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WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME!

We are glad to have you with us today! If you're visiting, please sign our register in the entry. And do come again! You're always welcome to gather with us at Jesus' feet.

Parents, please feel free to make use of our nursery in the Education Wing if you or your children desire some privacy. Busy-bags for children are in the entry. Please return them after the service. Children's bulletins and large print service binders are on the entry desk.

WORSHIP FOCUS: Store Up Your Treasure in Heaven

Pentecost 21 October 18, 2015

WE COME TO MEET OUR LORD

Opening Hymn O God, Our Help in Ages Past 441

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

First Lesson **Amos 5:6,7,10-15**

Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire; it will devour, and Bethel will have no one to quench it. You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground you hate the one who reproves in court and despise him who tells the truth. You trample on the poor and force him to give you grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts. Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet in such times, for the times are evil. Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

Psalm of the Day Psalm 90 Hymnal p. 99

Second Lesson Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. Jesus has been found worthy of

greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

Verse of the Day

Isaiah 25:9b

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Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:17-27

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good--except God alone. You know the commandments: `Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother." "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.

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Sermon Mark 10:17-27

God Is Your Greatest Treasure

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

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WE THANK OUR LORD

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Organist Steve Rutschow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

75th Anniversary

In 2016, Grace Lutheran Church will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding in 1941. Many hands are needed to make this exciting celebration a success! If you'd like to be involved in any aspect of the planning and preparation, please sign up on the sheet in the entryway.

LWMS Fall Rally

The LWMS Fall Rally will be held on Thursday, October 22nd at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lake City, MN. Dessert will be served at 12:30 PM and the meeting will start at 1:00. The guest speaker will be Pastor Mark Cordes discussing the topic of China Partners.

Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet this evening at 7:00 PM. Elders will meet at 6:30 if necessary.

Sunny & Share—

The Sunny & Share Committee will meet this Tuesday at 7:00 PM

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Maya Angelou