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Church Year: Lent 2 **Date:** February 28, 2010

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 75, TLH p. 139*

Hymn: *TLH 375: If Thy Beloved Son, O God*

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

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

P: Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love;
C: For they are of old.
P: You who fear Him, trust in the Lord –
C: He is your help and shield.
P: The Lord remembers us and will bless us:
C: He will bless the house of Israel, He will bless the house of Aaron,
P: He will bless those who fear the Lord – small and great alike.
C: It is we who extol the Lord, both now and forevermore. Praise Him!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 331, st. 7-8*

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
For absolution full and free,
In which Thou showest forth Thy grace;
From false indulgence guard our race.

Praise God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
As 'twas, is now, and so shall be
World without end, eternally!



First Reading: *Genesis 28:10-17*
Jacob's dream of the ladder going to heaven.

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: Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death
C: Even the death of the cross!

S.S. Children: *TLH 151: Christ the Life of All the Living*

Second Reading: *Passion Reading*
Peter denies having followed Jesus.

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

Hymn: *TLH 380: Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*

Sermon: *Romans 5:1-8*

(1) Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (2) through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (3) And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; (4) and perseverance, character; and character, hope. (5) Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (6) For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. (7) For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. (8) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (NKJVTM)

Access to God Through His Grace in Christ

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 342: Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

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

Hymn: *TLH 457: What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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!

What are you seeking?

This is what you will find among us:

- The Bible preached as it is – the living Word of the living God; not the preaching of social, political, theological, or ethical opinions of men.
- Man acknowledge as he is – born in sin, prone to error and doomed to hell unless rescued by God Himself; not man morally capable of redeeming himself.
- Jesus Christ worshipped as the Son of God made flesh to redeem lost and condemned mankind; not a Christ molded to accommodate the modern mind.
- God confessed as He has revealed Himself: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost – three divine Persons, one divine Essence; not some god fashioned either by the hand or the mind of man.
- Salvation proclaimed by grace through faith in the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; not by the works or efforts or striving of man.
- The Gospel preached and the Sacraments administered as the means of grace whereby the Holy Spirit creates and preserves faith; not self-induced religious experience or any so-called faith apart from that which is created by the Spirit through the Gospel.
- The Church accepted in faith as the congregation of believers – the creation of the Spirit of God; not a human organization subject to the manipulations of men.
- The business of the Church considered to be the preaching of forgiveness for the regeneration of individuals into eternal life; not the redemption of the world to conform to some social pattern of men.
- Ecumenism as Spirit-created unity in the Gospel; not as 'agreement to disagree' for the sake of power, organization, or the demands of expediency.
- Christian liberty in all that is neither forbidden nor commanded by our Lord; bondage to no word of man.
- All the Bible teaches – nothing more, nothing less.



*Grace Evangelical
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† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Among Us:** Don Auel's father, Arnie, recently had congestive heart failure. He is now in hospice. May the Lord keep him steadfast in the faith that the Holy Spirit has given him.
- ◆ **Thanks:** Many thanks for all your prayers and to those who were so kind to send those beautiful get-well cards while I was home with a bad leg. It's still not real good, but I'm hoping it will get much better soon. The Lord's blessings to all. Thank you, Alice Weibye.
- ◆ **Lenten Services:** Our midweek Lenten services are being held on Wednesdays at 7 pm, preceded by the Lenten soup suppers at 6 pm. The services are considering the theme "Road Signs to Calvary," focusing on various signs in Scripture which guide us to the cross and our Savior's love.
- ◆ **Vicar:** At our last Council meeting, Grace accepted the invitation to host a vicar this coming August through September. The vicar assigned to us is Seminarian David Pfeiffer, son of ILC President, John Pfeiffer. We will be working out some of the arrangements of his vicarage in the coming weeks. David is in his second year at Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. He is married to Deana nee Johannes. They have two children, Samuel (2) and Joshua (8 months). We pray that David's vicarage at Grace will be a mutual blessing!
- ◆ **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 (www.campjim.org)
 - ◆ 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/
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Joel Fleischer of Calvary in Marquette, MI, has received the call to St. John's in Clarkston, WA, and Peace in Orofino, ID.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #22, Review of all three articles

