

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Easter 5 **Date:** May 2, 2010

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: ...*Psalm 119, Parts XIII & XIV, TLH p. 151*

Hymn: *TLH 205: The Day of Resurrection*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 15 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie): *TLH, pp. 16-17*

P: The Lord is gracious and compassionate,

C: Slow to anger and rich in love.

P: All You have made will praise You, O Lord;

C: Your saints will extol You.

P: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.

C: Let every creature praise His holy name. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 193, st. 1,6*

1. Christ the Lord is risen today,
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and, earth, reply.

6. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to Thee by both be given!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

First Reading: *Acts 14:8-18*

Paul, in healing a lame man, is claimed to be Hermes at Lystra, the messenger of the Greek gods. He attempts to preach about the living God.

Gradual:

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

P: He has made Him ruler over the works of His hands;

C: He has put everything under His feet.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again;

C: Death no longer has mastery over Him. Alleluia.

CDS Children: *I am Jesus' Little Lamb*

Second Reading: *Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23*

The beautiful vision of the Holy Christian Church in all its splendor.

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed, TLH p. 22*

Hymn: *TLH 284: Father of Mercies, in Thy Word*

Sermon: *John 14:23-29*

(23) Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (24) "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. (25) "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. (26) "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. (27) "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (28) "You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. (29) "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. (NKJVTM)

"Life with God is Life in His Word"

1. Cherishing the instruction which God gives
2. Cherishing the work of each Person of the Triune God
3. Cherishing the peace that Jesus leaves us

Offertory: *TLH p. 22 f.*

Hymn: *Come to the Jubilee (see insert, Tune of TLH 341)*

Offering & Prayer:

Liturgy for the Lord's Supper: *TLH p. 24 ff.*

Distribution: *TLH 306*

Note: In obedience to God's Word, and out of concern for the welfare of souls (1 Corinthians 11:29), and finally that we may honestly express the unity of faith and hope that binds us, we ask that only such as have identified with Grace through public confession of faith or another CLC congregation, approach the altar at the usher's direction.

Nunc Dimittis, Prayer, Benediction: *TLH 29 ff.*

Hymn: *TLH 207, st. 5-6: Like the Golden Sun Ascending*

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Among Us:** Jeff Auel's 2 month-old daughter, Inga, was hospitalized this past week at Children's due to seizures. She was diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder known as Incontinentia Pigmenti. This condition can affect the nervous system, eyes, skin(rash), and well as teeth. Inga was baptized on Sunday evening at the hospital. She has returned home. Don and Karen Auel also wish to thank Grace members for their support during their parents' passing.
- ◆ **Teacher Call:** At its call meeting last Sunday, the Voters called Janelle Hein to serve as a full-time teacher and Ellen Bergstrom as a half-time teacher at Grace Lutheran School. The Board of Ed. included this combined call as an option on the call list in that their budget would allow this without the need to provide extra insurance and housing to a teacher called from outside the congregation. Your prayers are requested as they make their deliberations.
- ◆ **CLC 50th Anniversary Service:** On May 16th there will be a special service commemorating the 50th Anniversary of our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). Pastor Daniel Fleischer will be our guest speaker who served as Grace's pastor and as the CLC President, both for 20 years. Pastor Fleischer was a seminary student at the time that the CLC was formed. Following the worship service a congregational potluck will be held. Please bring a dish to share.
- ◆ **Field Day 2010:** will be held at Rich Valley Park in Inver Grove Heights on Friday, May 7th. At 11:30 a.m., events will begin. Anyone who would like to volunteer for Field Day can speak to Mr. Libby.
- ◆ **School Program:** On May 20, 7 pm, the children of our day school will be putting on their play, Porky Pies. All members and friends of Grace are invited to show support of the children's efforts and of our school. Refreshments will follow the program.
- ◆ **Box Tops:** Our school thanks those who have contributed to the Box Tops for Education program. We recently received a check for \$276.00. We are already collecting for next year's submission.
- ◆ **Confirmation:** Confirmation will be Sunday, May 23. Examination will take place at 9 am followed by the worship service. The students are Rachel Eichstadt, Jacob Rhinesmith, Adam Wales, and Brandon Wendland. May the Lord bless their preparations.
- ◆ **Graduation Recognition:** On May 30 we will be recognizing the graduates from the congregation. If you are graduating from high school or college, please list your name (and degree if in college) on the sheet by the guest book.
- ◆ **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 for a copy. The congregation will cover the cost.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor David Naumann of Luther Memorial at Fond du Lac, WI, has received the call to serve at St. John's in Clarkston, WA, and Peace at Orofino, ID.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #33, The Lord's Prayer

