

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 8

Date: July 18, 2010

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 25, TLH p. 128*

Hymn: *WS 749: Come to Living Word and Water*

Confession of Sins: *Based upon Luther's Catechism*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when He said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving His life on the cross. Through our baptism He clothes us with the robe of His righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: Baptism means that the old Adam in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance and die with all sins and evil desires. It also means that a new Man should daily appear and arise, who lives eternally before God in righteousness and purity.

P: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my desires, thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner.

P: God, our Heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us respond in thanksgiving and praise!

**Sing: For the joy Thine advent gave me,
For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,
For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,
For Thy resurrection mourn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,
And in heaven I shall behold Thee.**

(TLH 207, st. 6)



Baptism: *Alvin Jask Kanneh*

Confession of Faith: *Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12*

Hymn: *WS 751: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 30:9-14*

The Lord commands His people to obey the voice of His Word.

Second Reading: *Colossians 1:1-14*

Having been redeemed by Jesus' blood, we are to walk worthy of the Lord.

Hymn: *TLH 289: The Law Commands and Makes Us Know*

Sermon: *Luke 10:25-37*

Two Fundamentally Flawed Questions Corrected

1. "Teacher, what have You done that I might inherit eternal life?"

2. "To whom can I be a neighbor?"

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 376: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: *TLH p. 14*

Closing Hymn: *TLH 412: May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill*

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!

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Voters & Dorcas Guild:** Meetings will convene after today's worship.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Congratulations to Alvin Jask for the Holy Spirit's assurance of salvation granted by grace through holy baptism. May the Lord richly bless his faith-journey as he remains grafted to Christ through the Word of God. Jessica Fabian has concluded her studies with Pastor and now desires to join Grace Lutheran Church. Elnora Smith was hospitalized at Mercy after fracturing her cheek bone and wrist. Tests were done to see what may have led to her fall. She will be staying at a nursing facility temporarily. Peter Fleischer wishes to express his gratitude to the congregation for the cards, concern, and prayers during his recent difficulties.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** Please register your child(ren) who will be attending VBS this year. This will be held on August 2-6 from 9-11:30 am. The children will also participate during the Sunday morning service on August 8. Volunteers are also being sought to help. Please speak with Pastor Hein or one of the Board of Ed. members: Ole Olmanson, Mark Wales, and Benno Sydow.
- ◆ **Bridal Shower:** A bridal shower will be held in honor of Jessica Fabian, fiancée of Michael Ude, on Sunday, July 25, after church. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to come and get to know her! See details on the invitation on the bulletin board. Please RSVP to Heidi Nelson by today.
- ◆ **Teacher Installation:** On August 8 during our worship service there will be an installation of our three teachers of the Day School. Ann Radichel will be teaching kindergarten and Ellen Bergstrom will be teaching half-time. Janelle Hein will be added to the staff as a full-time teacher. A hospitality hour will follow the service.
- ◆ **CLC News:** From President John Schierenbeck: "Please remember Paul and Kathy Larsen in your prayers. Kathy had been home for a few weeks. However, her condition has declined. She is suffering from intense pain. She is no longer able to get out of bed. She also is confused from the pain and the medication. Kathy is back in the hospital undergoing more tests. Please remember them in your prayers and with your cards and thoughts." Address: 4054 Corvette Lane; North Port, FL 34287-7233. † We have received an update and thank you card from Pastor Kevin McKenney of Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, our CLC church in Cambridge, WI. He continues his struggle with MS. † Pastor Joel Fleischer has returned the call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN. Pastor Frank Gantt of St. Luke's in Lemmon, SD, has now received the call. Prof. Paul Sullivan has received the call to serve in the interim. † Pastor Matthew Hanel has returned the call to Bethel in Spring, TX (Houston area). † Paul Nolting, Mankato MN, has returned the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI. † Pastor Todd Ohlmann, has returned the call to Prince of Peace in Loveland, CO.

A GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY:

While I was walking the track recently at the fitness center, I heard someone comment on the day--the day was comfortably cool with bright sunshine. The sun shone brightly in a blue and cloudless sky as a gentle breeze lightly brushed the skin. The humidity was at a comfortable level. It was truly a day in which to be glad and to rejoice as one remembered that it was a day which the Lord had made. It was a day as grand and glorious as one could have in this otherwise wretched and sin-cursed world in which we live.

