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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Last Sunday

Date: November 23, 2008

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 47, TLH p. 134*

Hymn: *TLH 17: 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: We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth.

C: In which righteousness dwells.

P: Show me, O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days;

C: Let me know how fleeting is my life.

P: You have made my days a mere handbreadth;

C: The span of my years is as nothing before You.

P: But now, Lord, what do I look for?

C: My hope is in You. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 570, st. 1, 8*

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| 1. Praise, oh, praise our God and King,
Hymns of adoration sing;
For His mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure. | 8. Glory to our bounteous King,
Glory let creation sing;
Glory to the Father, Son,
And the Spirit, Three in One! |
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First Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24*

The Lord promises a future in which His sheep shall enjoy rich pasture.

Gradual:

P: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;

C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in You,

C: Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus promises: "I am the Alpha and the Omega,

C: The First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Matthew 27:27-31*

Ironically, Jesus is mocked for the King that He is.

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

Hymn: *WS 757: Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning*

Sermon: *2 Peter 3:3-10*

P: Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!

C: Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

P: For the LORD Most High is awesome;

C: He is a great King over all the earth.

P: He will subdue the peoples under us,

C: And the nations under our feet.

P: He will choose our inheritance for us,

C: The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. Selah

P: God has gone up with a shout,

C: The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

P: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

C: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

P: For God is the King of all the earth;

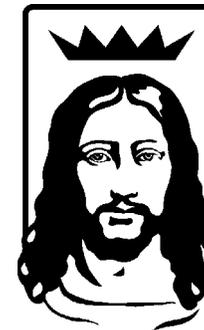
C: Sing praises with understanding.

P: God reigns over the nations;

C: God sits on His holy throne.

P: The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham.

C: For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.



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Sunday

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE FOR THE KING

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 339, st. 1-5: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

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

Hymn: *TLH 339, st. 6-7: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

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 †

◆ **Thanksgiving Worship:** This coming Wednesday evening, 7:00 pm, will be our Thanksgiving service here at Grace. In our tough economic times, some may feel like it's difficult to give thanks. But how manifold are the works of God! Let's open our eyes of faith to all that He does for us by giving Him thanks. Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Hts. will also be holding its Thanksgiving service on Thursday morning at 9:30 am.



◆ **Poinsettias:** There is a signup sheet by the guest book in the narthex for those wishing to purchase a poinsettia for church during the Advent season. Plants will range in price but generally will be \$8 and will be purchased by Jackie Radichel throughout Advent starting for the service on Nov. 30.



◆ **Recital:** Those grade school students interested in participating in a music recital please speak with Janelle Hein. This will be held during hospitality on December 14.

◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** This year's Christmas concert will be held on Fri., Dec. 19, 7:30 pm, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI. Those who wish to sign up for a ride on the bus, there is a signup list for the trip by the guestbook. Due to Council policy, there is no cost for the trip.

◆ **Books:** Pastor Emeritus Dale Redlin has published a book entitled Poems of Prayer and Praise. The cost for the book is \$10. There are a couple of copies on display underneath the mailboxes. Those who wish to purchase a copy may ask for one from Pastor Hein.

◆ **2009 Cleaning:** The 2009 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.

◆ **CLC News:** Pastor David Schaller has returned the call to St. John's in Clarkston, WA, and Peace in Orofino, ID.

◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #12 – Conclusion.

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 16, 2008 Sun.: 109 S.S.: ?? B.Cl.: 39 Wed.: 22

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,335.13	CLC:	815.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,225.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-889.87	CLC:	-185.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	132,170.22	CLC:	44,069.35
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	148,350.00	CLC:	46,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-16,179.78	CLC:	-1,930.65
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	2.00	Tuition:	28.00
GLC Other: 90.00*	MDF:	3.00	Kinship:	90.00
ILC Student Aid: 2.00	ILC Bldg.	55.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

* Scott Dauer Memorial \$50

JOY IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD: What is the best part of your day, or of your week? The answer of course will depend on what an individual thinks is important. For many of us days and weeks are very busy with legitimate pursuits. For others of us whose shadows are lengthening, the day and week is frequently consumed by contemplating how it used to be. In the former case joy is to a certain extent dictated by the success we have enjoyed in our pursuits. For the latter the joy frequently comes in memories and unexpected events as the day unfolds. But when all is said and done all that which brought joy in our lives comes to an end. We die and there is no joy in death.

