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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 1

Date: January 10, 2010

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 2, TLH p. 123*

Hymn: *TLH 128: Brightest and Best of the Sons*

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

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

P: Endow the King with Your justice, O God,

C: The royal Son with Your righteousness.

P: He will judge Your people in righteousness,

C: Your afflicted ones with justice.

P: For He will deliver the needy who cry out,

C: He will take pity on the weak and the needy, and save the needy from death. 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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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: *1 Samuel 16:1-13*

Young David is selected from among his brothers in order to be king.

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. We saw His star in the east

C: And have come to worship Him. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 2:10-18*

Jesus is not ashamed to call us His family!

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

Hymn: *TLH 387, st. 1, 5-8: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

Sermon: *Matthew 12:46-50*

(46) While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him.

(47) Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You." (48)

But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" (49) And He stretched out

His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! (50) "For whoever does the will of My Father

in heaven is My brother and sister and mother." (NKJV™)

Jesus – The True Family Man

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

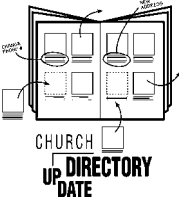
Hymn: *TLH 96: Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly*

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

Hymn: *TLH 464: Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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 †

- ◆ **CLC History:** In celebration of the CLC's 50th anniversary, a book called *A History of the CLC* is being published this year. In order to estimate how many books to publish, the CLC Bookhouse is requesting that a sign-up sheet be used during the next two weeks. Signing up does not obligate one to purchase the book, but preorders are \$24.95. The 500 page book will be \$29.95 after publication. Grace member Rick Nelson was involved in the layout of the book.
 - ◆ **Directory:** We are again preparing for the publication of the yearly directory at Grace. Please check your contact information in the draft copy of the directory located in the narthex. Place a check mark by your entry if it is correct. If it is not, then please edit as necessary. If you wish to add email or cell numbers, please do so. Your cooperation is appreciated as we attempt to produce an accurate directory.
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- ◆ **Quilt Day:** Back by popular demand, on Sat., January 16, those who are interested are invited to help assemble two quilts for the ILC after-banquet party. We will be making an Americana rag quilt and a brick quilt. We hope to start bright and early at 9:00 am and stay until the projects are completed. Please bring something to add to the lunch menu. Sewing machines, irons, ironing boards, and cutting tools will be needed. - Ann Radichel
 - ◆ **Women's Retreat:** Brochures for this year's retreat have been placed in members' mailboxes. If you didn't receive one, there are extras by the guest book.
 - ◆ **Reminder:** Hospitality has certainly been a blessing to our congregation, making it a tighter-knit family. This includes the children bonding well. This has led to a few issues in the hallway and classrooms. The Council asks that the children please stay in the fellowship hall area when eating food items during hospitality to keep the classrooms and hallways tidy.
 - ◆ **Cleaning 2010:** Many, many openings on the list, including the next six weeks.
 - ◆ **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.
 - ◆ **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.
 - ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross in Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call to Morning Star Lutheran in Fairchild, WI.
 - ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #15, First Article, Part 2

THE OLD PATHS: "... God and God alone can teach the truth, for He only is the source and foundation of truth. Hence those who proclaim the Word of God must exercise supreme care that what they preach is the Word of God. This can be accomplished only when the messenger bases his message squarely upon and makes it consonant with the written Word of God, the Bible. When the minister preaches, God must be heard ... what unbelievers need above all else is teaching or doctrine. What blinds the understanding of men is ignorance, and ignorance can only be dispelled by truth. Hence, the missionary and evangelistic activity of the church must be doctrinal in character" (Young, *The Book of Isaiah*, Vol 1. P 105).

The more elderly among us can remember simpler times, times that have over the years been replaced by exploding technology and many other inventions and applications. In some cases these advances have made life easier in one sense, but in another more complicated especially for those among us who cannot figure out how to use them. A case can be made that some of the new inventions have contributed to the degeneration of the social and spiritual culture in which we now move. The latter conclusion is not faulting the inventions themselves, but the corrupt minds that use them for their own purposes.

