carefully and cunningly planned our overthrow.



Our Lord tells us in His Word, "As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezekiel 33). Through the pen of Paul the Spirit wrote, "God our Savior ... will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2). Again, "The Lord is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3). The Heavenly Father desires our eternal salvation. He wants us to live in heaven with Him. But it is more than a desire, it is His good and gracious will. To accomplish His will He sent the Lord Jesus Christ into the world to take upon Himself the sins of the world. The Lord Jesus by his perfect atonement has reconciled us unto God. But still more! The Heavenly Father sends the Holy Spirit who works through the Gospel and Who creates faith in the heart of the sinner so that by His influence we who were at one time lost but now are saved say, "I believe in Jesus Christ."

The child of God recognizes the saving work of Jesus as an expression of the gracious will of the Father. But he also recognizes the power of the devil, the temptations of the world about us, and the weakness of his own flesh. So he prays in the third petition, "Lord, THY WILL BE DONE." Therein we are asking that God "would break and hinder every evil counsel and will which would not let us hallow the name of God nor let His kingdom come." We are asking him to break and hinder the "will of the devil, the world, and our flesh." He who was manifested that He should destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3) and Who said, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16), will also fulfill for His children this request and prayer. Further, we pray that the Lord would "strengthen and preserve us steadfast in His Word and faith unto our end." All this happens without our prayer of itself, for it is the gracious good will of God. God is God. But the third petition is an expression of the individual Christian's recognition of his personal need, as well as the prayer that in his personal life God's name be hallowed and His kingdom come.

God works through His Word. Since the Word itself is our sword and shield (Ephesians 6), may we hear His Word lest by a life of indifference and neglect we rob ourselves of the experience of having the will of God done in our life. God is faithful! Surely it is not too much to ask that God's children who enjoy His blessing submit to His good and gracious will for them in any and everything He asks of us. For just as surely, it is inconsistent and manifests a lack of thanks to ask that the Lord's will be done among us, while we make the conscious choice to walk according to our own.

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Janelle Hein**

Elder: **Frank Radichel**

Ushers: **Roger Ochsner; James Bomber; Jack Maki; John Maki; Ryan Oman**

Counting Team 3: **Brian Eichstadt; Duane Enns; David Hein; Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow**

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?** School: **Doucette**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Roger Ochsner; James Bomber; Jack Maki; John Maki; Ryan Oman**

Counting Team 4: **James Bomber; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust**

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?** School: **Doucette**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Oct. 25: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service

Wed., Oct. 28: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sat., Oct. 31: Reformation Day – 503rd Anniversary

Sun., Nov. 1: Return to Standard Time (Clocks back 1 hour)

9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper

Sun., Nov. 8: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service

12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Wed., Nov. 25: 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Thu., Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day

Sun., Nov. 29: Advent Begins

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 18, 2020 Sun.: 67 Bible Cl.: 32 S.S.: 14 Wed.: 14

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,056	CLC:	\$2,480
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-944	CLC:	+1,530
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$166,226	CLC:	\$39,767
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	168,000	CLC:	39,900
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,774	CLC:	-133
GLC Other: 127	Living Faith: 0		Tuition Aid: 5	
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF: 1		Kinship: 361	
ILC Student Aid: 1	ILC Bldg. 1		IIF: 1	CEF: 0
<i>Current Balances:</i>		<i>Tuition Aid: \$172</i>		

