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*Grace Lutheran Church & School*



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 Church Year: Epiphany 6      Date: February 13, 2011

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 119, Part 1, TLH p. 149*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 231: We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost*

**Liturgy:** ..... *WS, p. 12 ff. (Pastor sings Lord Have Mercy, top of p. 13)*

**First Reading:** ..... *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*  
 Walk in God's will and you will be blessed. Walk apart from God's will and you will perish.

**Responsive Psalm:** ..... *Psalm 119:41-48*

- P: Let Your mercies come also to me, O LORD;*
- C: Your salvation according to Your word.**
- P: So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me,*
- C: For I trust in Your word.**
- P: And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,*
- C: For I have hoped in Your ordinances.**
- P: So shall I keep Your law continually,*
- C: Forever and ever.**
- P: And I will walk at liberty,*
- C: For I seek Your precepts.**
- P: I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings,*
- C: And will not be ashamed.**
- P: And I will delight myself in Your commandments,*
- C: Which I love.**
- P: My hands also I will lift up to Your commandments, which I love,*
- C: And I will meditate on Your statutes.**

**CDS Children:** ..... *TLH 346: Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be*

**Second Reading:** ..... *1 Corinthians 2:6-13*  
 God's will is revealed to us through the Spirit working in the Word.

**Alleluia:** ..... *WS p. 14 f.*

**Confession of Faith:** ..... *Apostles' Creed, WS p. 15*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 295: The Law of God Is Good and Wise*

**Sermon:** ..... *Matthew 5:20-22*  
 (20) "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. (21) "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' (22) "But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

**A MURDER MYSTERY: WHO DONE IT?**

- 1. You are the murderer in your own heart**
- 2. You are the righteous in connection with Christ**

**Offertory:** ..... *WS p. 16*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 370: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

**Offering, Prayers, Benediction:**

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 47: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

*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** †

- ◆ **Among Us:** Adeline Schwartz, mother of Norma Rust, passed away this last Wednesday. "... Jesus Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ..." 2 Timothy 1:9-10.
- ◆ **A Card Shower:** will be held for Ron and Karen Strike who will be celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary on February 12, 2011. Ron and Karen are former members of Grace, Karen having served as one of our teachers. Cards may be sent to: Ron and Karen Strike; 418 Harrison St; Round Lake, MN 56167
- ◆ **Directory:** Please check your contact information in the draft copy of the directory located in the narthex.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor David Schaller of Redeemer in Dowagiac, MI, has received the call to Trinity in Spokane, WA.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #20, Third Article, Part 2

## **NOT WORTH THE PRICE:**

As fallen man thinks, so he walks. “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies” (Matthew 15:19). The heart is the seat of human thought and emotion and since the fall into sin the heart of man is corrupt.

One of the strongest indictments of fallen man is made in Genesis 6: 5,6: “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, [And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth-NKJV] and it grieved Him at His heart.” Consequently, the Lord sent the flood which destroyed the wicked but it did not remove sin from the earth. “Then he (Noah) drank of the wine, and was drunk ...” (Genesis 9:21).

We conclude that sin is not conquered by the Law; the most that the Law can do in this regard is restrain sin to a degree!

To remove the power, the stain, and the consequences of sin takes something more powerful than the Law. It is the work of the Gospel to implant a new heart that enlivens mankind to think and walk differently from the old corrupt way and in a way that delights the Lord. “...(God) hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began” (2 Timothy 1:9).

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians concerning prevalent sins among them. One of these sins was sexual immorality. He reminded them: “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate (homosexuals), nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. *And such were some of you...*” (1 Corinthians 6:9-11a). The Corinthian Christians living in the corrupt society of their time were in extreme danger of slipping back into the old ways, and in fact were overlooking some of these sins in their own midst. Paul found it necessary to remind them, “But you were washed (Baptized), but you were sanctified (Set apart), but you were justified (Declared righteous) in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:11). The manner of many among

them, and the lax attitude of many toward these sins—“It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you... and you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned” (1 Corinthians 5:1,2)—demonstrated that they were not reflecting what they were as newborn children of God.

The people of God of our generation are living in a Corinthian society. Corruption is all about us. As people still in the flesh, we too frequently are enamored with the old life; the sins described by Paul that merit God’s judgment are all too frequently making their way into the church. For whatever reason, others in the church to whom such sin is still abhorrent, are seemingly resigned to it and are unable or unwilling to exercise the discipline to speak out, or to exercise the corrective action which Christian love calls for over against those who are identifying with the world rather than Christ.

Fellow Redeemed of God who have been washed, sanctified and justified, we are called to have a different outlook on life than those who though redeemed and justified, nevertheless reject the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Believers in Christ are called to be different in their manner of life than that of the ungodly who “walk about in darkness” (Psalm 82:5). Paul told the Corinthians “He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him” (1 Corinthians 6:17).

That is a description of each Christ-believer through the ages, including ourselves. We attained to that union being “bought with a price” (6:20)—the blood of the only begotten Son of God.

***We were not worth the price!*** Be that as it is, the Father appointed the price, and Jesus paid it! Such is God’s grace! Of that same grace is given to us the privilege “to live under Him in His kingdom, and (to) serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness...” until such time as we are delivered from this present evil world to the blissful perfection of heaven.

Neither our own propensity to sin nor the “times in which we live” excuse those who are bought with a price from striving daily in repentance and faith to be what they are, namely, children of God called to “glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s” (6: 20).

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 2/13/2011

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Janelle Hein      Elder: Larry Nelson  
Ushers: Mark Wales, Don Auel, Ole Olmanson, Eli Wales,  
 Brandt Wendland  
Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel;  
 Pat Paplow  
Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Jenny  
 Kleifgen  
Church Cleaners: Vandever      School: Maki

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Mark Wales, Don Auel, Ole Olmanson, Eli Wales,  
 Brandt Wendland  
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: Sydow & Dahl      School: Maki

† OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Sun. School & Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service  
 11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting  
**Wed., Feb. 16:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class  
**Sun., Feb 20:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Sun. School & Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service  
 11:15 am – Hospitality  
**Sun., Feb. 27:** Meal & silent auction for the class trip  
**Wed., Mar. 9:** 7:00 pm – Ash Wed. Worship (Midweek Lent Starts)

**Last Week's Stats:** Feb. 6, 2011 Sun.: 127 S.S.: ?? B.Cl.: 40 Wed. 19

Week's Offering:	Grace:	\$3,342.64	CLC:	\$1,966.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,850.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+492.64	CLC:	+1,006.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$16,680.31	CLC:	\$6,452.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	17,100.00	CLC:	5,760.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-419.69	CLC:	+692.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	25.00	Tuition:	525.00	
GLC Other:	1.25	MDF:	148.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	70.00	ILC Bldg.	25.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

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