Come to the Jubilee

1. **Come to the jubilee, God's people one and all.
Who through the years have been both blest In body and in soul.
Lift up your hearts to sing, And raise your voices strong.
Let all the world behold our God And join to sing our song.**
2. **Come let us hear His Word Inspired by our God.
It lights our ev'ry step as we through this world's darkness plod.
As we thus walk with God Our hand in His each day,
We'll find a peace in heart and soul, In Him, the Truth, the Way.**
3. **[Men] Come let us talk with God. We never are alone.
He hears us each and ev'ry one And all our needs are known.
In sorrow and in pain Our God will comfort us.
And bring us through the trying hours To peace and happiness.**
4. **[Women] Come let us offer gifts With hearts of thankfulness.
That we may tell the whole wide world What God has done for us.
And give to people lost, And caught in Satan's lies,
The gift of God's redemptive grace to dry repentant eyes.**
5. **Come let us dedicate ourselves to God each day.
May He inspire our heart and mind, and everything we say.
The future of our life rests firmly in His love.
Throughout our life we'll live for Him, on earth and then above.**

Text: L. Dale Redlin for CLC Jubilee

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!

Last Week's Stats: Apr. 25, 2010 Sun.: 110 S.S.: 16 B.Cl.: 29

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,840.00	CLC:	\$666.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,015.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-175.00	CLC:	-294.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$54,047.75	CLC:	\$15,572.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	51,255.00	CLC:	16,320.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+2,792.75	CLC:	-748.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	16.00	Tuition:	18.00	
GLC Other:	23.51	MDF:	16.00	Kinship:	15.00
ILC Student Aid:	3.00	ILC Bldg.	112.00	IIF: 15.00	CEF: 15.00

THE CLC, and the GREAT COMMISSION - (I)

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Church of the Lutheran Confession—many congregations are also celebrating their own 50th anniversary—we muse about the future of the CLC. Yes, we know that the future of our church lies in the hands of the Lord. Whether there is a 75th or 100th anniversary we commit to Him and His grace. While we do not know how many more anniversaries, if any, the CLC will celebrate, of one thing we are sure. So long as the world stands, God's Word will endure. It will not pass away. The word with its message of salvation will endure to all generations, because it is as eternal as God Himself.

The grace of God shines forth in the face of our Lord Jesus in Whom we are redeemed, and possess the blessed inheritance of heaven. God's Word is our staff and stay in times of trouble, the anchor of our soul when we will inevitably pass from this world. When the Savior asked His disciples if they would depart from Him, they said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). Surely this brought joy to the heart of our Lord. It is the message of salvation that inspires the heart to worship the Lord. And Luther said, "Nothing (is) more beautiful in the eyes of God than a soul that loves to hear His Word" (WLS-Vol. 3, para. 4755, p. 1471).

We of the CLC are blessed to be able to delight the Lord through faithful worship within a confessional Lutheran church body in which the Word of God is paramount to all that we teach and are. Indeed if we do not teach the Word of God, we have no reason to exist! A confessional Lutheran church body that makes its stand on and confesses Scripture alone, and that faithfully holds to the confessions drawn from Scripture and that are set forth in the Book of Concord of 1580 is a rare church body in the midst of the religious wasteland in which we live!

