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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

Church Year: Epiphany 1

Date: January 8, 2006

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 2, TLH p. 123*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 124: O Lord, Our Father, Thanks to Thee*

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

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

P: Endow the King with Your justice, O God,

**C: The royal Son with Your righteousness.**

P: He will judge Your people in righteousness,

**C: Your afflicted ones with justice.**

P: For He will deliver the needy who cry out,

**C: He will take pity on the weak and the needy, and save the needy from death. Glory be to God!**

**Gloria in Excelsis:** .... *TLH 237, st. 1: All Glory Be to God on High*

P: All glory be to God on high, who hath our race befriended!

**C: To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.**

God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

**First Reading:** ..... *Acts 16:25-34*

The LORD prepares His Servant who will be glorified in the world.

**Gradual:**

P: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol Him, all you peoples.

**C: For great is His love toward us; and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

**C: Bring an offering and come into His courts.**

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. We saw His star in the east

**C: And have come to worship Him. Alleluia.**



**Second Reading:** ..... *Mark 1:4-11*

The Baptism of Jesus manifests the Messiah as the One chosen by God to accomplish the marvelous plan of salvation.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 108, st. 1-5, 8: We Sing, Immanuel, Thy Praise*

**Sermon:** ..... *Psalm 2*

(1) Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? (2) The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*, (3) "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." (4) He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. (5) Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: (6) "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." (7) "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You *are* My Son, Today I have begotten You. (8) Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession. (9) You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" (10) Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. (11) Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. (12) Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him. (NKJV)



## "HAVING THE LAST LAUGH"

**Offertory:** ..... *TLH p. 12 f.*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 127: As with Gladness Men of Old*

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 97: Let Us All With Gladsome Voice*

*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 †

- ◆ **Among Us:** Ardis Trulin was able to be released from Methodist Hospital this past Wednesday. We thank the Lord for her progress!
- ◆ **ILC Tour Choir CD's:** The new Tour Choir CD's are still available. Please speak with Janelle Hein for your copy and submit your \$11 payment (checks to ILC Tour Choir).
- ◆ **Cleaning List:** The beauty of the LORD is shown through the preaching of the Gospel from His house. His house itself should reflect this beauty. Please consider participating in ensuring this by signing up on the 2006 cleaning list.
- ◆ **Addresses:** We are again getting ready for the publication of the yearly directory at Grace. With the change in pastorate there may have been quite a number of address changes that have been overlooked. Please let Jackie Radichel know if there are any changes that have occurred for any of you. This includes addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. Pastor does a lot of contacting via email, so please keep this up to date by informing Jackie even if you do not desire to have it published. The same goes for cell numbers which are increasingly becoming popular as the chief point of contact. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that we have accuracy.
- ◆ **Basketball:** Children at Grace will have the opportunity to play basketball at Berea in Inver Grove Hts. next Sunday. One team will be 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders and the other team will be 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We'll be starting around 3:00 pm with some practice and then play with Berea teams for about 2 hours. Afterward we'll share in some pizza. Another such outing is slated for March 5, tentatively scheduled for 1:00 pm. Also, keep in mind that the Mankato Basketball Jamboree will be Sun., February 19 and the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament is scheduled for March 17-19.
- ◆ **ILC After-Banquet Quilts:** Back by popular demand, on Sat., January 21, those who are interested are invited to help assemble two quilts for the ILC after-banquet party. We will be making a blue and yellow crazy quilt and a floral Whak-n-stack quilt. We hope to start bright and early at 8:00 am and stay until the projects are completed. Please bring something to add to the lunch menu. Sewing machines, irons, ironing boards, and cutting tools will be needed. Ann Radichel
- ◆ **From the Staff:** The offering which was extended to us at Christmas was truly a gift of love that each of us called workers duly appreciated. Certainly the teaching and pastoral ministries are already gratifying from the standpoint of what the Word of God accomplishes. Nevertheless, this expression of appreciation certainly uplifts our hearts in knowing that our ministry is well-received. Thank you for your kindness! In the Lord's Service: Mrs. Ellen Bergstrom, Pastor Hein, Mr. Ryan Libby, and Mrs. Ann Radichel.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Conclusion to the Commandments

