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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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

Church Year: Epiphany 5

Date: February 4, 2007

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Hymn: ..... *TLH 246: Holy, Holy, Holy*

Liturgy: ..... *TLH, p. 15 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie): ..... *TLH, pp. 16-17*

P: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

**C: But the way of the wicked will perish.**

P: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked

**C: Or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.**

P: But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

**C: And on His law he meditates day and night.**

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit  
in season and whose leaf does not wither.

**C: Whatever he does prospers. Glory be to God!**

First Reading: ..... *1 Corinthians 14:12b-20*

Understanding God's Word far outweighs any special spiritual gifts.

Gloria in Excelsis: ..... *TLH 466, st. 4*

**Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,  
One in might and one in glory, While unending ages run.**

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. "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, ...

**C: Because He has anointed Me to preach Good News to the poor." Alleluia.**

Second Reading: ..... *Luke 5:1-11*

Peter, recognizing his sinfulness, was then willing to serve His Lord.

Confession of Faith: ..... *Nicene Creed, TLH p. 22*

Hymn: ..... *TLH 249: Isaiah, Mighty Seer, in Days of Old*

Sermon: ..... *Isaiah 6:1-8*

(1) In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. (2) Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. (3) And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!" (4) And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. (5) So I said: "Woe *is* me, for I am undone! Because I *am* a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." (6) Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar. (7) And he touched my mouth *with it*, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged." (8) Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here *am* I! Send me." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

**"An Impressive Show to Remember and Live by"**

Offertory: ..... *TLH p. 22 f.*

Hymn: ..... *WS 744: How Great Thou Art*

Offering & Prayer:

Liturgy for the Lord's Supper: ..... *TLH p. 24 ff.*

Distribution: ..... *TLH 315: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

**Note:** In obedience to God's Word, and out of concern for the welfare of souls (1 Corinthians 11:29), and finally that we may honestly express the unity of faith and hope that binds us, we ask that only such as have identified with Grace through public confession of faith or another CLC congregation, approach the altar at the usher's direction.

Nunc Dimittis, Prayer, Benediction: ..... *TLH 29 ff.*

Hymn: ..... *TLH 309: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*

*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:** Ellen Bergstrom will be having surgery to remove her cancerous tumor this coming Thursday at Abbott Northwestern. A treatment plan will follow surgery, although radiation will for sure follow. Elnora Smith's daughter, Melanie (also sister to Jane Cowan), died rather suddenly early this week after having complications with gastric bypass surgery. The Lord bless and keep His people with spiritual peace.
- ◆ **Pictorial Directory:** If you have been unable to schedule an appointment to have your picture taken, please contact Jennifer Squires (952-393-8857). Please make sure to schedule an appointment so that we can use the directory to familiarize each other with our families.
- ◆ **Addresses:** Please check your contact information in the draft copy of the directory located in the narthex.
- ◆ **Thanks:** We thank all the outgoing members of the Council for their service and dedication to the Lord's work over their past terms: Jeffrey Radichel as treasurer; Michael Ude as secretary; Al Rosendahl as Elder; Joel Stifter as Trustee; Bill Rust as Bd. of Education.
- ◆ **CLC Missions:** Some new updates are found on the CLC Missions website: [www.clclutheran.org](http://www.clclutheran.org) -- see the first item under "What's New."
- ◆ **Camps:** Youth camp, for campers entering grades 5-9, will be held June 24-30 at Immanuel in Eau Claire, WI. We will also have a ½ day pre-camper program for children entering grades K-4. The website will be up in running with info and registration early in March. Youth Conference, will be held August 7-12 in Como, CO. Youth Conference is for youth entering their freshman year of high school through their sophomore year of college. Bus service is available and based out of Mankato, MN. More information will be distributed shortly! Please feel free to contact Nick Stelter ([ikurus@hotmail.com](mailto:ikurus@hotmail.com)) or Alana Ahrens ([alanaahrens@yahoo.com](mailto:alanaahrens@yahoo.com)) about Youth Camp; Pastors Paul Nolting ([paul.nolting@immanuelmankato.org](mailto:paul.nolting@immanuelmankato.org)) and Wayne Eichstadt ([wayne.eichstadt@immanuelmankato.org](mailto:wayne.eichstadt@immanuelmankato.org)) about Youth Conference.
- ◆ **Call News:** CLC President John Schierenbeck reports that Rev. David Povolny has withdrawn from the CLC and has resigned as pastor of St. Stephen in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area). He no longer agrees with the Scriptural position of doctrinal fellowship. He also resigned from his part-time call as foreign missionary to Congo. Visitor David Reim will be meeting with the congregation soon. Please pray for all those touched by these events. † Paul Tiefel III has been called to teach grades 5-6 at Messiah in Eau Claire, WI. † Teacher Sara Pfeiffer of St. Stephen in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area), has received the call to teach grades 1-4 at Messiah in Hales Corners, WI (Milwaukee area). † Pastor Paul Nolting of Immanuel in Mankato, MN, has declined the call to serve part-time in East Africa. † Teacher Susan Rehm of Berea in Inver Grove Heights, MN, has received the call to teach as its school's full-time lower-grade teacher.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** First Article, part 2.

## How Great Thou Art



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won-der
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan-der,
3. And when I think that God, His Son not spar-ing,
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma-tion



Con - sid - er all the works Thy hand hath made,  
And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun-der,  
When I look down from loft - y mountain gran-deur  
That on the cross my bur-den glad - ly bear-ing  
Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o - ra-tion



Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni-verse dis - played.  
And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze,  
He bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to Thee, "How great Thou



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## **LOVE:**

As a concept, love is a much maligned and abused sentiment . As a word describing a concept it is frequently misused. We can describe the abuse of it as a concept by referring to the idea that goes something like this, "If you really loved me you would..." Children frequently use that line in response to a parent's, "No." It is also abused when it is suggested that it is love to compromise truth in the interest of keeping a church together as in, "If you really love the brethren you will not leave our church." The word itself is certainly misused by the world enamored by the Hollywood perversion of what love is.

