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Grace Lutheran Church & School

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Church Year: Advent I Date: December 2, 2007

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 18, TLH p. 125 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 64: Jesus, Thy Church with Longing Eyes*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 15 ff. (Laminated Sheet in Pew Also Available)*

Note: Today we will sing the introit and have the Advent candle lighting in place of the liturgy from pages 16 - 19.

Introit: *Tune of TLH 58: O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee*
Written by Gerhardt Mueller (retired CLC teacher)

I lift my soul to Thee, Lord; God, I now trust in Thee.
Let me not be ashamed Before mine enemy.
May He not over-take me Nor triumph o'er my soul;
Teach me Thy ways and paths, Lord, That I may reach the goal.

Advent Candle Lighting: *The Prophecy Candle*

We light this candle as a symbol of expectation. This we experience because Christ's coming has been prophesied. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way to salvation.
O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Response: *TLH 62, st. 1: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*

Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lowly exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



First Reading: *Isaiah 2:1-5*
The Church is pictured as the mountain of the LORD.

Gradual:

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
C: Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!
P: See, your King comes to you,
C: Righteous and having salvation.
P: Alleluia, Alleluia. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
C: From the house of the Lord we bless You! Alleluia.



Second Reading: *Romans 13:11-14*

As the Day of the LORD approaches, we are to be prepared to meet it by continuing to walk in His ways.

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

Hymn: *WS 703: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

Sermon: *Matthew 24:37-44*

(37) "But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. (38) "For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, (39) "and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. (40) "Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. (41) "Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. (42) "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. (43) "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. (44) "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (NKJV™)

Reactions to Jesus' Coming

NOAH: PREPARED WHEN LEAST EXPECTED

Hymn: *TLH 75: Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Hearken*

Offertory, Offering, & Prayer: *TLH p. 22 f.*

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

Distribution: *TLH 85: From Heaven Above*

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 91, st. 4-5: Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Today:** Following our worship service there will be light lunch served by the hospitality committee to which everyone is invited. Christmas Eve Rehearsal for the children will begin at noon and last until 2 pm. We ask that parents of pre-schoolers have one parent present during the rehearsals in case help is needed. The pre-schoolers will likely be done with the afternoon rehearsals at least ½ hour earlier. There will be another rehearsal next Sunday afternoon along with two more at 9 am on Dec. 16 & 23. There will be no Bible Class those Sundays.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Parents, please continue to help your children so that they might know their parts well for next week's rehearsal. Having learned their individual pieces for today, we ask that the children work on the parts that the children all say together. The Christmas story may just be spoken together daily. If you do this, they won't need to memorize it, for by Christmas they will know it well.
- ◆ **Midweek Advent Services:** This year's Midweek Advent services will be held on Wednesdays, Dec. 5, 12, and 19, 7:00 pm. Dec. 19 will be the candlelight service which will be preceded by a fellowship meal. The services this year will focus on "Reactions to Jesus' Coming."
- ◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** This year's Christmas concert will be held on Fri., Dec. 21, 7:30 pm, at Eau Claire. Those who wish to sign up for a ride on the bus, there is a signup list for the trip by the guestbook.
- ◆ **Christmas Caroling:** A caroling outing is scheduled for Sunday, December 16, 3:00 p.m. It is always exciting to be able to make people smile by singing praises about our Savior in this special way.
- ◆ **Christmas Music Recital:** A recital of our young musicians is being planned. It is scheduled for next Sunday's hospitality meal on Dec. 9. Please contact Janelle Hein (email: jmhein@clclutheran.com) if you plan on participating in this event.
- ◆ **Reminder from the Elders:** Per Voter resolution, all loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the four called workers of the congregation.
- ◆ **ILC Games:** Most of the ILC basketball games are now streamed live online and archived. To find ILHS games, go to the site www.prepsonthenet.com and click on your choice of Boys' or Girls' Basketball and choose "Schools." Click on "E" for Eau Claire Immanuel. Scrolling down you should see the Schedule and Results in a table. Click on the score (0-0 if it hasn't started) of the game you'd like to view. That should bring up a video window (or a game summary box, if the game is not yet being broadcast) on which you can view the game. You can also choose to watch the game on Windows Media Player by clicking on that choice near the bottom of the page. We believe that the small orange basketball indicates schools participating in Preps on the Net and therefore games that you should be able to watch streamed. Soon the site will open for subscriptions which we read will be \$9.95/month. The details should be laid out on the web site soon. Email Prof. Ross Roehl at ross.roehl@ilc.edu for any questions.