## Focus on the Family Statement on NBC's *The Book of Daniel*

*In response to NBC's new television show, The Book of Daniel, Focus on the Family's Bob Waliszewski issued the following statement:*

"Having previewed the pilot and an additional episode, I find NBC's new television show, *The Book of Daniel*, extremely repulsive in its portrayal of Jesus Christ and intentionally offensive in its flippant attitude toward behaviors almost universally agreed upon as unhealthy to society, morally bankrupt, and, dare I say it, sinful. Adultery. Teen sex. Involvement in a ménage a trois to spice up a marriage. Homosexuality. A pastor who expects, and supports, premarital intercourse. Drug use as a sexual boost. And the list goes on and on.

"Still, most egregious is its portrayal of Jesus. On *Daniel*, the Individual believed to be the Savior of the world by nearly a billion people around the globe is cast as a wimpy, white-robed visitor who cares little about evil, addictions and perversity. This Christ glosses over a teenager's sexual romps with a, "He's a kid, let him be a kid."

"The Jesus of *Daniel* is a long way from the holy compassionate Third Person [Note: Within Lutheranism we designate Him more as the Second Person] of the Trinity who created the universe, then found the sin-problems of mankind so egregious that He gave His very life sacrificially to bring redemption. You won't find that Jesus on Book of Daniel. Sadly, if the Jesus of *Book of Daniel* was the real deal he'd need to apologize to the woman caught in adultery (in John 8) that he instructed, "Go now and leave your life of sin." Viewers with limited knowledge of the Bible are going to be asking themselves, why was He crucified? And that's a great question for on this show, Jesus winks at the behaviors the genuine Jesus was crucified to save us from.

"While I recognize there are members of clergy who struggle with many of the issues personified by the Webster family, it is the show's callous attitude towards all things Christian, especially the sardonic depiction of Jesus that causes me the most concern.

"I doubt NBC would consider portraying a Muslim cleric or Buddhist monk in the same light. And rightly so. Why? Because to do so would be mean-spirited and insensitive. But for some reason, portraying Jesus as a namby-pamby frat-boy-guru is fine. I'm extremely disappointed that NBC has chosen to air this program."

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

*Organist:* Janelle Hein                      *Elder:* Al Rosendahl  
*Ushers:* Mark Wales; Pete Fleischer; Benno Sydow; Brandt  
 Wendland; Ole Ohlmanson; Jack Kirkham  
*Counting Team 5:* Mike Dick; Brad Kitzman; Ed Lentz; Roger  
 Ochsner  
*Hospitality Team 7:* Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian &  
 Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland  
*Church Cleaners:* No Volunteers              *School:* Hein

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

*Ushers:* Mark Wales; Pete Fleischer; Benno Sydow; Brandt  
 Wendland; Ole Ohlmanson; Jack Kirkham  
*Counting Team 1:* Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Rick Nelson;  
 Phil Radichel; Ryan Libby  
*Hospitality Team 1:* Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice  
 Sandhoefner; Bill Ryan  
*Church Cleaners:* No Volunteers              *School:* Hein

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School  
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 1)  
 11:00 am – Hospitality  
 11:15 am – Board Meetings; Youth Forum  
 12:00 pm – Council Meeting  
 7:00 pm – Chaska Worship Service

**Wed., Jan. 11:** 2:30 pm – Chiquettes (Little One's Story Hour)  
 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Children  
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

**Sun., Jan. 15:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School  
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 2)  
 11:30 am – Annual Voters Meeting / Dorcus Guild  
 3:00 pm – Grade School Basketball at Berea

**Sat., Jan. 21:** 8:00 am – Making of ILC After-Banquet Quilts

Last Week's Stats: Jan., 1, 2006		Sun.: 124	
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,511.39	CLC: 862.00
Weekly Need (last year):	Grace:	2,933.00	CLC: 846.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-421.61	CLC: +16.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	1.00	Tuition: 65.00
GLC Other: 1.00	MDF:	12.00	Kinship: 60.00
ILC Student Aid.: 20.00	ILC Bldg.	6.00	CEF: 25.00

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**May all kings  
fall down  
before him,  
all nations give  
him service.**



**Psalm 72:11**