But is it not true for a Christ believer who pauses to contemplate the gifts of the gracious Creator God that each day is grand and glorious? There is so much for which to be thankful as we consider the elements of which the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer speaks (Cf. *Luther's Small Catechism*). In spite of the aches and pains that increase with age and seem to occur more frequently, and in spite of sorrows and heartaches, would our Lord give us anything else than a grand and glorious day? As one who is in his elder years and still plays softball and enjoys the competition, whether in victory or defeat on the field, it is considered a win when the old guy comes home breathing and walking. Truly, each day is a day of grace in so many ways, the greatest being the opportunity to contemplate the mercy and love of God Who has made us His own dear child in Christ!

We do not diminish or discount the hardships of life, even as the quality of life—as the expression goes—diminishes. Hopefully we have learned what the apostle learned who said, "... for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me" (Philippians 4:11, 13). The apostle Paul was trained in the furnace of affliction. He prayed for deliverance from the thorn in the flesh and was told, "My grace is sufficient for you" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Greater than the grandness and glory of the day of which we spoke above is the grand and glorious eternal day that will dawn in eternity. The same apostle Paul had "a desire to depart and to be with Christ which is far better" (Philippians 1:23). Why? As He said, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain for me" (1:21).

These are not the words of a man who hated life in God's created world, but a man who knew that something far better lay ahead. The apostle John wrote of the unsurpassable grandness and glory of what lies ahead for those who trust in the Lord Jesus, "... These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God,

and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Revelation 7:14-17).

If that isn't enough to make the heart glad as we wait for the grand and glorious day, there is yet more. John also wrote of the New Jerusalem saying: "The city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof" (21:23). Unlike the issues that are inclined to disturb our days on earth, in heaven "... there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. (V. 27).

Such is the gain of which the apostle spoke, and which awaits the believer in Christ. To believers is promised a life beyond imagination, for "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (:4).

How fair a prospect is that land
To which God leads His sainted band!
Jerusalem, thou city fair,
Earth's joys with thine cannot compare.

There is amongst God's radiant throng
A vacancy where I belong;
For Jesus promised there shall be
A place in heav'n reserved for me.

Inside those opened pearly gates
Transcendent bliss my soul awaits.
There, high above these realms of grace,
I'll see my Savior face to face.

So when for me Time's sands run low,
Why should my soul be loath to go?
Through parting's grief the joy-bells ring
When death's bright angel spreads his wing.

"Dear Lord, give us appreciation for each day and an abiding faith in Christ Jesus until we shall see the greater day. Amen."

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 7/18/2010

The hymn is from the Nov. 8, 1932, issue of *The Lutheran Witness*. Composer was Clara Bracher Wichman. It may be sung to the melody of TLH 346.

Council Meeting Notes - June 13, 2010

Meeting opened with a prayer at 11:03 AM. Roll was taken. All members present. The May Council meeting minutes were approved with minor revisions. The May treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Pastor's Report

- ⇒ Four confirmands accepted into communicant membership: Rachel Eichstadt, Jacob Rhinesmith, Adam Wales, Brandon Wendland
- ⇒ Jessica Fabian & Alvin Jask - adult instructions are going very well.
- ⇒ Wedding of Julie Brandt will be on 7/9/2011
- ⇒ MN Delegate Conference is today (June 13) CLC Convention is next week. Benno and Rick will be attending both as delegates.

Board of Elders Report

- ⇒ Motion was passed to transfer Jeff and Sarah Radichel to Berea.
- ⇒ Church picnic will be at church on the 27th of June
- ⇒ Bell ringing time will not be changed as discussed. It will be at it's usual time at the beginning of service.
- ⇒ Sound enhancement was used for the first time today (June 13)
- ⇒ Vicar housing is being taken care of by Dave Rust. Unit is unfurnished - we are looking for furniture.
- ⇒ Still working on visitation ideas.

Board of Education Report

- ⇒ Carpet cleaning will take place June 24th
- ⇒ Board is discussing their options of calling a principal. They are looking at splitting the duties between the two teachers.

