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Church Year: Pentecost 12

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✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 1, p. 123*

Hymn: *TLH 2: To Thy Temple I Repair*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 5 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

Introit (followed by *Gloria Patri, The Kyrie*): *TLH, pp. 6-7*

P: Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me.

C: Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

P: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets ...

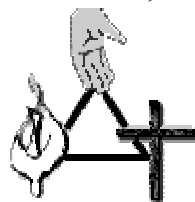
C: The name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

P: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ash heap;

C: Surely God is my help, the one who sustains me. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 16, st. 4*

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to Thee and adoration!
Grant that we Thy Word may trust
And obtain true consolation
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Thy praises yonder.



First Reading: *Galatians 5:16-25*

The works of the Spirit are contrasted with the works of the flesh.

Gradual:

P: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

C: His greatness no one can fathom.

P: I will meditate on Your wonderful works,

C: And I will proclaim Your great deeds.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for ...

C: And certain of what we do not see. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Luke 17:11-19*

Jesus heals 10 lepers, one who came back to give Him thanks.

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

Hymn: *TLH 336: My God, Accept My Heart This Day*

Sermon: *Proverbs 4:14-23*

(14) Do not enter the path of the wicked, And do not walk in the way of evil. (15) Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on. (16) For they do not sleep unless they have done evil; And their sleep is taken away unless they make *someone* fall. (17) For they eat the bread of wickedness, And drink the wine of violence. (18) But the path of the just *is* like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. (19) The way of the wicked *is* like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble. (20) My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. (21) Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; (22) For they *are* life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. (23) Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life. (NKJVTM)

“Watch Your Step”

1. Broad is the way that leads to destruction

2. Narrow is the Way that leads to life

Preacher: Vicar David Pfeiffer

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 409: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

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

Profession of Faith: *Alvin Jask*

Hymn: *TLH 39: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Welcome: To our vicar, David Pfeiffer. He will be serving his vicarage here at Grace until Sept. 22. David is married to Deana nee Johannes and has two children, Samuel and Joshua. He is the son of ILC President, John Pfeiffer, and is beginning his final year of seminary. We pray that David's vicarage at Grace will be a mutual blessing!

APPRECIATING OUR LUTHERAN HYMNS AND HYMNBOOK: A book review by Rev. David Schaller in the *CLC Journal of Theology* (June 2010, p.51) inspired thoughts about “The *Lutheran Hymnal*,” and other such hymnals—I include the *Hymnal Supplement* in use among us. “The *Lutheran Hymnal*” of 1941 with which many of us grew up has been a blessing. This article is not intended to be anti-new hymnal, but one that stirs an appreciation for a seasoned “veteran.” In Rev. Schaller’s complimentary review of the book *Singing the Gospel: Lutheran Hymns and the Success of the Reformation* he said, “Music was finally being used as a vehicle for *preaching* the gospel. This, in fact, was why the Lutheran hymns were so effective. They were not just songs *about* the good news. They *were* the good news in musical form!”

We recognize that there are some good Lutheran hymnals besides “The *Lutheran Hymnal*” as well the hymns in them. Some may think there are better hymnals. So be it! There are many good hymns that were written but not included in our hymnal published in 1941, and countless inspiring hymns written since, as well as hymnals published since. In our own CLC we had many such hymns written for the 50th anniversary. Rev. Arthur Schulz favored us for a period of time with many outstanding hymns that had appeared in the old *Lutheran Witness* of the LC-MS, hymns which do not appear in “The *Lutheran Hymnal*.” Many among us may not be aware that some of our own pastors have a gift for writing good, sound, substantive hymns.

A good Lutheran hymn and hymnal will be one that goes beyond creating emotion and is instead thoroughly representative of sound Scripture teaching. What emotion a good hymn creates in the worshiper will be a result of the gospel message that touches the heart. We might equate a good hymn with a “good” sermon. A sermon is not “good” because of the eloquence of the preacher, the form of the sermon, or the feeling it creates, but because of the “law and gospel” content of the sermon. A good hymn is one that rises above the subjective whim of the hymn writer. It glorifies the Lord God as it holds Christ before the worshiper, proclaims the grace of God, and sets forth the gospel as the power unto sanctified living. It implores the Lord for His blessing and strength, and is a heartfelt expression of faith and trust. Recognizing that any hymnal may include hymns of lesser value, and that different people appreciate different hymns, nevertheless a good Lutheran hymnal will consist of worshipful songs that inspire the heart and help the worshiper raise his voice in praise of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier God.