To that extent our life is no different than that of the people of the earth through the ages. Frequently as one "mall-sits" and observes people, some rushing here and there, others resting on the bench simply putting in time until the day ends one wonders what lies behind the quick step and smiling face of the busy shopper, or within the heart of the weary bench-sitter.

One wonders. Is the busyness of the majority or the weariness of others indicative of something? Are some so busy that they have no time for the Lord God, if indeed they even know Him. Is the busyness they exhibit merely a mask for the insecurity they feel? Is their heart consumed with "getting", but void of meaning and hope? What about the weary and worn? Are they drowning in self-pity at the way it used to be when they were able to spend their time in chasing their dreams? We do not know, but this we *do* know. How dark and void the heart if Christ is not welcome and does not dwell in one's heart!

People die and there is no joy in death? Is that really so? Where Christ is not all in all it is so, but for the Christ believer who knows and believes that he is known of God having been redeemed by the blood of the Lord Jesus the sorrows we know and the loneliness we feel is supplanted by joy in remembering that the Lord Jesus Christ has not forgotten us. Even death itself cannot separate from God the trusting heart. There is sorrow of separation in the heart of those whom we leave behind in death, but there is joy for those who have departed in the Lord. The child of God can say, "Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever" (Psalm 30: 11- 12). There is joy in the presence of God for those who have died in the Lord. I wonder, and I wonder, how many of the busy shoppers and the weary bench-sitters know that and believe that!

Occasionally I wonder the same about ourselves- not because we do not believe, but because we do not take time during the day to come into the presence of God in our devotion, or pause on the day of worship to come into the presence of God around the Word and sacrament? Do we permit our legitimate pursuits and frequently our material and temporal concerns deprive us of the joy of being in God's kingdom even now? Are we so consumed by the past that we cannot appreciate the fact that our God is still with us, and has laid up for us an eternal inheritance? If our hearts are not filled with joy even in the midst of present sorrows might it be because we have trampled Him under foot in our daily pursuits or because we have placed the Lord on the back bench of our heart or have let Him in only at our convenience?

You are happy and joyful you say? Good! But only that joy is real that is rooted in the love of God who daily invites us to come into His presence now and hereafter.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Al Rosendahl

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

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

Hospitality Team 6: Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland

Church Cleaners: Sandhoefner School Cleaners: Sandhoefner

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Pat Paplow

Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice Sandhoefner

Church Cleaners: L. Radichel School Cleaners: NA

† OUR SCHEDULE †

- Today:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
- Wed., Nov. 26:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Service
- Thur., Nov. 27:** 9:30 am – Thanksgiving Service at Berea
- Sun., Nov. 30:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 1)
- Wed., Dec. 3:** 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Service
- Dec. 7, 14:** 12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service Rehearsals
- Sun., Dec. 14:** Music Recital
- Wed., Dec. 17:** 7:00 pm – Candlelight Service
- Fri., Dec. 19:** 2:00 pm – Grace Lutheran School @ Northtown
7:30 pm - ILC Concert @ Messiah – Eau Claire, WI
- Sun., Dec. 21:** 9:00 – Christmas Eve Service Rehearsal
12:00 – Council Meeting
- Wed., Dec. 24:** 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service
- Thu., Dec. 25:** 10:00 am – Christmas Day Service
- Wed., Dec. 31:** 7:00 pm – New Years Eve Service

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Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King of all the earth.

Psalm 47