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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Lent 2

Date: March 12, 2006

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 75, TLH p. 139*

Hymn: *TLH 154: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

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

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

P: Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love;

C: For they are of old.

P: You who fear Him, trust in the Lord –

C: He is your help and shield.

P: The Lord remembers us and will bless us:

C: He will bless the house of Israel, He will bless the house of Aaron,

P: He will bless those who fear the Lord – small and great alike.

C: It is we who extol the Lord, both now and forevermore. Praise Him!

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: *Roman 5:1-11*

Jesus' redemptive work links us with God. Before we were at war with Him; now we are at peace. This gives joy and hope for this life and the next.

Gradual:

P: Oh, come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C: The author and finisher of our faith,

P: Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning the shame,

C: And sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

P: Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death –

C: Even the death of the cross!

Second Reading: *Reading of the Passion History*
Peter denies Jesus.

Children: *TLH 159: Go To Dark Gethsemane*

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

Hymn: *TLH 346: Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be*

Sermon: *Mark 8:31-38*

(31) And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. (32) He spoke this word openly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. (33) But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." (34) When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. (35) "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. (36) "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? (37) "Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? (38) "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." (NKJV)

DO YOU WANT JESUS TO BE ASHAMED OF YOU?

1. *Never! Even when one wants to silence the message*

2. *Never! Even when one finds the cross difficult to bear*

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 354: In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

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

Hymn: *TLH 179: On My Heart Imprint Thine Image*

Silent Prayer:

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 †

◆ **Midweek Lenten Services:** During the Wed. evenings of Lent we are holding special worship services focusing on our Savior's Passion. The overall theme will be "Lenten Meteorological Marvels." Each service focuses on a weather element illustrated in Scripture reflecting the Lord's grace. This Wed. we will focus on the Cleansing Snow of the LORD's Forgiveness. Please join your fellow Christians in fellowship with the soup suppers preceding the worship service. Soup is served from 6:00 to 6:45 pm.



◆ **50th Anniversary:** Marie Stifter has been asked to compile a visual presentation at our 50th anniversary this coming summer. She requests pictures relating to the congregation's history from anyone who may be able to provide them. Please be sure to include your name on the photo. You may also send her digital photos at mariegr123@yahoo.com.

◆ **Retreats:** Brochures are found by the guest book for the CLC Women's Retreat and the Marriage Enrichment retreat.

◆ **CLC Basketball Tournament:** Next weekend is the tournament in Eau Claire, WI. The game schedule is printed on the back of the bulletin. Players, parents, and supporters are all invited to a pizza and swimming party at the Plaza Motel at 7:00 pm on Friday night. The motel is located at 1202 W Clairemont Ave., the round-looking towers not far from the ILC campus. Tournament information is also found at the web site: www.clclutheran.com/tourney/. Messiah will be holding worship services at 5:30 and 7:00 pm on Sat, and 8:00 and 10:15 am on Sunday morning.



◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Steven Karp was faced with the sad news that his son David died near his home in Seattle, apparently by his own hand. He was 36, and suffered from severe depression, for which he had been hospitalized several times in recent months. Cards may be addressed to: Rev. Steven Karp; 47 Pensville Road SE; Calgary, Alberta (Canada) T2A 4K3. † Some further updates on Missionary Koenig's work in India is found on the Missions link from the clclutheran.org web site.

◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Third Article, Part 3

Last Week's Stats: Mar. 5, 2006 B.Cl.: 38 S.S.: 26 Sun.: 146 Wed: 75

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,692.42	CLC:	1,024.00
Wed. Offering	Grace:	449.75	CLC:	200.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,970.00	CLC:	850.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+172.17	CLC:	+374.00
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	29,630.52	CLC:	9,197.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	29,700.00	CLC:	8,500.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-69.48	CLC:	+697.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	53.00	Tuition:	56.00
GLC Other: 191.00	MDF:	171.00	Kinship:	70.00
ILC Student Aid.: 0.00	ILC Bldg.	91.00	IIF: 13.00	CEF: 35.00

THE GOSPEL- The power of God unto salvation as well as the power unto a sanctified life:

