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*Grace Lutheran Church & School*

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**Church Year:** Advent 2      **Date:** December 6, 2009

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 24, TLH p. 128*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 55: Come, Thou Precious Ransom Come*

**Liturgy:** ..... *TLH, p. 15 ff. (Laminated Sheet in Pew Also Available)*

Note: Today we will sing the introit and have the Advent candle lighting in place of the liturgy from pages 16 - 19.

**Introit:** ..... *Tune of TLH 58: O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee*  
Behold, Daughter of Zion, Salvation now draws near;  
The Lord will speak His message That all may rightly hear.  
Grant us a heart with gladness, Shepherd of Israel, dear,  
Thou ledest us like Joseph, With Thee we have no fear.

**Advent Candle Lighting:** ..... *The Bethlehem Candle*  
*We light this candle as a symbol of proclamation. This we experience because Christ came to earth at Bethlehem. May the Word sent from God through the apostles and prophets lead us to the way of salvation.*  
*O come, O come, Emmanuel!*

**Response:** ..... *TLH 62: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*  
Oh, come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
And order all things, far and nigh,  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



**First Reading:** ..... *Philippians 1:3-11*  
As the Apostle Paul sits in chains, he expresses thanksgiving for the Philippians fellowship and love. He encourages them to abound more and more in such love.

**Gradual:**

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
**C: Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!**  
P: See, your King comes to you,  
**C: Righteous and having salvation.**  
P: Alleluia, Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for Him;  
**C: All mankind will see God's salvation! Alleluia.**



**Second Reading:** ..... *Luke 3:1-6*

John the Baptist is introduced as the one who would prepare the way of the Lord by preaching Law and Gospel which would level hearts for the Lord.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 61: Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People*

**Sermon:** ..... *Malachi 3:1-4*

(1) "Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts. (2) "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderer's soap. (3) He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness. (4) "Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD, As in the days of old, As in former years. (NKJV™)

**You Are Purified in Christ**

- 1. Prepared by the message**
- 2. Refined in the Refiner's fire**
- 3. Rendered pleasant to the LORD**

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 63: On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

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

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

**Distribution:** ..... *TLH 314; TLH 65*

**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 62, st. 4: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Among Us:** This Thurs. our teacher, Ellen Bergstrom, will be having surgery. Please keep her in your prayers! Jesus says: "In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."
- ◆ **Midweek Advent Services:** This year's Midweek Advent services will be held on Wednesdays, Dec. 2 and 9, 7:00 pm. There will also be a Candlelight service held on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 7:00 pm.
- ◆ **Christmas Meal:** Please join us for a fellowship meal at 6 pm prior to the Candlelight service on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Committee #1 is in charge. Dessert is being provided from the Dorcas Guild's Christmas cookie bake. Those attending may bring sandwiches and salads to share.
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Service:** Our children will be rehearsing for the service on the following dates:
  - ◆ Sun., Dec. 6: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
  - ◆ Sun., Dec. 13: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
  - ◆ Sun., Dec. 20: 9-9:45 am (please be here earlier than 9 am so that we can start promptly in order to get through everything)

December is a busy month, but please understand the importance of these rehearsals for a successful Christmas Eve service. Each child should attend at least 2 out of the 3 sessions, but attending all three is obviously the most preferable. The children have a wonderful opportunity to express the Good News of our salvation through Jesus Christ. The parents' help is greatly appreciated to make everything go well, as is evident by how well things have gone the past few years.
- ◆ **Grace 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 13.
- ◆ **ILC Recital:** The ILC music teachers extend an invitation to attend the student Piano/Organ Recital next Sunday, Dec. 13, at 3:00 p.m. in the ILC Fieldhouse.
- ◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** This year's Christmas concert will be held on Fri., Dec. 18, 7:30 pm, at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. Those who wish to sign up for a ride on the bus, there is a signup list for the trip. Plan on a 4:45 pm departure time from the church.
- ◆ **Northtown Concert:** The Christian Day School children will be presenting a concert at the Northtown Mall on Friday, December 18, 2:00 pm. They will be located at the inside-of-the-mall entrance to Best Buy. Please come and support the school kids!
- ◆ **Catechism Class:** A reminder that class will be suspended on Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 for the Christmas break. Class will resume on Jan. 6.
- ◆ **Cleaning 2010:** The 2010 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.



