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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Easter 4 **Date:** April 13, 2008

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 67, TLH p. 137*

Hymn: *TLH 209: Who Is This That Comes From Edom*

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

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

- P: You who fear the Lord, praise Him!
- C: All you descendants of Jacob, honor Him! Revere Him!**
- P: I will declare Your name to my brothers;
- C: In the congregation I will praise you.**
- P: You will fill me with joy in Your presence;
- C: With eternal pleasures at Your right hand. Glory be to God!**

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 193, st. 1,6*

1. Christ the Lord is risen today,
 Sons of men and angels say.
 Raise your joys and triumphs high;
 Sing, ye heavens, and, earth, reply.

6. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
 Praise to Thee by both be given!
 Thee we greet triumphant now:
 Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

First Reading: *Psalm 67*

The relationship the living God establishes with us causes Him as our Father to bless us.

Gradual:

- P: Christ has risen from the dead.
- C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**
- P: He has made Him ruler over the works of His hands;
- C: He has put everything under His feet.**
- P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again;
- C: Death no longer has mastery over Him. Alleluia.**

Second Reading: *Acts 2:14a, 36-47*

At Pentecost Peter's sermon receives a stirring reaction.

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

Hymn: *TLH 194: Abide with Us, the Day is Waning*

Sermon: *1 Peter 1:17-21*

(17) And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; (18) knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, (19) but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (20) He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you (21) who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (NKJV™)

"A FILIAL, FEARING FAITH"

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

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

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

Hymn: *TLH 189: He is Arisen! Glorious Word!*

Luther on Our Text:

Therefore St. Peter goes on to say: Since you have a Father who judges impartially, pass the time of your pilgrimage in fear, that is, stand in fear of the Father, not because of threatened pain and punishment — as the Christless and also the devil do — but lest He forsake you and withdraw His hand, just as a pious child dreads to provoke his father and to do aught [anything whatever] that displeases him. God seeks within us a fear that keeps us alert against sin and moves us to serve our neighbor as long as we live on earth.

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Among Us:** The funerals for Ardis Trulin were conducted this past Friday and Saturday. We pray that our brother Lyle will continue to be nourished in the faith as the void in his life is filled by turning to his living Lord.
- ◆ **Softball Signup:** A signup sheet is found by the guest book for those interested in playing softball this coming spring and summer.
- ◆ **Wed. Bible Class:** In order for things to work out for focusing on the Confirmation exam, the Wed. night Bible Class will be suspended.
- ◆ **Berea Carnival:** Our children are invited to attend a carnival at Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights on April 26, from 2-5 pm. There is a poster advertizing this on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ◆ **ILHS Visitors Day:** On April 25, our 7th and 8th graders are invited to go to Eau Claire for a day to visit the campus at Immanuel Lutheran and to get acquainted with high school life there. If you are in that age group, please speak with Pastor about going.
- ◆ **Campbell's Labels Collection:** We have an opportunity to maximize our labels (points) this year. So remember to submit the entire label to help in this effort. The Day School children are competing for most points collected during the month of April. Labels deposited in the collection bin will be divided. Otherwise, feel free to give your labels directly to any of the students for their individual credit. Thanks!
- ◆ **CLC News:** There is one graduate from the education program of Immanuel Lutheran College: Jennifer Ohlmann. There were three graduates from the Seminary Department: Michael Gurath, Scott Schiermeister and Aaron Ude. However, no calls were issued from congregations to the Call Committee on Graduates this year.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #25 – Sacrament of the Altar 1 & 2.

Last Week's Stats: Apr. 6, 2008		Sun.: 122	S.S.: 18	B.Cl.: 42
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	3,000.92	CLC:	1,036.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,225.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-224.08	CLC:	+36.00
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Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	43,603.40	CLC:	14,702.35
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	45,150.00	CLC:	14,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,546.60	CLC:	+702.35
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Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	16.00	Tuition:	41.00
GLC Other: 90.00	MDF:	17.00	Kinship:	14.00
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg.	70.00	IIF: 24.00	CEF: 39.00

NEW PLAGUES: SAME CAUSE (Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer 3/2/2008)

One of the greatest and the most helpful professions is the medical profession, and those related to it. Christians who recognize that it is the Lord Who gives the requisite wisdom and blesses efforts in the medical field give thanks to Him. Medical science has contributed to the decline of many diseases through antibiotics, vaccines, miracle drugs and other medical breakthroughs. New surgical techniques have contributed much to the health of people in our nation. How gracious is God the Creator Who has given men wisdom and perseverance to pursue and find cures for illness.