Satan like a carnival hawker standing at the tent door, or a tempter at a door in a sleazy Bourbon Street dive, invites the Christ believer to "turn in here" for a little gaiety and fun. Satan knows but does not tell us that to turn in to his haunts means that we have turned away from the Lord God. And that is precisely Satan's intent! Satan would lead us on the path of evil that he might rob us of the peace and solitude of a godly life, and finally rob us even of our eternal life. Each of us as people of flesh has experienced in our own life the loss of peace and solitude because the natural desire of the sinful flesh is to follow Satan. But by the grace of God each of us still lives and breathes so that we may come to the Lord in sorrow and contrition over our sin, know the forgiveness that is in Christ Jesus, believe in Him, and thus avoid the loss of eternal life. Yet so long as we live Satan will not give up. He pursues us vigorously and relentlessly.

As we call upon the Lord God for strength to resist temptation, He hears our prayer. He hears our prayer for the sake of His Son and our Savior who stood fast against Satan's temptations in the wilderness, and yet went to the cross bearing our sins. Children of God treasure the grace that found expression in Micah 7:18: "Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardons iniquity, and passes by transgression of the remnant of His inheritance? He retains not His anger forever because He delights in mercy." We read also, "Jesus Christ gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar (special) people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14).

There is no such thing as perfectionism in this life; that is, we will still have to fight sin, and we will in fact sin. But what a treasure it is for us to know that we have a gracious forgiving Father Who does not desire our condemnation, but has provided us salvation in Christ. Nevertheless, as children of God, we draw from the Gospel promises- the goodness of God the Father, and the love of Christ- the power to fight sin, as well as the desire to live unto God, and to His glory. Therefore the Christ believer's heartfelt intent is, "Herein do I exercise my self, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men" (Acts 24:16). Where there is one who prefers to live life his or her way without respect for God, and who is callous toward sin, there is a person who neither understands the consequence of sin, nor the sacrifice of Christ.

In this world resisting Satan and avoiding His crowd is not easy. It sometimes brings discomfort and separation from "friends" on this earth. Better here than in eternity! So we pray for strength to overcome, confidently believing that the " God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you" (1 Peter 5:10). They who stand fast in the Word and promise of God will not be left alone. Resisting the devil is a strenuous fight, but we have the promise, "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40: 29-31).

Jesus is foundation of our hope, as well as of our will and ability to glorify Him. Jesus Christ has overcome the devil for us and helps us fight against him! Satan is a loser! Why would anyone choose to follow a loser?

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer (2/12/2006)

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis *Elder:* Benno Sydow

Ushers: Michael Dick; Larry Nelson; Larry Brandt; Roger Brandt; Dale Enns; Scott Dauer; Lynn Sandhoefner

Counting Team 4: Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel

Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Peter Fleischer; Alice Weibye

Church Cleaners: B. Sydow *School:* Torkelson

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Michael Dick; Larry Nelson; Larry Brandt; Roger Brandt; Dale Enns; Scott Dauer; Lynn Sandhoefner

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

Hospitality Team 3: Dan & Cindy Degnan; Ed & Verona Lentz; Angela Valley

Church Cleaners: J. Radichel *School:* Vandevveer

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 2)
11:00 am – Hospitality; 11:15 am – Boards; 12:00 pm – Council

Wed., Mar. 15: 2:30 pm – Chiquettes (Little One's Story Hour)
4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Children
6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship Service

Mon. – Fri.: Fridley Falcons Spirit Week @ School

Fri., Mar. 17: 12:00 pm – School Dismissal

Sun., Mar. 19: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 3)
11:00 am – Hospitality

Schedule for CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament:

Note: A Team – 7th-8th Grades; B Team – 5th-6th Grades

Fri., Mar. 17: 4:00 pm – Markesan/Fridley A vs. Inver Grove Hts. A
5:00 pm – Fridley/Markesan B vs. Inver Grove Hts. B
7:00 pm – Pizza/Swimming Party at Plaza Motel

Sat., Mar. 18: 4:00 pm – Fridley/Markesan B vs. Eau Claire B2
5:00 pm – Markesan/Fridley A vs. Eau Claire A2

Sun., Mar. 19: 8:00 am – Fridley/Markesan B vs. Eau Claire B1
9:00 am – Markesan/Fridley A vs. Eau Claire A1

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