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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Transfiguration

Date: February 14, 2010

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 148, TLH p. 156 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 135: 'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here*

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

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

P: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy mountain,

C: For the Lord our God is holy.

P: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble;

C: He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

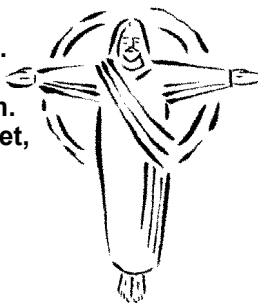
P: Great is the Lord in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations.

C: Let them praise Your great and awesome name - He is holy.

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!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sab-ā-ōth!
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.



Transfiguration
of the Lord

First Reading: *Exodus 34:29-35*
Moses shines in glory after having been in God's presence.

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. You are the most excellent of men ...

C: And Your lips have been anointed with grace. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Luke 9:28-36*
The event of Jesus' Transfiguration.

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

Hymn: *WS 719: Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

Sermon: *2 Corinthians 4:3-7*

(3) But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, (4) whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. (5) For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. (6) For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (7) But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. (NKJV™)

Christ's Glory Unveiled in Our Hearts

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *WS 720: Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair*

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

Hymn: *TLH 15: From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

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 †

- ◆ **Lenten Services:** Our midweek Lenten services will begin this 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.
- ◆ **Camp Koyquin 2010:** See www.koyquin.clclutheran.net for info.
 - ◆ Who: CLC members and friends entering grades 5 - 12
 - ◆ What: A week of fun and fellowship!
 - ◆ When: June 13th - 19th, 2010
 - ◆ Where: Camp JIM, Pillager, MN (<<http://www.campjim.org/>
 - ◆ Why: Relationship building, study God's Word, meet some mentors, be a mentor, fellowship, and fun!
 - ◆ How: By bus, plane, or car! See the website for more information
 - ◆ How Much: Camp tuition is \$150 per camper if registered by June 1st, 2010. \$175 if registered after June 1st, 2010.
 - ◆ How Do I Register? Registration will open March 12, 2010. Register online: www.koyquin.clclutheran.net/
 - ◆ Who's In Charge? Jessica Ohlmann - Registration Contact; Joelle Noeldner; Tom Naumann
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor David Fuerstenau of Holy Truth in Ketchikan, AK, has returned the call to Morning Star Lutheran in Fairchild, WI. † ILC Girls Dorm Supervisor, Alana Ahrens, is resigning from her post effective the end of this school year. Information regarding the position may be obtained from Pastor. † Pastor Steven Karp of St. Stephen in Hayward, CA, has been suffering from cancer and is without medical insurance. The CLC President has authorized an appeal for prayers and for financial help regarding medical bills. Assistance may be sent to St. Stephen Lutheran; 21290 Birch St.; Hayward, CA 94541.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #20, Third Article, Part 2



VALUE OF SELF-INFLICTED WOUNDS?

“Pope John Paul II whipped himself with a belt, even on vacation, and slept on the floor as acts of penitence and to bring him closer to Christian perfection, according to a new book by the Polish prelate spearheading his sainthood case.” Is this Luther all over again? As a young monk Luther was troubled by his sins and concerned about his relationship to God. We are told that in his room he cried out, “Oh, my sins, my sins, my sins.” Seeking relief from the conscience pangs and desiring to make himself right with God, he engaged in self-flagellation. Frequently he went without food. He slept on the floor. He even engaged in such activity as a priest and tortured himself to the point of fainting—all in a vain attempt to find peace with God.

Luther came to knowledge of the truth. He learned that self inflicted wounds of penitence—unlike the pope—did not give him peace or standing with God. Luther learned and believed that his comfort and hope lay in the truth that *Christ Jesus was wounded* for his transgressions. In his quest to find peace with God he was helped by an old monk. John Staupitz urged him to read his Bible and to put his trust in Jesus. As Luther read the Bible he found that the sins which gave him such unrest were washed away in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Luther was led by the Spirit of God to believe and trust that he was saved by grace through faith without works. He also knew that he could not come to greater perfection—he still had his sinful flesh about him as do we all—through personal merit or punishment—the law administered by self or another does not give peace or perfection. A penitent sinner simply comes before the offended Lord and honestly and contritely lays before the Lord the daily knapsack of sins. He finds forgiveness in Christ, and believes that perfection and righteousness is found in Christ, and is assimilated through faith.

Furthermore, sainthood is not earned but bestowed. It is not a result of a church edict after death, validated by the good recommendation of men, but a reality for the believer in this life. In Paul's epistles, he was not addressing the dead but the living when he addressed the “saints who are in Ephesus,” (Ephesians 1:1) or those in Rome, “called to be saints” (Romans 1:7). A saint is one who is set apart from unbelief and who by faith in Christ is recognized as holy in the sight of God the Father.

The Gospel is the power of God unto sainthood, sanctification, and eternal salvation. It is part of the deception of Rome that suggests that we can or must contribute something to attain that which our Lord God has already given us. Hardly after coming to knowledge of the truth did Luther ever sleep on the floor again to attain Christian perfection, or peace with God!

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Frank Radichel

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: Libby & Ferris School: Maki

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

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

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

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† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Wed., Feb. 17: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 6:00 pm – Soup Supper
 7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Service w/Lord's Supper

Sun., Feb. 21: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 1)
 11:15 am – Hospitality

March 12-14: Basketball Tournament for CLC Youth @ Eau Claire WI

Sun., Apr. 4: 7:30 am – Easter Breakfast; 9:00 am – Easter Worship

Last Week's Stats: Feb. 7, 2010 Sun.: 119 S.S.: 18 B.Cl.: 35 Wed.: NA

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,064.25	CLC:	\$766.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,015.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+49.25	CLC:	-194.00	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$16,548.51	CLC:	\$4,558.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	18,090.00	CLC:	5,760.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,541.49	CLC:	-1,202.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	25.00	Tuition:	50.00	
GLC Other:	2.25	MDF:	25.00	Kinship:	0.00
ILC Student Aid:	3.00	ILC Bldg.	65.00	IIF: 5.00	CEF: 120.00

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