Nevertheless, people still die! The reason lies in man's sin. The Word of God does not change. Adam and Eve were told in the garden that if they disobeyed the Lord they would die. They did, and they did!

Ever since the fall into sin, man has been chasing a dream to minimize the effect of illness, if not eradicate it. Even as life is extended through medical science it is a frustrating pursuit because with every disease that seems to be conquered, another malady of some sort arises. For example frequently we hear of the possibility of new strains of flu. It is even more frustrating when those which seem to have been eradicated return. Recently it was reported that TB, and leprosy, once "conquered" in our country are returning. Then again, "Other pestilences are invading the U.S" (*WorldNetDaily*, 2/6/08). Diseases for the most part unknown in our country (Chagas disease and Dengue fever) are appearing. Antibiotic resistant diseases (MRSA) have arisen. Why? There are a number of reasons given. There is an over use of antibiotics. Immigration, particularly illegal immigration where individuals are not screened has contributed to the rise in certain diseases as immigrants come from countries where the diseases are uncontrolled. *WND* also reports that "...Self destructive 'alternate lifestyles'" are causing "long 'vanquished' illnesses" to once again ravage the U.S. Old illnesses, new plagues- the root cause is the same - man's sin. Illicit drug use and promiscuous sex and homosexual activity contribute to AIDS. God will not be mocked! The procession to the cemetery continues.

In spite of the medical advances that prolong human life by the grace of God, no living creature can escape the inevitable consequence of sin. "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" (Genesis 3:19).

The root cause of illness and death can only be addressed by the Father in heaven Who addressed it immediately after the fall. He promised the Savior. The Savior came, and bore the sins of the world. By His death and resurrection He procured our peace with God, and restored us to life. On this earth in which sin dwells we have tribulation, sorrow, illness and death. The Father did not promise freedom from disease and temporal death while we are on the earth. Much to the contrary! But having been called out of spiritual death by the Spirit working through the Gospel - "according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit Whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior" (Titus 3:5,6) - we are heirs of eternal life. We have the certain promise of a home in heaven where all who believe in Christ will one day be free of the recurring afflictions of the earth for which reason we say with Paul, "To die is gain for me" (Philippians 1:21).

The Church is called to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. We proclaim the Gospel which gives confidence of release from this sin-ravaged world. As the world declines, the Christian believes, "I have a desire to depart and to be with Christ, which is far better" (Philippians 1:23). The Lord heals all our diseases on earth as He wills, and ultimately in heaven where the perfect life in glory will prevail. The plagues and their cause will be past, *no longer even a memory!*

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!

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Dave Rust

Ushers: Al Rosendahl, John Auel, Scott Baker, David Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Micheal Ude

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Ole Olmanson

Hospitality Team 4: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Fred, Pal, & Scott Dauer

Church Cleaners: Nelson/Hammond *School Cleaners:* Davis

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Al Rosendahl, John Auel, Scott Baker, David Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Micheal Ude

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

Hospitality Team 5: Mark & Trudy Wales; Al Rosendahl; Karen Auel

Church Cleaners: B. & B. Sydow *School Cleaners:* Hein

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 4)
11:00 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council

Wed., Apr. 16: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
6:30 pm – Confirmation Exam Preparation

Fri., Apr. 18: 12:00 pm – School Dismissal

Sun., Apr. 20: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 5)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Voters' & Dorcas Guild Meetings

April 21-24: Iowa Basic Skills Testing for Christian Day School

Fri., Apr. 25: Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitor's Day
Grace Lutheran Visitor's Day
7:30 pm – ILC Musical "Wagon Wheel's West"

Sat., Apr. 26: 9:00 am – Work Day at Grace
2:00-5:00 pm – Carnival at Berea
7:30 pm – ILC Musical "Wagon Wheel's West"

Thu., May 1: 7:00 pm – Ascension Service

Fri., May 2: Field Day @ Grace

Sun., May 18: Confirmation Day

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As a father has
compassion for his
children, so the Lord
has compassion for
those who fear him.

Psalm 103:13

