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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Transfiguration **Date:** February 3, 2008

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 148, TLH p. 156-157*

Hymn: *WS 743: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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

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

- 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!

Choir: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

First Reading: *2 Peter 1:16-21*
Peter recalls Jesus' Transfiguration as an event that confirms God's Word.

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.

Second Reading: *Matthew 17:1-9*
Jesus' glory as true God is temporarily displayed during Transfiguration.

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

Hymn: *WS 720: Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair*

Sermon: *Exodus 24:12-18*
(12) Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them." (13) So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. (14) And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them." (15) Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. (16) Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. (17) The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. (18) So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights. (NKJV™)

CAUGHT UP IN THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S GLORY

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

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

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

Distribution: *TLH 315; Meditative Music*

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:** This past Friday night Gil Maestas was hospitalized at Fairview-Southdale due to problems with his asthma.
- ◆ **Lenten Worship:** This Wednesday, Feb. 6, is Ash Wednesday which 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 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus." These services will be preceded by a soup supper beginning at 6 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the fellowship hall's bulletin board for Lenten Soup Suppers as well as setup and cleanup. Let us all treasure these hallowed moments to spend before the cross in meditation upon our Savior's profound love for us.
- ◆ **Meals:** A signup sheet is still posted on the fellowship hall's bulletin board for the purpose of supporting our sister in Christ, Ellen Bergstrom, as she undergoes radiation treatment. 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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Invitation:** The members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown, SD, would like to announce plans for a special service to dedicate the new fellowship hall/school on Sunday, April 27, 2008. While the time has not yet been set, the date has and for the sake of long range planning, this announcement is being made today. If any are interested in attending, they may contact Pastor Andrew Schaller at andrewschall@iw.net for further information.
- ◆ **Boundary Waters:** The Immanuel-Mankato youth groups are planning a canoe trip into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of Minnesota—August 2-8. The physical intensity of the trip will depend upon the interest of the participants. It will be a week in the outdoors combined with time spent in the Word of God and Christian fellowship. The ages are junior high (7th grade) and older. More information is available from Pastor Hein.
- ◆ **Parenting Seminar:** Immanuel-Mankato is making plans for a fall seminar. If interested, please go to their internet survey by Feb. 9 at <http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB227E3M4SDJ7> or speak with Pastor Hein about further details.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #18 – Second Article, Part 3.



MOVING ON TO EASTER:

Just a bit over a month ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Next Sunday we will conclude the season of Epiphany. We are moving on quickly into the season of Lent. By many the celebration of Lent is introduced with extraneous and superfluous activities, as well as plain abuse, e.g., the ungodly Mardi Gras which is a celebration of immorality and sinful excess. Rome also has skewed the understanding of Lent. We may concede a good intent - it being to remember and respect the Lord Who before His ministry fasted 40 days in the wilderness. However, the obligation under which the church puts its people smacks of work righteousness. One Catholic source writes "... we are bound by obligation to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and to abstain from meat on every Friday" (*GW Catholic Q & A*, on line). Allowances are made for the sick and the elderly, but the fact that apart from certain allowances it is an obligation imposed by the church binds a conscience where Scripture does not.

Among Protestants including Lutherans who still celebrate Lent, individuals may choose to fast or to give up something for the season. They are free to do so. But giving up some material substance is not the essence of Lenten preparation! And if giving up some excess for Lent is good during Lent, may it not be good to give it up the rest of the year?

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Historically on this day ashes were placed on the forehead of penitents. Ashes were representative of humility, sorrow and repentance. Outward symbolism aside, true celebration of Lent begins with introspection and involves penitential sorrow in which we recognize and confess our sins, though we would hope not only at Lent. The Christian's whole life is a life of repentance. Nevertheless, the heart that recognizes its sin, and despairs of self - "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13) - is a heart that will be attuned to the message of Lent. Thus we observe Lent as a time of focused contemplation on the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus Christ. A truly penitent heart delights to focus on the substitutionary atonement of the Lord Jesus. It is a hard heart, indeed an unbelieving heart, that does not appreciate the innocent suffering and death of Jesus as the payment for sin. Surely, a professed penitent sinner cannot ignore the prostrate Christ in Gethsemane, neglect the trial of the innocent Son of God, and walk inattentively past Calvary, and still appreciate the real meaning of the resurrection of the Lord. If one does not appreciate that Christ "died for me" what can it possibly mean that "Christ has risen for me!"

The haste with which we move from Christ's birth to His passion, may well remind us of how quickly our life passes. As life passes quickly we will want to give careful attention to the grace and love of God manifest in the suffering Servant Whose purpose was fulfilled in His atoning sacrifice, and Whose Savior heart is made joyful by every believing heart that "Look(s) to His cross for victory."

As penitents drawn by the cross held before our eyes in the Lenten season, we can move on to Easter with meaning, and truly on the resurrection day "raise the strain of triumphant gladness."

(Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 1/27/2008)

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Dave Rust

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: P. & J. Radichel *School Cleaners:* 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 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Peter Fleischer; Alice Weibye

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† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 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: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Service w/ Lord's Supper

Sun., Feb. 10: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 1)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:15 am – Boards; 12:00 pm – Council

Sun., Feb. 17: 1:00 pm – Basketball Jamboree at Mankato

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 27, 2008 Sun.: 121 S.S.: 22 B.Cl.: 39 Wed.: 22

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,069.13	CLC:	834.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,225.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,155.87	CLC:	-166.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	9,969.66	CLC:	3,656.50	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	12,900.00	CLC:	4,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,930.34	CLC:	-343.50	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition:	27.00	
GLC Other:	6.00	MDF:	1.00	Kinship:	0.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	2.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

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For the law was
given through
MOSES;

grace and truth
came through
JESUS CHRIST.

John 1:7

