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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Transfiguration

Date: February 18, 2007

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 148, TLH p. 156 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 17:1-4,6: Oh, Worship the King*

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

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

P: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy mountain,

C: For the Lord our God is holy.

P: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble;

C: He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

P: Great is the Lord in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations.

C: Let them praise Your great and awesome name - He is holy.

Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 244, st. 1,4*

1. **Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!**

4. **Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation
brings.**

Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

First Reading: *Exodus 34:29-35*

Being in the presence of the Lord left Moses shining with His glory.

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. You are the most excellent of men ...

C: And Your lips have been anointed with grace. Alleluia.

Children: *TLH 135: 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here*

Second Reading: *Luke 9:28-36 2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

The glory of the Gospel transforms our hearts to see the glory of God in connection with Christ Jesus.

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

Hymn: *WS 719: Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

Sermon: *Luke 9:28-36*

(28) Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. (29) As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. (30) And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, (31) who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. (32) But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. (33) Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"; not knowing what he said. (34) While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. (35) And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" (36) When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen. (NKJVTM)

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

1. *In the presence of Christ's glory*
2. *To worship in Christ's holy temple*

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Children: *TLH 370: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

Note: Congregation is asked to join in singing stanzas 3 and 4.

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

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

Council Meeting Notes (2/11/2007)

Meeting opened with a prayer at 11:55 AM. New council members were installed. Roll was taken. The December and January council meeting minutes were read and approved. Everyone was encouraged to review Article VI of the constitution regarding the offices. The treasurer's January report was read and approved. The furnace project is to be closed per the voters meeting. Pastor to put an announcement in the bulletin.

Pastor's Report: Ellen Bergstrom is recovering. A substitute teacher is required. The directory will be coming out soon. The Lenten rotation of pastors is set.

Board of Elder's Report:

- Jennifer Waterman has requested termination. Recommended to voters.
- Rick Nelson is going to be a mission helper to India. Donations to help cover expenses are welcome. A letter is coming out.
- Ed Starkey will preach at Grace on March 18.
- The doors between the entry and the church proper are to be closed early in an attempt to control pre-service noise.

Board of Education Report (None)

Board of Trustees Report

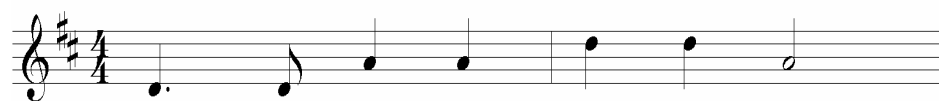
- Pat will contact the maintenance person regarding material costs for furnace maintenance.

Other Business

- Larry and Al will develop a job description for a maintenance worker.
- A temporary emergency call list was distributed.
- A contact list for council members is being created.
- Benno created a handbook with church policies and procedures. Each board and officer should update his section.
- Payment of tuition for Grace students at ILC was discussed. Currently the tuition aid fund is distributed each year in February. Other options were mentioned. It was passed to put about \$5000 from the tuition aid fund into a CD because there are no students this year.
- Benno presented proposed constitution changes to give all offices 3-year terms and to revise the makeup of the council. He will refine wording for both.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer at 1:05 PM.

Jesus on the Mountain Peak



1. Je - sus on the moun - tain peak
2. Trem - bling at His feet we saw
3. Swift the cloud of glo - ry came:
4. This is God's be - lov - ed Son!



Stands a - lone in glo - ry blaz - ing;
Mo - ses and E - li - jah speak - ing.
God pro - claim - ing in its thun - der
Law and proph - ets sing be - fore Him,



Let us, if we dare to speak,
All the proph - ets and the law
Je - sus as the Son by name!
First and last and on - ly One.



Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing.
Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der:
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!



Al - le - lu - ia!

LENT IS UPON US: What is Lent? For the child of God, Lent is a season of penitence and sorrow over sin. But Lent is not about us. Lent is about the Lord Jesus Christ. During the season of Lent our concentration is on the cross of the Lord Jesus. Though Lent is not about us, the blessings of the cross fall out to us from the gracious heart of our Lord. These are blessings of which the sorrowful Christian can never hear enough. Unfortunately the appreciation of, if not the blessings, of Lent are denied to many because the season of Lent is lightly regarded by many, and distorted (Mardi Gras) by others, as well as trivialized by those who see it as nothing more than a season of meritorious self-denial.