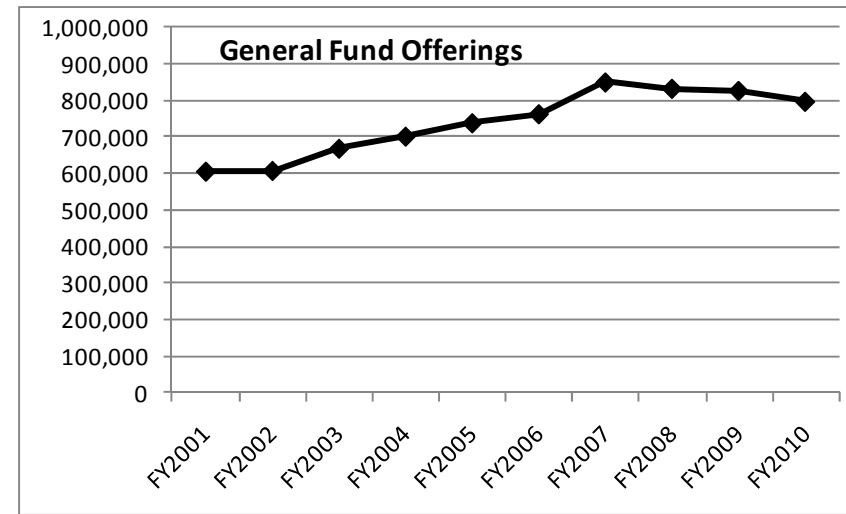
Our country is going through difficult times with the economy and unemployment causing hard times also for our families. The national recession has adversely affected offerings. As a result, congregations in our CLC fellowship have needed to reduce budgets and programs. To date the work that we do together as the Church of the Lutheran Confession has gone on as planned, but offering shortfalls are making significant cuts in the CLC budget necessary as well. Thankfully, we are confident that our Lord will continue to provide for family, church and CLC, though perhaps not at the same level we had planned. He will bless the resources He gives us for His work.

We present this update to help all see where the CLC is financially. The following summary shows the budget through the first seven months of the year (July 2009 to January 2010). The offerings are less than what was budgeted, and the spending is over the budget.

| General Fund | Offerings | | Disbursements |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|---------------|
| Budget: | \$ 520,333 | Plan: | \$ 520,333 |
| Received: | \$ 476,382 | Spent: | \$ 530,746 |
| Deficit: | \$ (43,951) | Deficit: | \$ (10,413) |
| Total General Fund Deficit: | | | \$ (54,363) |

The responsible boards of the CLC have been working to reduce expenses but some areas (such as the food and utilities at ILC) have experienced cost increases which are making reductions difficult. Thankfully, the CLC General Fund has a reserve which has covered this deficit to date, but at the current offering rate the reserve will be used up by the end of this fiscal year (June 30). We are prayerful & hopeful the Lord may prosper our membership resources so that we may continue His work at the level planned.

The graph shows the General Fund offerings over the past several years and the estimate for the current year. The decline in the General Fund offerings since 2007 is significant. Compared to the increases from 2002 to 2007 the effect of the decline is even more significant. The CBP budget estimate from congregations for the coming year is following the downward trend.



Looking forward to the next fiscal year (beginning in July of 2010) it now appears that significant cuts in the budget will be needed. The congregational offering (CBP) estimates for the next fiscal year show a 3.8% (\$32,000) decline in offerings from this years estimate. With normal cost increases of about 3% each year, the budget impact will require a reduction of between 5% and 8% in our current programs. A reduction of that magnitude will result in significant changes.

The purpose of this update is not to alarm or raise dire predictions of financial failure. It is simply to communicate the current situation to the membership of the CLC. Our Lord has blessed us individually and as a church body, and we will do His work as best we can with the resources that He provides through you.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis Elder: Frank Radichel
Ushers: Mike Dick, Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Nick
 Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner
Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel;
 Pat Paplow
Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Peter
 Fleischer; Jeff & Sarah Radichel, Jenny Kleifgen
Church Cleaners: Vandever School: Sandhoefner

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Mike Dick, Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Nick
 Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner
Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever;
 Clint Welker; Mark Wales
Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Ryan & Mikey
 Oman; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan
Church Cleaners: F. Radichel School: Sandhoefner

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 2)
 11:15 am – Hospitality
Wed., Mar. 3: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 6:00 pm – Soup Supper
 7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Service
Sun., Mar. 7: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 3) w/ Lord's Supper
 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. 21, 2010 Sun.: 114 S.S.: 18 B.Cl.: 38 Wed.: 69

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|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|----------|------------|------------|
| Sun. Offering: | Grace: | \$2,526.60 | CLC: | \$887.00 | |
| Wed. Offering: | Grace: | \$712.34 | CLC: | \$275.00 | |
| Weekly Need: | Grace: | 3,015.00 | CLC: | 960.00 | |
| -Under / +Over: | Grace: | +223.94 | CLC: | -202.00 | |
| Year-to-Date Offering:: | Grace: | \$23,991.20 | CLC: | \$6,401.00 | |
| Year-to-Date Need: | Grace: | 24,120.00 | CLC: | 7,680.00 | |
| Year-to-Date (+/-) | Grace: | -128.80 | CLC: | -1,279.00 | |
| Other Offerings: | Living Faith: | 16.00 | Tuition: | 55.00 | |
| GLC Other: | 18.76 | MDF: | 17.00 | Kinship: | 65.00 |
| ILC Student Aid: | 0.00 | ILC Bldg. | 166.00* | IIF: 15.00 | CEF: 17.00 |

* \$100 Memorial – Martha Barts

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