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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Epiphany 4 **Date:** February 7, 2010

✠ **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** ✠

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

Hymn: *TLH 244: Glory Be to God the Father*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 15 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie): *TLH, pp. 16-17*

P: The Lord is compassionate and gracious,

C: Slow to anger, abounding in love.

P: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

C: So great is His love for those who fear Him.

P: As far as the east is from the west,

C: So far has He removed our transgressions from us. Glory be to God.

Gloria in Excelsis: *WS 758, st. 4*

**C: Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!**

First Reading: *Isaiah 6:1-6*

Isaiah sees a vision of God's glory.

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: Alleluia. Alleluia. Bless those who persecute you;

C: Bless and do not curse. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 14:12b-20*

God's glory in miracles pales in comparison to understanding His Word

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

Hymn: *TLH 657: Beautiful Savior*

Sermon: *Psalm 19:1-14*

(1) The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. (2) Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. (3) *There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.* (4) Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, (5) Which *is* like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *And* rejoices like a strong man to run its race. (6) Its rising *is* from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat. (7) The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple; (8) The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether. (10) More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. (11) Moreover by them Your servant is warned, *And* in keeping them *there is* great reward. (12) Who can understand *his* errors? Cleanse me from secret *faults*. (13) Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous *sins*; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression. (14) Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer. (NKJV™)

GOD'S GLORY IS DECLARED!

- 1. Universally in God's Creation of the Heavens**
- 2. Unequivocally in God's Word of Testimony**
- 3. Personally in God's Work on My Heart**

Offertory: *TLH p. 22 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 284: Father of Mercies, in Thy Word*

Offering & Prayer:

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

Distribution: *TLH 315: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

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 130, st. 1 & 6: O Jesus, King of Glory*

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Among Us:** Roger Brandt was hospitalized last weekend due to blood issues. He was released on Monday. May the Lord continue to keep Roger as the doctors try to identify the problem.
- ◆ **Lenten Services:** Our midweek Lenten services will begin next Wednesday, February 17. There will be six services at 7 pm, preceded by the Lenten soup suppers at 6 pm. The services will focus on the profound love demonstrated by our Savior through His sufferings and death.
- ◆ **Lenten Soup Suppers:** Please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall to bring soup and/or serve and cleanup at the soup suppers during the season of Lent. Supper will be served at 6:00 pm before each Wednesday night service.
- ◆ **CLC History:** In celebration of the CLC's 50th anniversary, a book called *A History of the CLC* is being published this year. 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.
- ◆ **Grace School Tourney Band:** The Seventh Annual Tourney Band will play at this year's CLC Grade school Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI on Saturday, March 13. We will be practicing for an hour in the morning and performing that same day around noon. This group is open to CLC members in grades 5-8. Students do not have to play basketball to be a part of the band. In the past we've had between 30 and 40 players, playing 5-6 songs. It is a great experience playing in a group this large, and it's a super opportunity to meet others in the CLC that enjoy band! If you've never tried it, please consider doing so this year! Music can be found on the CLC Tournament website-following the band link www.clclutheran.net/tourney/ Deadline to register is March 6. There is no fee, and student are asked to wear their school colors when they play. – Laurie Lau
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #19, Third Article, Part 1

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!



JOURNEY-DESTINATION:

Recently we saw a tee-shirt with the message: "The journey is the thing, not the destination." We do not know the context of such an expression, and can only guess at the meaning. To one who is not in tune with many of the thoughts of this generation, on first glance it could define why education in our country is in the sad state that it is. If the journey is more important than reaching the destination what is the purpose of the journey—if the educational journey is something in itself why *apply* oneself to attain a goal?