A confessional church body takes the command seriously to preach and share the Gospel—the message of Jesus' atonement—with others. However a confessional congregation and/or church body will not forget what today is ignored by many churches and by many individuals who in their zeal to share Christ ignore the last part of the great commission: "***teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you***" (Matthew 28:20). When it comes to the great commission "preservation is as important as propagation"—or there will soon be nothing worthwhile for a church body to propagate.

It is faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ that saves. Thank God! We will be discreet and wise in our Gospel sharing, giving the milk before the meat (1 Corinthians 3:2). But *as a matter of principle* established by the Lord God Himself and transmitted to the Church we are not free to *set aside* any part of the Word of God, even if the noble pursuit is to share the message of salvation. Who gives the church the right to say, "In the interest of saving souls we preach Christ, but we are not going to be bound by all that Scripture teaches?" Where in Scripture does one find justification to say that it is acceptable to preach less than **all** that God says in His divinely inspired and inerrant Word? Since the Word is God (John 1:1) who will be so presumptuous as to claim that he can separate the Word from God, or God from the Word? How can anyone, including ourselves—even in the interest of saving souls—consciously and/or deliberately for reasons of our own—even love—presume to set aside any portion of the Word that we think may get in the way of saving souls. Do we presume to understand the mind of men better than the Lord Who in His commission tells us to "***teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.***"

Many churches and church bodies have floundered on this point. Pleading love for souls they have presumed that it is loveless to teach the "hard sayings" of Scripture. The consequence is that they have lost what is the true mission spirit, namely teaching all that the Lord has commanded. In our personal mission efforts, and as a church body, we need to search our own heart in this matter carefully. As we proceed into the future we need to pray for faith and strength of conviction to show our love for souls—those within our fellowship, as well as those we hope to reach—by proclaiming the whole counsel of God, and thus in the proclamation of the salvation message, "***teach(ing) them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you.***"

If we do less, we might well ask what purpose we will serve, and why we should even think that the Lord would be minded to preserve our church body for another 50 years! As we are faithful, on the other hand, we can commit ourselves, our church body, and our mission to the care of Him Who concluded His commission with a promise: "And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 4/25/2010

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** Elder: **Ed Lentz**

Ushers: **Roger Ochsner, Don Dahlin, Jeremiah Boe, Bob Maki, Joel Stifter, Arnold Gehrls**

Counting Team 5: **Mike Dick; Brad Kitzman; Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner**

Hospitality Team 5: **Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick; Frank & Ann Radichel**

Church Cleaners: **Sandhoefner** School Cleaners: **Sandhoefner**

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: **Roger Ochsner, Don Dahlin, Jeremiah Boe, Bob Maki, Joel Stifter, Arnold Gehrls**

Counting Team 1: **Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Pat Paplow**

Hospitality Team 6: **Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland**

Church Cleaners: **Sandhoefner** School Cleaners: **Feris**

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper (Easter 5)
11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Wed., May 5: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
6:30-8:00 pm – Confirmation Prep for Confirmands

Fri., May 7: 11:30 am – Field Day at Rich Valley in Inver Grove Hts., MN

Sat., May 8: 9:00 am – Work Day for Outside (weather permitting)

Sun., May 9: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 6)
11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., May 12: 7:30 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital

Thu., May 13: 7:00 pm – Ascension Worship Service

Sun., May 16: 10:00 am – Worship Service (CLC 50th Anniversary)
11:15 am – Potluck Meal

Thu., May 20: 7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program

Fri., May 21: Last Day of School @ Grace and ILC
3:00 pm – ILC Class Day; 7:30 pm – Spring Concert

Sat., May 22: 10:00 am – ILC Graduation

Sun., May 23: 9:00 am – Confirmation Examination
10:00 am – Worship Service (Confirmation)

Sun. May 30: Summer Schedule Begins (9 am Worship)

Sun., June 27: Annual Church Picnic

August 2-6: Vacation Bible School

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John 14:27