- ◆ **Camp 2008:** Who: Camp is for those entering grades 5 through 12 in the 2008-09 school year. Where: Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. When: Sun., June 15 – Sat., June 21. Registration will begin in March. If anyone would like to give camp as a Christmas, birthday, or confirmation gift, contact Alana (alanaahrens@yahoo.com) for details on camp gift certificates – available in all amounts!
- ◆ **Ude Installation Update:** Please consider yourself invited to the installation and commissioning service of Pastor Matthew Ude as the CLC's second missionary to India. The service will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, on Sunday, December 30, beginning at 4:00 p.m. (Please note that this is one hour later than originally planned). Missionary David Koenig will be the service speaker, and there will be refreshments and fellowship time following the installation. Even if you are unable to attend, please remember our missionaries in your prayers. -- From the CLC Board of Missions
- ◆ **CLC News:** Mr. Lawrence Bade, member at Berea in Inver Grove Hts., MN, and former CLC pastor, has been called by Trinity in Millston, WI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Christmas Eve service parts.

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 25, 2007				
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,295.70	CLC:	833.00
T-Giving:	Grace:	751.50	CLC:	285.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+17.20	CLC:	+158.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	135,574.42	CLC:	43,329.24
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	142,410.00	CLC:	45,120.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-6,835.58	CLC:	-1,790.76
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	251.00	Tuition:	32.00
GLC Other:	95.00* MDF:	34.00	Kinship:	60.00
ILC Student Aid:	37.00 ILC Bldg.	26.00	IIF: 20.00	CEF: 25.00

* \$60 Stifter Memorial

† MONTHLY STATISTICS †

Monthly Statistics:	November Totals	Year-to-Date
Sunday Attendance..... (Ave. 130.5) ..	522	(Ave. 127.8) 6,007
Special Services..... (Ave. 71.0) ...	71	(Ave. 76.2) .. 686
Sunday Bible Class..... (Ave. 42.8) ..	171	(Ave. 42.2) 1,225
Sunday School..... (Ave. 26.3) ...	79	(Ave. 23.0) .. 620
Wed. Bible Class..... (Ave. 28.5) ...	57	(Ave. 21.7) .. 433
Grace General Fund.....	\$10,407.91	\$135,574.42
Grace Tuition Fund.....	226.00	5,536.00
Grace Living Fund.....	311.00	2,547.27
Grace Dorcas.....	130.00	1,176.00
Grace Floor Fund.....	Now Closed	5,154.00
Grace Memorial Fund.....	1,349.00*	1,902.00
Grace Project Undesignated.....	50.00	155.00
Grace Other.....	32.35	928.17
CLC Budget (Missions).....	3,815.00	43,329.24
Church Extension Fund (CEF).....	124.00	1,895.84
Mission Development (MDF).....	271.00	2,571.33
Kinship (for orphans).....	251.00	2,941.00
ILC Improvement (IIF).....	50.00	1,703.00
ILC Building.....	263.00	2,254.97
ILC Student Aid.....	137.00	1,221.00
ILC Student Aid Endowment.....	0.00	0.00
Total Offerings:	\$17,417.26	\$208,889.24

* In Memory of Ray Stifter

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Mike Dick

Ushers: Pat Paplow; Jeff Radichel; Gerald Anderson; Dan Degnan;
Matt Dick; Brandon Paplow; Ryan Libby; Andrew Rosendahl

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

Hospitality Team 6: Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick;
Frank & Ann Radichel

Church Cleaners: Kitzman

School Cleaners: Vandevveer

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Pat Paplow; Jeff Radichel; Gerald Anderson; Dan Degnan;
Matt Dick; Brandon Paplow; Ryan Libby; Andrew Rosendahl

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

Hospitality Team 7: Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian &
Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland

Church Cleaners: Kitzman

School Cleaners: Davis

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper (Advent 1)
11:00 am – Hospitality Luncheon
12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal

Wed., Dec. 5: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Service

Sun., Dec. 9: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 2)
11:00 am – Hospitality w/ Musical Recital
12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Christmas Recital

Fri., Dec. 14: 2:00 pm – Christian Day School Northtown Concert

Sun., Dec. 16: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal (No Bible Class)
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 3)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Boards; 12:00 pm – Council

Wed., Dec. 19: 6:00 pm – Christmas Meal
7:00 pm – Candlelight Service

Fri., Dec. 21: 7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert @ Eau Claire, WI

Sun., Dec. 23: 9:00 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal

Mon., Dec. 24: 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service

Tue., Dec. 25: 10:00 am – Christmas Day Service

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Prepare
the way
for the
Lord,
make
straight
paths
for
him.

Luke 3:4

