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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 3

Date: January 27, 2008

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 27, TLH p. 129*

Hymn: *WS 775, st. 1-4: Thy Strong Word*

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

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

P: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets

C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

C: Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

P: The Lord is exalted over all the nations,

C: His glory above the heavens. 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: *Isaiah 9:1-4*

In the area of Galilee the Light of the world would appear.

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. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Good News of the kingdom,

C: And healing every disease and sickness among the people. Alleluia.

Epistle Reading: *Matthew 4:12-23*

As a fulfillment of the Isaiah prophecy, Jesus would begin His ministry by the Sea of Galilee, preaching repentance and calling His disciples to follow Him as they would become fishers of men.

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

Hymn: *TLH 478: The Saints on Earth and Those Above*

Sermon: *1 Corinthians 1:10-17*

(10) Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. (11) For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. (12) Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." (13) Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? (14) I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, (15) lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. (16) Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. (17) For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. (NKJV™)

"Urged to Speak the Same Thing and to Be on the Same Side"

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 477: Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head*

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

Hymn: *WS 775, st. 5-6: Thy Strong Word*

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:** As announced last Sunday, Eli Wales and Laura Hulke are engaged to be married. This past Wed. Lyle LaCroix had surgery to implant a pacemaker. The doctors found out that his heart had been stopping momentarily during his fainting spells. This past Fri. Marty Rosendahl had surgery here in the Twin Cities for a hernia. This had been bothering his for the past few months.
- ◆ **Work Day:** Thanks to all who helped out yesterday!
- ◆ **Lenten Worship:** Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, marks the beginning of the Lenten worship season. We will be having Wednesday services at 7 pm, for six weeks. This year's theme is "Walk with Jesus."
- ◆ **Lenten Soup Suppers:** These start on Feb. 6, 6 pm. There is a sign-up sheets for Lenten Soup Suppers as well as setup and cleanup.
- ◆ **Meals:** The Dorcas Guild is organizing support for our sister in Christ Ellen Bergstrom. We are looking for volunteers in order to provide 3 to 4 meals per week until Easter as she goes through her cancer treatments. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. Meals may be brought to the church and they will be delivered to Ellen's home. The only dietary restriction is no nuts or peanut butter.
- ◆ **Addresses:** We are again preparing for the publication of the yearly directory at Grace. Please check your contact information in the draft copy of the directory located in the narthex. Place a check mark by your entry if it is correct. If it is not, then please edit as necessary. If you wish to add email, please do so. Your cooperation is appreciated as we attempt to produce an accurate directory.
- ◆ **Cleaning List:** A new list is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. Please consider signing up in order to make the Lord's house presentable and to be engaged with the Lord's work at Grace.
- ◆ **Women's Retreat:** There are brochures available by the guest book with information regarding this year's retreat at La Crosse, WI, April 18-20. Registration deadline is March 20.
- ◆ **CLC Missions Website:** Some recent updates have been added to the CLC Missions website: (1) Pastor Jyothi Benjamin's report and photographs of the 2007 Joint English Conference of the CLCI and BELC; (2) The January '08 edition of the CLC Mission Newsletter; (3) Video streaming of Pastor Matthew Ude's installation as the CLC's second foreign missionary; (4) A link to Missionary Ude's blog (personal journal), "Paroikos." See www.clclutheran.org (Missions).
- ◆ **CLC News:** Lawrence Bade, member of Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights MN, has accepted the call to Trinity Lutheran, Millston, WI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #17 – Second Article, Part 2.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT- PEACE:

Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord ..." (Ephesians 5:8). In that same chapter he describes the life in darkness. It is a life of such who "were dead in trespasses and sins" (2:1) "in which you once walked according to the course of this world" (2:2). It is the life of those who "were without Christ ... and without God in the world" (2:12). In Galatians 5:19, he further describes the sins of those dead in trespasses and sins. He calls them "works of the flesh." Works of the flesh are the natural product of the unregenerate being.

But something happened. A change was effected. The Lord our God called us with a holy calling, by the light of grace, to the light of faith. As a matter of faith we believe that in Christ we have been reconciled unto God. Now, we who were at enmity with God, "having been justified by faith, [we] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ ..." (Romans 5:1). What a wonderful condition in which we now stand in relation to God the Father! "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

Our accomplished salvation and peace with God has a profound impact not only on our future, but in our daily life as we await the assured deliverance. Our new life in Christ is manifest through the fruits of the Spirit that characterize the Christian life. In the catalogue of fruits in Galatians 5:22, Paul speaks of "peace." In his commentary on Galatians, John Ph. Koehler said, "Peace too, is something which has its roots directly in the peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (*The Epistle of Paul to the Galatians*, Commentary, NPH, 1957, page 152). But the context of v. 22 suggests that the peace we have with God through Christ is not the emphasis here. Peace as a fruit of the Spirit is set against the stark and ugly description of "the works of the flesh ..." "Now the works of the flesh are evident ..." (Romans 5:19). The works of the flesh are not victimless crimes. The works of the flesh are hurtful to those against whom they are committed, and they bring death to the

performer (Romans 6:23) “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, *peace* ...” (5:22). By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit - as compared to the works of the flesh, a product of sinful man - is a kindly, considerate, and Christ-like attitude toward the neighbor with and among whom we live while still on the earth. The fruit of the Spirit is what it is. We do not generate it. Peace as spoken here is not a static, sterile thing. It is a living fruit in the Christ believer as well as a spontaneous manifestation of one who is alive in Christ.