During Lent we sit at the cross as the altar upon which the innocent Son of God was offered for the sins of the world. On this altar He shed His blood that we might be cleansed and purified for heaven. Consider:

Is it forgiveness of sins that we need? The Bible tells us: "In Whom (Christ) we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7). Is it justification before the righteous God that we need? "Being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him" (Romans 5:9). Do we need the peace of a good conscience? The Bible tells us that in Christ we have "peace through the blood of His cross" (Colossians 1:20). Do we want assurance that we are purchased from the power of sin and Satan?" The Bible tells speaks of "the church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:20). Do you need certainty of your redemption? Scripture says, "Ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold...but with the precious blood of Christ as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18-19). Do you want to be sure of access to the throne of God? God's Word says, "Having boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus...let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith..." (Hebrews 10:19 - 22). Do you need assurance that you will in fact enter into heaven? Scripture says, "...And he said to me, these are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Revelation 7:14- 17).

Without the cross of Christ there is no salvation, for "without shedding of blood is no remission of sins" (Hebrews 9:22). Lent is about Christ and what He has done for us to cleanse and prepare us for heaven.

We make no apology for saying that among us that is the concentration of our midweek Lenten services. We earnestly invite you and encourage you to sit at the altar of the cross faithfully with your family this Lenten season. From it the cleansing blood of Christ flows to the salvation of all who believe in Him. Bring your family. Invite a friend.

"The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18).

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Pictorial Directory:** Thanks to all who had their pictures taken for the directory. For those who haven't, please contact Jennifer Squires (952-393-8857) as to how you can still get your photo taken.
- ◆ **Midweek Lenten Services:** These begin this Wednesday, February 21, and will continue for 6 weeks up to Holy Week. Our initial service will include Holy Communion. The series this year will focus on devotions based from Isaiah 53, "God's Suffering Servant – Sent for Us." Services will start at 7 pm and will be preceded by the Lenten soup suppers at 6 pm.
- ◆ **Lenten Soup Suppers:** With Midweek Lenten services starting up, the Dorcas Guild is providing a sign-up sheet for those willing to help out with the soup suppers. There are a number of openings left.
- ◆ **Reminder:** With the decision of the Voters to transfer money from the General Fund into the Furnace Fund, the Furnace Fund is now closed. No further offerings are necessary and any given will be redirected into the Project Fund.
- ◆ **Mission Helper:** Former Grace member, Rick Nelson, plans on joining this summer's Mission Helper trip. He is seeking funding for the trip. Included in your bulletin box is a letter with further details. Timing is important in that airfare is needed by the end of February.
- ◆ **Family Camp:** Faith Lutheran of the St. Louis area and Living Word Lutheran of the Kansas City area are making plans for the 8th annual Living~Faith Family Bible Camp. The dates for this years camp are June 2-4. This camp is for children and adults with the idea that families will attend together. Activities include daily Bible studies, morning and evening devotions, worship service, camp fires, hiking, games, crafts, lots of hymn singing, swimming at the lake, and what ever other fun stuff we can come up with in the next few months. The cost of the camp is \$100.00 per family. This includes lodging, meals, and snacks. The deadline for registration is May 10th. For questions, contact Pastor Ohlmann at tohlmann@swbell.net.
- ◆ **20's & 30's Retreat:** The members of Faith Lutheran Church in the St. Louis area invite Christians in their 20's and 30's to the 3rd annual Arise and Shine Retreat to be held June 7-10 at Cuivre River State Park. The theme for 2007 is "Abundantly Overflowing in Christ's Love" Acts 4:20. See the website for info.: www.ariseandshineretreat.com
- ◆ **Call News:** Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Immanuel at Mankato, MN, has received the call to St. Stephen at Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area). † Paul Tiefel III has accepted the call to teach grades 5-6 at Messiah in Eau Claire, WI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Second Article, part 2.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Benno Sydow
Ushers: Benno Sydow; Brian Eichstadt; Gary Gunther; Richard Rhinesmith; Jeff Stifter; Josh Stifter; Bob Vandever
Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Ole Olmanson
Hospitality Team 7: Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland
Church Cleaners: Ochsner School: Maki

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Benno Sydow; Brian Eichstadt; Gary Gunther; Richard Rhinesmith; Jeff Stifter; Josh Stifter; Bob Vandever
Counting Team 4: Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel
Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice Sandhoefner; Bill Ryan
Church Cleaners: ?? School: Maki

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Transfiguration)
 11:00 am – Hospitality
 1:00-6:00 pm – Mankato Basketball Jamboree
Wed., Feb. 21: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
 7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Worship w/ Lord's Supper
Sun., Feb. 25: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 1)
 11:00 am – Hospitality
Wed., Feb. 28: 6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
 7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Service

Last Week's Stats: Feb. 11, 2007 B.Cl.: NA S.S.: 15 Sun.: 133 Wed: 15

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,785.66	CLC:	1,155.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-244.34	CLC:	+195.00	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	17,491.41	CLC:	5,549.24	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	18,180.00	CLC:	5,760.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-688.59	CLC:	-210.76	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	3.00	Tuition:	65.00	
GLC Other:	285.00	MDF:	22.00	Kinship:	130.00
ILC Student Aid:	35.00	ILC Bldg.	1.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 55.00

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