- ◆ **Hospitality 2010:** Anyone wishing to be on a Hospitality Team or come off a team needs to notify Laura Wales by December 13, 2009, so the calendar for next year can be made.
- ◆ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the four called workers of the congregation.
- ◆ **Mission Calendars:** 2010 calendars are available which focus on our CLC missions. If you would like one, please make a \$3 donation to the MDF. Copies are available below the mailboxes.
- ◆ **Eden Prairie Worship:** Regular Sunday morning services are being held at 9:00 am in Eden Prairie, MN, as an outreach effort in the southwest area of the Twin Cities. Fliers are by the guest book.
- ◆ **Nomination Slate for 2010:**
  - President: Phil Radichel
  - Vice President: Jack Kirkham
  - Secretary: Michael Dick, Rick Nelson
  - Treasurer: Paul Lentz; Jeff Radichel
  - Financial Secretary: Brandon Paplow
  - Elder: Ed Lentz, Roger Ochsner
  - Education: Benno Sydow, Michael Ude
  - Trustee: Pat Paplow, Bob Vandevveer
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Bruce Naumann of Grace in Sleepy Eye, MN, and Faith in New Ulm, MN, has accepted the call to be the second pastor at Messiah in Eau Claire. † CLC President John Schierenbeck has announced that Pastor Naumann, as a result of his new duties, will be resigning from the Board of Missions effective Dec. 31. An appointment to replace will be coming. † Rev. Philip Matzke, Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Morning Star Lutheran in Fairchild, WI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** All Parts for Christmas Eve

### **Last Week's Stats:** Nov. 29, 2009 Sun.: 117 S.S.: 20 B.Cl.: 35 Wed.: 73

|                         |               |            |          |            |           |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Sun. Offering:          | Grace:        | \$2,899.30 | CLC:     | \$652.00   |           |
| Wed. Offering:          | Grace:        | \$691.00   | CLC:     | \$60.00    |           |
| Weekly Need:            | Grace:        | 3,300.00   | CLC:     | 1,000.00   |           |
| -Under / +Over:         | Grace:        | +290.30    | CLC:     | -288.00    |           |
| Year-to-Date Offering:: | Grace:        | 141,130.15 | CLC:     | 42,698.40  |           |
| Year-to-Date Need:      | Grace:        | 158,400.00 | CLC:     | 48,000.00  |           |
| Year-to-Date (+/-)      | Grace:        | -17,260.85 | CLC:     | -5,301.60  |           |
| Other Offerings:        | Living Faith: | 25.00      | Tuition: | 28.00      |           |
| GLC Other:              | 73.35         | MDF:       | 52.00    | Kinship:   | 50.00     |
| ILC Student Aid:        | 3.00          | ILC Bldg.  | 97.00    | IIF: 10.00 | CEF: 0.00 |

McKenney Help: \$202

*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: Frank Radichel

Ushers: Benno Sydow, Brian Eichstadt, Gary Gunther, Rich Rhinesmith, Jeff Stifter, Larry Nelson

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

Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Mikey Oman; Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan

Church Cleaners: Kitzman      School Cleaners: Sandhoefner

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Mark Wales, Pete Fleischer, Don Auel, Ole Olmanson, Brandt Wendland

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

Hospitality Team 4: Mark & Trudy Wales; Al Rosendahl; Karen Auel; Bob & Suki Vandever

Church Cleaners: Kitzman      School Cleaners: Dick

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Advent 2)  
11:15 am – Hospitality with luncheon  
12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal

**Wed., Dec. 9:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship

**Sun., Dec. 13:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 3)  
11:15 am – Hospitality & Grace Music Recital  
12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal  
3:00 pm – ILC Piano/Organ Recital

**Wed., Dec. 16:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
7:00 pm – Candlelight Service

**Fri., Dec. 18:** 2:00 pm – Christian Day School Northtown Concert  
7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert

**Sun., Dec. 20:** 9:00-9:45 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal  
12:00 pm – Council Meeting  
3:00 pm – Christmas Carol Outing

**Thu., Dec. 24:** 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship

**Fri., Dec. 25:** 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship

**Thu., Dec. 31:** 7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Worship w/ Lord's Supper

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