Luther in his commentary spoke of peace towards God and men. He said, “Christians are to be peaceful and quiet. Not argumentative, not hateful, but thoughtful and patient” (Luther’s Commentary on Galatians, page 231). The fruit of the Spirit is not a peace that overlooks sin; it is not a peace gained at the expense of truth. This fruit of the Spirit is a quality that is manifest in the lives of those who know the peace that is theirs in Christ, and is reflective of the mind of Christ. It is the outcropping of a heart made large by the Spirit so that it knows sympathy for the neighbor in need, and seeks to live in harmony with all as is consistent with truth and love. Peace is what it is and it is a spontaneous outgrowth of one who is alive in Christ. We who know the peace of Christ assent to our Lord’s will which says, “If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men” (Romans 12:17). Whether our neighbor responds in kind or not makes no difference. In as much as we are children of God in whom the Spirit dwells the fruit of the Spirit will manifest itself in “love, joy, *peace* ...”

What then shall we say about our sin? We must admit that our sinful flesh fights against the Spirit, and tries to dry up His fruit in our lives. We thank God that He is greater than our sin; Christ’s merit covers our sins. As we confess our sins, “He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). In the penitent heart the Spirit is alive. Where the heart is alive with the Spirit His fruits bloom.

(Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 1/13/2008)

Voter Meeting Notes - January 20, 2008

The October voters meeting minutes were accepted as presented. The 4th quarter treasurer’s report was accepted as presented. The annual treasurer’s report was accepted as presented.

Elections

- Elder: Frank Radichel; Al Rosendahl (elected)
- Chairman: Mike Dick; Phil Radichel (elected)
- Vice Chairman: Pete Fleischer; Jack Kirkham (elected)
- Secretary: Roger Ochsner (elected)
- Treasurer: Brian Bergstrom (elected)
- Bd of Education: Lynn Sandhoefner; Mike Ude; Frank Radichel; Ole Olmanson (elected)
- Bd of Trustees: Bill Rust (elected); Jeff Stifter
- Financial Secretary: Ole Olmanson (elected)

Pastor’s Report

- There were 3 funerals this quarter; 1 baptism.
- Keep Ellen Bergstrom in your prayers (cancer).
- 42% of the days in December had services.
- February 6, 2008, is the first Lenten service.
- Ben Meyer has transferred to Messiah of Eau Claire.
- The average service attendance went from 132 in 2006 to 128 in 2007.
- The webmaster thanks Laura Radichel for taking over much of the activities.

Board of Elder’s Report

- VBS may possibly be moved earlier 1 week this year.
- Voter and church attendance membership are being addressed.
- Individual hearing impaired devices are being addressed.

Board of Education Report

- School is going well this year.
- ILC has a new policy regarding tuition aid payments. The payment is reduced 5% if paid by the start of the 2nd semester.
- \$1480 was paid for one student from Grace this year.
- There may possibly be 3 students from Grace at ILC next year.

Board of Trustees Report

- January 26 is a workday.
- A leak in the cry room was taken care of.

Other Business

- The CBP for 2007 was \$50,000. The CBP for 2008 has been set at \$52,000.

New Business

- A motion to create a project fund for a projection system was passed. The estimate for a projector and screen is about \$5000.
- Installation of new officers is next Sunday, January 27, 2008.
- Mankato will not be using our fellowship hall next Saturday, January 26.
- Thanks to everyone for all the accomplishments this year.
- The emergency call list procedure is being addressed.

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: **Janelle Hein** Elder: **Dave Rust**
Ushers: **Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Keith Radichel; Dave Rust; James Squires; Eli Wales**
Counting Team 2: **Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales**
Hospitality Team 7: **Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland**
Church Cleaners: **Rust** School Cleaners: **Hein**

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: **Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Keith Radichel; Dave Rust; James Squires; Eli Wales**
Counting Team 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Ole Olmanson**
Hospitality Team 1: **Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice Sandhoefner**
Church Cleaners: **??** School Cleaners: **Maki**

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 3)
 11:00 am – Hospitality
Wed., Jan. 30: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
Sun., Feb. 3: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper
 11:00 am – Hospitality
 1:00 pm – Basketball Outing at Berea
Wed., Feb. 6: 6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
 7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Service w/ Lord's Supper

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 20, 2008 Sun.: 117 S.S.: 21 B.Cl.: 44 Wed.: 22					
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,671.95	CLC:	1,105.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,225.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-553.05	CLC:	+105.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	7,900.53	CLC:	2,822.50	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	9,675.00	CLC:	3,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,774.47	CLC:	-177.50	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	16.00	Tuition:	14.00	
GLC Other:	41.00* MDF:	16.00	Kinship:	64.00	
ILC Student Aid:	75.00 ILC Bldg.	116.00	IIF: 14.00	CEF: 14.00	

* \$25 to Ray Stifter Memorial

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