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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

Church Year: Lent 4

Date: March 14, 2010

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 32, TLH p. 130 f.*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 351: Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

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

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

P: The Lord is my strength and my shield;

**C: My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped.**

P: The Lord is the strength of His people,

**C: A fortress of salvation for His anointed one.**

P: Save Your people and bless Your inheritance;

**C: Be their shepherd and carry them forever. Glory be to God!**

**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:** ..... *Numbers 21:4-9*

Israel is spared death from the fiery serpents by looking to the pole.

**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: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,

**C: That whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

**Second Reading:** ..... *Passion Reading*

Peter denies having followed Jesus.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 245: God Loved the World So that He Gave*

**Sermon:** ..... *John 3:14-21*

(14) "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, (15) "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (16) "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (17) "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (18) "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (19) "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. (20) "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. (21) "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God." (NKJV™)

## "The Son of Man Was Lifted Up for All"

1. Christ came to save all

2. Salvation comes to all who believe in Him

3. Condemnation comes to all who love darkness

Guest Speaker: Pastor Emeritus Daniel Fleischer

**Offertory:** ..... *TLH p. 12 f.*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 381: I Know My Faith is Founded*

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

**Hymn:** ..... *WS 769: Lift High the Cross*

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Thank You** to our guest speaker, Pastor Emeritus Daniel Fleischer. Pastor Fleischer has retired and has moved into the Twin Cities area. They are intending to live in the Oakdale area. Pastor Hein is preaching at Eden Prairie this morning and, God-willing, will be back for the Council meeting.
- ◆ **New Address:** Jesse & Gil Maestas; 10643 Kell Ave S.; Bloomington, MN 554373. Phone: 952-681-2099.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Easter Breakfast:** A signup sheet has been posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board for the Eater breakfast.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Beginning at 10:00 am, March 21, 2010, Luther Memorial Church in Fond du Lac, WI, is celebrating 50 years of God's grace with special events planned for this day of our congregation's anniversary. All are welcome and encouraged to come, especially former members and friends for this special "homecoming" service. Pastor Tom Schuetze, the son of one of our original pastors, is our guest speaker. After the morning service a special fellowship meal has been planned to which all are invited. Following the meal will be an afternoon 50th Anniversary Program. Your presence will enhance our worship for the day and we hope you can attend. Please RSVP to Pastor Dave Naumann email address:  
ddnaumann@clclutheran.com or home phone (920) 922-3318.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Berea of Inver Grove Hts. will host the ILC Choir on Sunday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. with luncheon to follow concert. Grace members are invited.
- ◆ **CLC News:** As announced last week, Mr. Libby has resigned from his call as teacher and principal here at Grace. He intends to fulfill the remainder of the year. † From President Schierenbeck: Richard Kanzenbach will undergo the second phase of his colloquy. I would request that any information or comments be forwarded to Daniel Fleischer of the Board of Doctrine by April 12.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #24, Baptism 2.

*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!*

## CHANGE AND HOPE:

A certain politician ran on a platform of change and hope. We are in the process of learning what the change entails. We have not yet seen the hope realized. Of course the "change and hope" idea is very subjective. What change occurs and what hope is realized will depend on one's perspective, but we can be reasonably sure that politicians who ran on the platform will declare it realized.

We do need change in this nation. We need a return to personal responsibility, to commitment to truth and morals, to appreciation of life at the beginning as well as at the end. We need a change (turn) from the greed and selfishness as well as the lies and deceit that are so much a part of our society and political landscape. You can add your own change scenarios.

*Change:* In the church we need a return to more than lip service to God and to the Bible. We cannot equate our nation with Judah of old. Yet as Judah was the favored of God, we can speak within the church the words of the Lord who said, to Judah, "Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah" (Jeremiah 3:11). This was a heavy indictment against Judah! The Lord called for change. "Return, O backsliding children" (v.14). The Lord is calling this nation to repentance – to change of mind and heart. But it begins with repentance of individuals who constitute a nation. It begins with each believing child of God recognizing the reality of sin, and making confession unto the Lord, "I have sinned." There is no meaningful national repentance or repentance in the church that does not begin within the heart of each sinner. To that end it is essential that the church faithfully proclaim the Word of God - the law of God - as well as the gospel without which hope remains unfulfilled. "When a wicked man dies, his expectation will perish, and the hope of the unjust perishes" (Proverbs 11:7).