Whatever the intent and meaning of the statement, it did cause us to think in theological terms. Before sin, there was no destination. Adam and Eve were already there. When sin entered through the disobedience of our first parents, "the Lord God sent him (fallen man) out of the Garden of Eden" (Genesis 3:23). Paradise was lost! Adam and Eve and their descendants were sentenced to having to journey through the fallen and dismal world to judgment. A good description of the changed condition and hopeless journey of fallen man is given in the description of Cain's life after he murdered Abel. He was cursed from the earth. He was told, "When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth" (Genesis 4:11-12). If the journey is the thing it was not attractive, "My punishment is greater than I can bear" (5:13). However, even it was not a journey without a destination. Unless Cain repented, he was damned.

Such is the journey and destination of all mankind. The journey of fallen mankind is a miserable journey. The good times are only temporary and a delusion, and only mask the reality of pain, anguish, ills, and misery of life—and they are not very good at that. Look about in the sinful world! And then the sinner dies!

But God merciful and gracious, out of His heart of love was determined to salvage the situation. What He had determined already in eternity came to pass in time. He promised the Savior—His own Son. The incarnate Christ bore the sins of the world and endured the punishment of hell. When in our baptism the Spirit of God gave us new life through the washing of regeneration, the loving Father set our feet upon a new journey—not an aimless, wandering, about, but a *journey to a destination*.

Our journey through this life is beset with many trials and afflictions common to mankind. As difficult as they may be, under the Father's gracious will they serve to focus us on the destination—the *return to paradise!* This He does for the sake of Jesus, our Savior, in whom we have full and free forgiveness of all sin and through Whom the gates of paradise are open to us and to all who in faith cling to Him.

We conclude that the journey through life is nothing without a destination. We further conclude that the destination is not possible without the journey, however long or short it is. Dressed in robes of Christ's righteousness, the journey over, we shall wear the crown of life. Each of God's children by virtue of God's grace and Jesus' atonement can sing with honesty and conviction: "Danger and sorrow stand round me on every hand; Heaven is my fatherland, Heaven is my home" (TLH 660). The destination is reached! Blessed peace at the end of the road!

† 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 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Michael Ude

Hospitality Team 5: Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick; Frank & Ann Radichel

Church Cleaners: Anderson

School: Hein

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Mike Dick, Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner

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

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

Church Cleaners: Anderson

School: Maki

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., Feb. 10: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Feb. 14: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

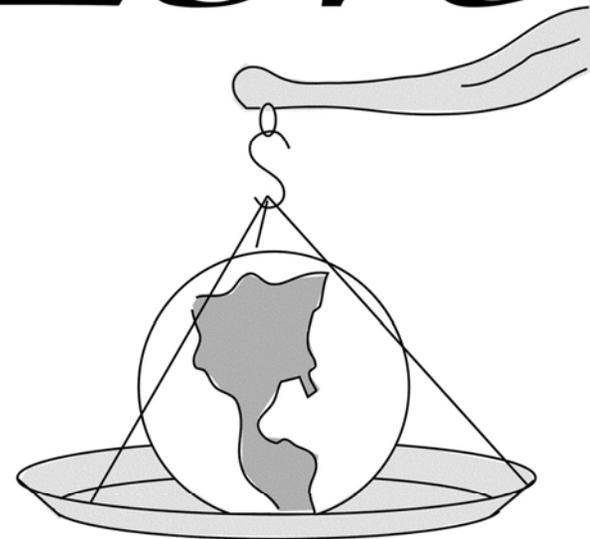
Wed., Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday
6:00 pm – Soup Supper
7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Service w/Lord's Supper

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 31, 2010 Sun.: 105 S.S.: 16 B.Cl.: 33 Wed.: 18

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,366.65	CLC:	\$713.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,015.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-648.35	CLC:	-247.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$13,484.26	CLC:	\$3,792.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	15,075.00	CLC:	4,800.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,590.74	CLC:	-1,008.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	51.00	Tuition:	27.00	
GLC Other:	43.22	MDF:	52.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	214.00	IIF: 1.00	CEF: 0.00

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The law of the
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is perfect,
reviving the soul.

- Psalm 19:7