Scripture of course speaks of "love" a great deal. In 1 Corinthians 13 it is a key word. Unfortunately the KJV translates the Greek word *agape* with the word "charity." The lexicon does define one of the meanings as "benevolence" which suggests charity. With today's concept of charity however, it is better translated in Corinthians with its root meaning, "love." The same word is the same that is used in John 3:16 - "God so loved the world..."

Note now what it says: If I "remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long, and is kind; love envies not; love vaunts not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away...And now abides faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

The epitome of love, of course, is God. "God is love" (1 John 4:8). God's love was not and is not conditioned by man's reaction to His love or man's response to it. God loves because He is love! In love He sent His Son. Christ Jesus is the incarnate Love of God, the One in Whom we see and know the love of God. Jesus is the One through whose meritorious sacrifice the Father embraces us in love. Further, God manifested His love to us in sending the Holy Spirit Who through the means of grace called us to faith so that we might be the children of God. The love of God is not simple affection. The love of God toward us is the love that loved the unlovable! What did man do to endear himself to God, which in turn moved Him to send His Son into the world? Nothing! Scripture tells us that the Heavenly Father manifested His love to mankind in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8)!

Without the love of God as described briefly above, all love is self-serving, selfish, and calculated. One who by unbelief rejects the embrace of God's love loves as the world defines love. The love of the world can be characterized by, "If you will love me, I will love you." That is not the love that reflects the love of God. It is not the love that characterizes the faith

to which we are called in Christ. It is the nature of the regenerate man within us to love as we have been loved.

Yet by reason of our clinging flesh in time, the apostle reminds us what sets us off from the world in this regard. Speaking in tongues was a source of pride among the Corinthians; without love that gift had a hollow sound. If they had the gift of prophesy or preaching and "have all faith," to move mountains, without love there is nothing of which to boast.

Love is patient and kind. Love does not boast of itself. It is not rude or envious; and does not think the worst of the neighbor. Love steps aside for the neighbor. We read, that love "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (13:7). Love does not challenge the boundary between right and wrong. If Christian love is a reflection of the love of God it cannot call right wrong, or wrong right; it cannot approve of sin or find pleasure in iniquity and error. At the same time, it does not muck rake, or rejoice when evil befalls the neighbor. Paul concludes the chapter in praise of love. "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (13:13).

The comfort of the Christ believer is that in our failures to love as we have been loved, the love of the Lord God toward us never ceases. In Christ, and for the sake of Christ's sacrifice He continues to love us, and in that love daily embraces us as the scorned father embraced the prodigal upon his return (Luke 15). We can count on God's grace.

How wonderfully this love of God plays out in the lives of Christ believers in the fellowship of a Christian congregation. Christ believers within the fellowship will not think the worst of another; they will be patient with the weak, and strenuous in their reaching out to the hurting and to the afflicted. They will have deep concern for the erring and for the indifferent, and exercise themselves in seeking to encourage the endangered souls- always in a spirit of humility. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus..." (Philippians 2:5).

The love of God is manifest also in our family relationship as we live together as spouses to the glory of God who has united us, and in relationship to the family with whom we are blessed. Satan daily seeks to introduce selfishness, impatience toward another, envy, and pride. We overcome the devil through repentance and trust in the love of God toward us. Within the family love does not ask, "What have you done for me lately?" It asks, "What can I do for you?" In a family we can provide all the material things for one another, but that which is most precious is priceless. Love is not simply a concept. It is action! Love expends itself - think of Jesus- but brings great return, because in our relationships love given always returns again.

We love God because He first loved us. Oh, how he loved us, and loves us! How blessed we are to be able to return that love to Him through loving one another. How blessed we are to be of the faith that knows that of all His gifts, and of all the activities in which we are engaged as His children, "the greatest of these is love." (By Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 1/28/2007)

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner**      Elder: **Mike Dick**  
Ushers: **Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Keith Radichel; Dave Rust; James Squires; Eli Wales**  
Counting Team 1: **Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Ryan Libby**  
Hospitality Team 5: **Mark & Trudy Wales; Al Rosendahl; Karen Auel**  
Church Cleaners: **Oman**      School: **Hein**

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: **Benno Sydow; Brian Eichstadt; Gary Gunther; Richard Rhinesmith; Jeff Stifter; Josh Stifter; Bob Vandever**  
Counting Team 2: **Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales**  
Hospitality Team 6: **Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick; Frank & Ann Radichel**  
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† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper (Epiphany 5)  
 11:00 am – Hospitality  
 Basketball outing at Berea has been cancelled  
**Wed., Feb. 7:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class  
**Sun., Feb. 11:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 6)  
 11:00 am – Hospitality  
 11:15 am – Board Meetings; 12:00 pm – Council  
**Wed., Feb. 21:** 7:00 pm – Beginning of Midweek Lenten Services

**Last Week's Stats:** Jan. 28, 2006 B.Cl.: 38 S.S.: 19 Sun.: 135 Wed: 19

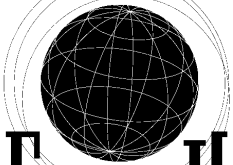
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GLC Other:	MDF:	11.00	Kinship:	60.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	250.00*	IIF: 10.00	CEF: 25.00

\* A \$250 memorial was given to the ILC Building Fund in memory of Frank "Doc" Zechmeister. Doc was a neighbor of Benno and Barb Sydow.

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