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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Lent 3

Date: March 27, 2011

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 143, p. 155*

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

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

First Reading: *Isaiah 42:14-21*

The Lord will lead the spiritually blind that they may be enlightened.

Responsive Psalm: *Psalm 119:41-48*

P: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: While I live I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P: Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.

C: His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish.

P: Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in the LORD his God,

C: Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever,

P: Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry.

C: The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.

P: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;

C: The LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous

P: The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow;

C: But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.

P: The LORD shall reign forever;

C: Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Second Reading: *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Having been brought into the light, we are to walk as children of light.

Alleluia: *WS p. 14 f.*

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

Hymn: *TLH 388: Just as I Am*

Sermon: *John 9:24-41*

(24) So they [Pharisees] again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man [Jesus] is a sinner." (25) He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." (26) Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" (27) He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" (28) Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. (29) We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." (30) The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He has opened my eyes! (31) "Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. (32) "Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. (33) "If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." (34) They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. (35) Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" (36) He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" (37) And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." (38) The he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshipped Him. (39) And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind." (40) Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?" (41) Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains." (NKJVTM)

"Examining Our Spiritual Eyesight"

I. Blinded by virtual reality

II. Cleared up by Christ

Offertory: *WS p. 16*

Hymn: *TLH 42: O Thou Love Unbounded*

Offering, Prayers, Benediction:

Hymn: *TLH 179: On My Heart Imprint Thine Image*

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our Midweek Lenten services are held at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Our series this year is entitled, "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Cross," Lenten meditations based on the Beatitudes. This coming Wed. Pastor Hein will preach on, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."
- ◆ **Lenten Soup Suppers** will be held before every Lenten service starting at 6 pm. If you are interested in bringing soup and/or serving at one or more supper(s), please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ◆ **Thanks** to all those who helped work behind the scenes to make last week's Tour Choir concert a success!
- ◆ **Note to Hospitality Teams:** Extra food for hospitality is no longer located in the freezer, but is located in the left side of the tall pantry cupboard. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Lentz.
- ◆ **Easter Flowers:** There is an Easter flower sign-up sheet on the cupboard in the narthex if you are interested in purchasing either an Easter Lily or other spring flower for our Easter service. Please see Jackie Radichel if you have any questions.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor David Fuerstenau of Holy Truth in Ketchikan, AK, has received the call to Trinity in Spokane, WA. † Mrs. Carrie Reim has been called by Messiah in Eau Claire, WI, to fill the position taught by Beth Sydow, who is retiring. The call is to teach 1st grade all day and add 2nd grade for the afternoon. † Miss Anita Meyer of Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI, has been called by Immanuel in Winter Haven, FL, to be its lower grade teacher. Mrs. Sharon Schierenbeck is retiring from teaching at the end of this school year. † Today Rev. Terrel Kesterson will be installed as the Pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA. After the service there will be a luncheon and the congregation will also celebrate the 25th anniversary of their church building.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #24, Baptism 2

Last Week's Stats: Mar. 20, 2011 Sun.: 133 S.S.: ? B.Cl.: 37 Wed.: 51

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,288.85	CLC:	\$836.00
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	544.50	CLC:	100.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,850.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-169.65	CLC:	-338.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$31,187.80	CLC:	\$10,560.50
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	31,350.00	CLC:	10,560.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-162.20	CLC:	+0.50
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	1.00	Tuition:	178.00
GLC Other: 2.75	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid: 20.00	ILC Bldg.	20.00	IIF: 20.00	CEF: 0.00

* \$2,488 was donated for the Immanuel Tour Choir with 164 attending the concert

CLC E-Devotion

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Mark 14:35-36 Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

A REAL STRUGGLE

From the distance of millennia, the sufferings of Jesus seem just that, distant. It's the same with all history. That's why battle seemed glamorous to the soldiers who enlisted to fight in the "Great War." After seeing the actual trenches, they came home with a different view.

Jesus' experience in Gethsemane teaches us that this was no mere play-acting by the Son of God. The anticipation of what He was about to suffer brought Him to his knees, in more ways than one.

The Gospel writers tell us Jesus was overcome with sorrow. He told His friends that He was so overwhelmed that it was nearly killing Him. As He prayed, His sweat fell on the ground like great drops of blood (Luke 22:44). God even felt the need to send an angel to strengthen Him (Luke 22:43).

Jesus' struggle was real, because our sin is real. If He was to pay the full price for the sins of all mankind, He was going to have to experience the whole hell that man's sins deserve. It's not hard to understand why Jesus prayed that if there was some other way to save sinners, then let's do it that way.

Though unspoken, the Father's answer is shown to us in the events that followed. The answer: "No, My Son. There is no other way to free sinners from hell. You must suffer it in order for them to be forgiven." This was a crushing answer for Jesus, but the most liberating for you and me.

Dear Christians, struggle against sin. Fight against those daily temptations that war against your soul. But DO NOT for a moment think that you are struggling for your forgiveness. THAT struggle and suffering has already been done by Christ. And because it is, you stand completely forgiven.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Frank Radichel
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 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Jenny
Kleifgen
Church Cleaners: Rosendahl School: Story

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: David Stifter, John Auel, Scott Baker, Al
Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Micheal Ude
Counting Team 4: Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl;
Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner
Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Ryan & Mikey
Oman; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan
Church Cleaners: M. & T. Wales School: K. & T. Baker

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sun. School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., Mar. 30: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship Service

Sun., Apr. 3: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sun. School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
11:15 am – Hospitality

April 8-9: Grace School Upper Grade Class Trip

Fri., April 15: Immanuel High School Visitors Day

April 15 & 16: 7:30 pm – ILC Play: "Charlie Brown"

Sun., April 17: PALM SUNDAY
11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

Fri., April 22: GOOD FRIDAY
7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship w/Lord's Supper

Sat., April 23: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Sun., Apr. 24: EASTER
7:30 am – Easter Breakfast
9:00 am – Easter Worship (Please note time)

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