*HOPE:* But when the Christian speaks of hope and its fulfillment of what are we speaking? We surely desire that our nation prosper in its undertakings, and that we be able to live peaceably and comfortably here. Yet the reality is that in this sinful world we will never attain to the full realization of that for which we hope. The hope of the child of God is anchored in something that is beyond that for which men hope in the world. The Apostle Peter praised God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ "Who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). The hope that is the breath of our life anchored in heaven, which depends not on the state of the economy, but is rooted in the faithfulness of God who does not change, and is confirmed by the meritorious atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ. Whatever the circumstance on earth, the expectation and hope of the believer will not perish!

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 3/6/2009

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner**      Elder: **Frank Radichel**  
Ushers: **Pat Paplow, Gerald Anderson, Dan Degnan, Ryan Ohman, Brandon Paplow, Andrew Rosendahl**  
Counting Team 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Michael Ude**  
Hospitality Team 4: **Mark & Trudy Wales; Al Rosendahl; Karen Auel; Bob & Suki Vandever**  
Church Cleaners: **F. Radichel**      School: **none**

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: **Pat Paplow, Gerald Anderson, Dan Degnan, Ryan Ohman, Brandon Paplow, Andrew Rosendahl**  
Counting Team 4: **Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel**  
Hospitality Team 5: **Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick; Frank & Ann Radichel**  
Church Cleaners: **M & T Wales**      School: **Ferris**

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 4)  
 11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

**Wed., Mar. 17:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
 6:00 pm – Soup Supper  
 7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Service

**Sun., Mar. 21:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 – Sunday School and Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 5)  
 11:15 am – Hospitality

**Thu., Apr. 1:** 7:00 pm – Grace Student Fair (Book Theme)  
**Fri., Apr. 2:** 7:00 pm – Good Friday Service w/Lord's Supper  
**Sun., Apr. 4:** 7:30 am – Easter Breakfast; 9:00 am – Easter Worship

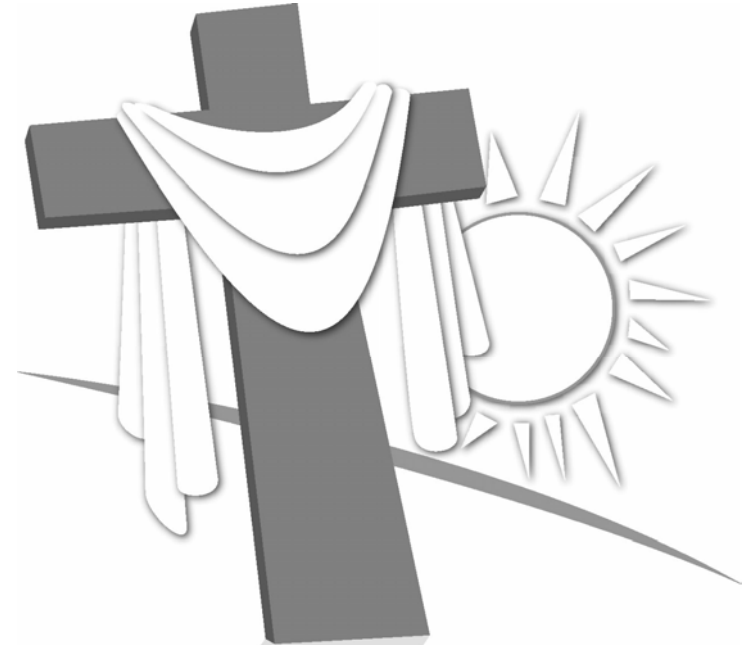
**Last Week's Stats:** Mar. 7, 2010 Sun.: 105 S.S.: 13 B.Cl.: 35 Wed.: 63

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,661.83	CLC:	\$1,081.00	
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$717.75	CLC:	\$40.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,015.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+364.58	CLC:	+161.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$32,225.58	CLC:	\$8,509.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	30,150.00	CLC:	9,600.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+2,075.58	CLC:	-1,091.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	41.00	Tuition:	42.00	
GLC Other:	20.05	MDF:	17.00	Kinship:	65.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	66.00	IIF: 15.00	CEF: 15.00
SW Metro:	425.00	ILC Student Aid Endowment:	1.00		

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“...the LORD has  
laid on him the  
iniquity of us all.”

Isaiah 53:6b