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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Lent 3

Date: March 15, 2009

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 19, TLH p. 126*

Hymn: *TLH 159: Go To Dark Gethsemane*

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

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

P: My eyes are ever on the Lord,

C: For only He will release my feet from the snare.

P: I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy.

C: I say, "You are my Refuge, my Portion in the land of the living."

P: Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need;

C: Rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

P: Set me free from my prison that I may praise Your name.

C: Then the righteous will gather about me because of Your goodness to me. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 249: Isaiah, Mighty Seer*

Isaiah, mighty seer, in days of old

The Lord of all in spirit did behold

High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,

With flowing train that filled the Temple quite.

Above the throne were stately seraphim;

Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.

With twain they veiled their faces, as was meet,

With twain in rev'rent awe they hid their feet,

And with the other twain aloft they soared,

One to the other called and praised the Lord:

"Holy is God, the Lord of Sab-ā-ōth!

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Holy is God, the Lord of Sab-ā-ōth!

Behold, His glory filleth all the earth!"

The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,

And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.



First Reading: *John 2:13-22*

Jesus authenticates His ministry by foretelling the sign of His resurrection.

Gradual:

P: Oh, come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C: The author and finisher of our faith,

P: Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning the shame,

C: And sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

P: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

C: That whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Second Reading: *Harmony of the Passion*

Jesus before Pilate.

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

Hymn: *TLH 390: Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blest*

Sermon: *1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

(22) For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; (23) but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, (24) but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (25) Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (NKJVTM)



We Preach Christ Crucified

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *WS 767: Church of God, Elect and Glorious*

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

Hymn: *WS 769: Lift High the Cross*

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 †

- ◆ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek services continue this Wednesday, 7 pm. Our focus this year is on Christ in the Creatures of the Passion, looking at passages that illustrate Christ as various creatures with their unique characteristics. Come and be spiritually edified by the Scriptures which point to Christ as our Savior from sin. The services are preceded by our soup suppers at 6 pm.
- ◆ **Among Us:** On Monday, Sue Anne Kirkham's stepmother (Mary Williams) died peacefully after several days of being unconscious and several years of slowly losing her connection with her surroundings. May the Lord grant Sue Anne and her relatives the peace of Christ's reconciliation and resurrection.
- ◆ **Baby Shower:** The ladies of Grace are invited to a baby shower for Laura Wales on Saturday, March 21, 11:00 am at Grace. A formal invitation with all the information is on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Annual Report:** As the annual report gets ready for publishing, some have asked for an electronic copy in order to save some money. If you wish such a copy, please indicate on the sheet by the guest book.
- ◆ **Women's Retreat:** A reminder that there is still time to register through the informational brochures by the guest book. The retreat is scheduled for April 17-19 at La Crosse, WI. Registration is due March 17.
- ◆ **Summer Camp:** This year's camp is at the ILC campus. Camp dates are July 19-25 for campers going into grades 5th-9th. The cost for camp will be \$100. We are also running our Pre-camper program again, for children ages 5-9 and will be half-a-day in the mornings. The camp website is <http://youthcamp.clclutheran.net/>.
- ◆ **Youth Conference:** The conference is June 22-27 at West Harrison, IN. Information is available at www.youthconference.info
- ◆ **Coloma Anniversary Invitation:** This year Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church of Coloma is commemorating 50 years of the blessings of God's grace. On Sunday, June 14, two special services will be conducted in our midst. One in the morning at 10:00 and another in the afternoon at 4:00. A former pastor of the congregation, Jim Sandeen, will serve as guest speaker in the afternoon service. Following the afternoon service a potluck meal will be served. A short program will be presented in connection with the potluck.
- ◆ **Teacher Retirement:** Teacher Karen Strike will be retiring from the teaching ministry this May at the end of the school year. She has taught grades 3-5 the past four years here at Luther Memorial School. She and husband Ron will be moving back to Minnesota to be with family near the Okabena congregation. Lord willing, we plan on a farewell celebration/luncheon for her following services on Sunday morning May 3. All are invited!
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Easter account and hymn

CHANGE AND HOPE

A certain politician ran on a platform of change and hope. We are in the process of learning what the change entails. We have not yet seen the hope realized. Of course the "change and hope" idea is very subjective. What change occurs and what hope is realized will depend on one's perspective, but we can be reasonably sure that politicians who ran on the platform will declare it realized.

We do need change in this nation. We need a return to personal responsibility, to commitment to truth and morals, to appreciation of life at the beginning as well as at the end. We need a change (turn) from the greed and selfishness as well as the lies and deceit that are so much a part of our society and political landscape. You can add your own change scenarios.

Change: In the church we need a return to more than lip service to God and to the Bible. We cannot equate our nation with Judah of old. Yet as Judah was the favored of God, we can speak within the church the words of the Lord who said, to Judah, "Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah" (Jeremiah 3:11). This was a heavy indictment against Judah! The Lord called for change. "Return, O backsliding children" (v.14). The Lord is calling this nation to repentance – to change of mind and heart. But it begins with repentance of individuals who constitute a nation. It begins with each believing child of God recognizing the reality of sin, and making confession unto the Lord, "I have sinned." There is no meaningful national repentance or repentance in the church that does not begin within the heart of each sinner. To that end it is essential that the church faithfully proclaim the Word of God- the law of God- as well as the gospel without which hope remains unfulfilled. "When a wicked man dies, his expectation will perish, and the hope of the unjust perishes" (Proverbs 11:7).

HOPE: But when the Christian speaks of hope and its fulfillment of what are we speaking? We surely desire that our nation prosper in its undertakings, and that we be able to live peaceably and comfortably here. Yet the reality is that in this sinful world we will never attain to the full realization of that for which we hope. The hope of the child of God is anchored in something that is beyond that for which men hope in the world. The Apostle Peter praised God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ "Who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). The hope that is the breath of our life anchored in heaven, which depends not on the state of the economy, but is rooted in the faithfulness of God who does not change, and is confirmed by the meritorious atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ. Whatever the circumstance on earth, the expectation and hope of the believer will not perish!

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Dave Rust
Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Keith Radichel, Eli Wales,
 Bob Vandever, Rick Nelson
Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel;
 Pat Paplow
Hospitality Team 4: Mark & Trudy Wales; Al Rosendahl;
 Karen Auel; Bob & Suki Vandever
Church Cleaners: M. & T. Wales School Cleaners: NA

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Keith Radichel, Eli Wales,
 Bob Vandever, Rick Nelson
Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever;
 Clint Welker; Mark Wales
Hospitality Team 5: Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick;
 Frank & Ann Radichel
Church Cleaners: M. & T. Wales School Cleaners: Ferris

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 3)
 11:15 am –Hospitality
Wed., Mar. 18: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
 7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Service
Sat., Mar. 21: 11:00 am – Laura Wales Baby Shower
Sun., Mar. 22: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 4)
 11:15 am –Hospitality
Sun., Mar. 29: 6:30 pm – ILC Tour Choir @ Messiah – Eau Claire, WI

Last Week's Stats: Mar. 8, 2009 Sun.: 126 S.S.: ?? B.Cl.: 36 Wed.: 65

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,015.45	CLC:	728.00	
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	1,205.50	CLC:	160.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,230.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-9.05	CLC:	-112.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	29,636.27	CLC:	9,891.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	32,300.00	CLC:	10,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,663.73	CLC:	-109.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition:	255.91	
GLC Other:	52.00	MDF:	102.00	Kinship:	51.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	81.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

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Christ
 the POWER of
 GOD and the
 WISDOM of
 God

1 Corinthians 1:24