Board of Trustees Report

- ⇒ Striping work is done in the parking lot.
- ⇒ Mulch in the front of the property was placed to spruce things up.
- ⇒ Bagger on the mower was removed to make mowing easier.
- ⇒ Ceilings in the school will be sprayed in late June
- ⇒ A/C units need to be cleaned on their exterior (removal of all cotton deposits, etc.)
- ⇒ Check the grill to assure it is working before the day of the picnic.

Other Business

- ⇒ Health insurance - The Board of Education needs to decide how many hours a part time worker needs to average if he/she will get health insurance.
- ⇒ Discussion on a trip to ILC to help with improvements needed on campus.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 12:18 PM.
Rick Nelson - Secretary, Grace Lutheran Church

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Ed Lentz
Ushers: Mark Wales, Don Auel, Pete Fleischer, Ole
 Olmanson, Eli Wales, Brandt Wendland
Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack
 Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Michael Ude
Church Cleaners: Nelson/Kitzman

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Mark Wales, Don Auel, Pete Fleischer, Ole
 Olmanson, Eli Wales, Brandt Wendland
Counting Team 4: Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl;
 Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner
Church Cleaners: Nelson/Kitzman

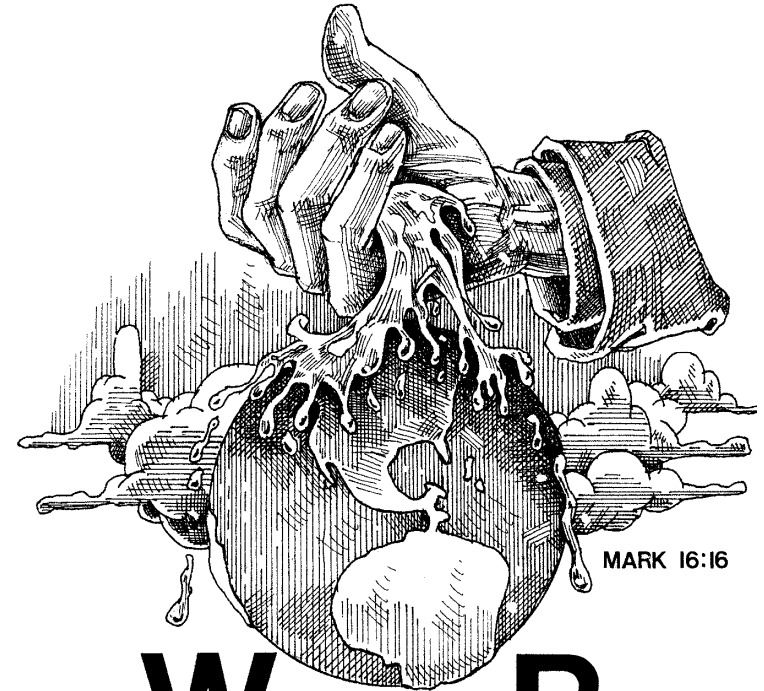
† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service
 10:15 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings
Sun., July 25: 9:00 am – Worship Service
 10:15 am – Bridal Shower for Jessica Fabian
Sun., Aug. 1: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
August 2-6: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School
Fri., Aug. 6: 11:30 am – VBS Picnic
Sun., Aug. 8: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Teacher Installation
Sat., Aug. 14: 9:00 am – Work Day for the School
Sun., Aug. 15: David Pfeiffer Begins his Vicarage
Mon., Aug. 23: 10 am – Opening Service at Immanuel in Eau Claire, WI
Mon., Aug. 30: 8:00 am – Opening Service for Grace School
Wed., Sept. 1: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School students
Sun., Sept. 12: Regular Worship Schedule Begins
Sept. 17-19: Grace Men's Retreat

Last Week's Stats: July 11, 2010 Sun.: 79

Week's Offering:	Grace:	\$3,209.25	CLC:	\$808.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,015.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+194.25	CLC:	-152.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$82,728.40	CLC:	\$24,930.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	81,405.00	CLC:	25,920.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+1,323.40	CLC:	-990.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	1.00	Tuition:	52.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	2.00	Kinship:	100.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	51.00	IIF: 21.00	CEF: 0.00

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WHOEVER
 BELIEVES AND IS
BAPTIZED
 WILL BE
SAVED...