What a treasure such a hymnal is! Speaking of the hymnal with which we are best acquainted, we appreciate it because apart from the Bible itself, there is no better prayer book. Take your hymnal and see for yourself. Further, if the forces of evil were to deprive us of our Bible or our catechism, we could teach the whole sum and substance of Scripture using only our hymnal. Study your hymnal as you prepare for service next Sunday. Should we be deprived of our Bible, catechism, *or* hymnal, the frequently sung songs can sustain us assuming we have imbibed the message. For example, read the hymns by Paul Gerhardt in the hymnal!

In our throw away age many treasures of the past including hymns, and the hymnals in which they appear are being relegated to the dust bin. Many spiritual hymns are being written—spiritual, but in our judgment, lacking the qualities to which we referred above. Many of the so called Christian hymns being written are strong on emotion but

weak on substance. They are heavy on personal feelings, but light on objective law and gospel teaching. Frequently where the gospel does appear, it is couched in phrases that leave one (at least this one) confused as to exactly what the message is. By contrast, apart from some hymns with admittedly archaic words, one can hardly sing a hymn like, “I know that my Redeemer lives” and not comprehend the message.

We already can anticipate some responses, one of which will be, “But isn’t there a time when we can just sing and express our emotions.” Certainly there is. Sing to your hearts content! “Do we always have to sing a hymn from our hymnal?” No. But surely in our *worship service* the hymn from whatever source should magnify the Lord, and direct the heart heavenward to Him Who blesses us with all good things in heaven and on earth. And most assuredly we should teach our children sound, solid Lutheran hymns!

Appreciate good Lutheran hymns, such as gave life to the Reformation and spread the Reformation message. On my death bed please favor me with any number of songs as appear in our hymnal. Sing with me

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head (TLH 371).

And if I can still sing, join me in singing:

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me (TLH 552)!

Until then may my song and yours always be, “My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness...” (TLH 370). Amen.

(Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 8/2010)

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Congratulations:** To Alvin Jask today for making his profession of faith! May the Holy Spirit keep him steadfast in the Word of God so that his faith in Jesus continues to grow and strengthen. Following the worship service there will be cake served in the fellowship hall.
- ◆ **Sunday School:** Those interested in teaching Sunday School this coming year may speak with Pastor or with superintendent Rick Nelson.
- ◆ **DVD’s:** Today is the last day to sign up for the two DVD set from this past Convention’s CLC 50th Anniversary festivities. Cost is \$8. A check may be made out to Aaron Gullerud and given to Pastor.
- ◆ **Thanks:** To all who helped paint the school hallway yesterday!
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor John M. Johannes of Mt. Olive in Detroit Lakes and Ponsford, MN, has received the call to Our Redeemer’s in Red Wing MN.
† Pastor Michael Eichstadt has returned the call to Prince of Peace in Loveland, CO. Pastor Mark Bernthal of Peace Thru Christ in Middleton, WI, has now received the call. † Pastor Paul Larsen has resigned from his call to CLC Lutheran in North Port, FL, effective Aug. 31.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Al Rosendahl
Ushers: David Stifter, John Auel, Scott Baker, Al
 Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Micheal Ude
Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack
 Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Michael Ude
Church Cleaners: Welker

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: David Stifter, John Auel, Scott Baker, Al
 Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Micheal Ude
Counting Team 4: Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl;
 Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner
Church Cleaners: Welker

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service
 10:15 am – Hospitality to welcome Alvin Jask
 Seminarian David Pfeiffer Begins His Vicarage
Mon. Aug. 16: 7:00 pm – School Ice Cream Social
Sun., Aug. 22: 9:00 am – Worship Service
Mon., Aug. 23: 10:00 am – Opening Service at Immanuel in Eau Claire
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
 9:00 am – Sun. School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service
Sept. 17-19: Grace Men’s Retreat
Sat., Sept. 25: Snell Memorial Scholarship Golf Open

Last Week’s Stats: Aug. 8, 2010 Sun.: 121

Week’s Offering:	Grace:	\$2,778.00	CLC:	\$976.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,015.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-237.00	CLC:	+16.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$96,061.88	CLC:	\$28,675.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	96,480.00	CLC:	30,720.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-418.12	CLC:	-2,045.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	66.00	Tuition:	42.00	
GLC Other:	15.00	MDF:	15.00	Kinship:	65.00
ILC Student Aid:	20.00	ILC Bldg.	167.00	IIF: 16.00	CEF: 17.00

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9

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