Christ believers are not anti-progress. But we do yearn for stability in our life. In all the changing scenes of life the stability for which we yearn is found in the Lord God and in His Word. But for many even that source of strength is being stripped away, not because the living, gracious God has changed in His nature or His saving will for man, but because men in the imagination of their own hearts have sought to displace God Who reveals Himself in Scripture as the source of truth as well as Truth itself. Those who will not buy into the suggestion that God's Word is too dated and dusty for the "enlightened" age in which we live are deemed to be doctrinaire and incorrigible. As Christ believers who pray, "Sanctify them [us] through Thy Word, Thy Word is truth" (John 17:17), we invite that judgment.

As we move into a new year, and as the CLC celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2010, we dare never forget the content of the lead paragraph. God alone teaches truth. As He has called us into His family, and made us instruments in the exercise of His prophetic office, we are faithful to Him and serve Him only if we remember who we are — His ambassadors — and what His commission to us is. Only as we base our message — law and gospel — "squarely upon and make it consonant with the written Word of God," are we faithful instruments in laying a stable foundation in a world of instability. Only as we set forth the doctrines of God and not of men will the Heavenly Father bless us and those who hear us. Only as God's revealed Word is preached do people find rest and stability in Christ for time ... and perfect rest for eternity.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Al Rosendahl

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: Kirkham

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

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

Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Peter Fleischer; Jeff & Sarah Radichel

Church Cleaners: Cleaners needed for next 6 weeks

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 10:00 am –Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Wed., Jan. 13: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sat., Jan. 16: 9:00 am – Quilt Day

Sun., Jan. 17: 9:00 – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:30 am – Annual Voters Meeting & Dorcas Guild

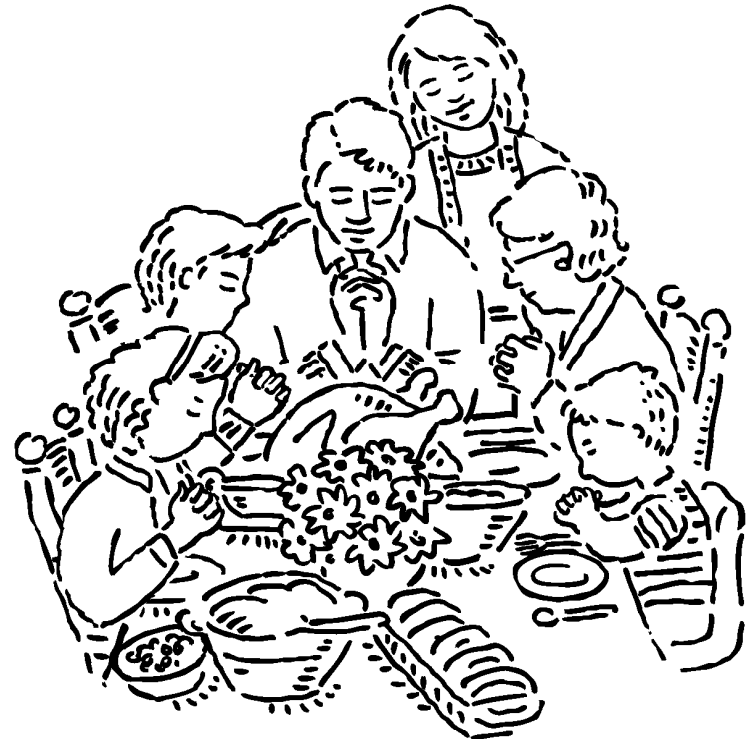
Sat., Jan. 30: 9:00 am – Congregational Work Day

Wed., Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 3, 2009 Sun.: 101

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,339.75	CLC:	\$600.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,015.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-675.25	CLC:	-400.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$2,339.75	CLC:	\$600.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	3,015.00	CLC:	1,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-675.25	CLC:	-400.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	28.00	Tuition:	0.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	51.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	50.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

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**"Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and
honor and power and might
be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."**

Revelation 7:12, NRSV