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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Advent 4

Date: December 18, 2011

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 89, TLH p. 141 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 70: Hosanna to the Living Lord*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 5 ff. (Laminated Sheet in Pew Also Available)*

Note: Today we will sing the introit and have the Advent candle lighting in place of the liturgy from pages 6 - 9.

Introit: *Tune of TLH 58: O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee*

Drop down with grace, ye heavens, Drop down now from above.
And let the skies show favor With righteousness and love.
Let earth bring forth salvation, Let His bright light arise!
The heav'ns declare His glory, The firmament His praise.

Advent Candle Lighting: *The Angel Candle*

We light this candle as a symbol of purity. This we will experience when the pure and holy angels accompany Jesus' coming again on the last day. May the visitation of Your Holy Spirit, O God, purify us that we may be ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Response: *TLH 62, st. 4: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*

Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



First Reading: *2 Samuel 7:8-16*

The offspring of David will have His throne established forever.

Gradual:

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C: Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!

P: See, your King comes to you,

C: Righteous and having salvation.

P: Alleluia, Alleluia. The virgin will be with Child and give birth to a Son,

C: And they will call His name Immanuel, God with us. Alleluia.



Second Reading: *Luke 1:39-56*

Mary visits Elizabeth and praises God for the manifestation of the Savior.

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

Hymn: *WS 705: Come, O Long-Expected Jesus*

Sermon: *Romans 16:25-27*

(25) Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began (26) but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures has been made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith; (27) to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen. (NKJVTM)

At Christmas the Mystery Is Revealed

1. *By the prophetic Scriptures*

2. *To establish us in our faith*

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 76: A Great and Mighty Wonder*

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

Hymn: *TLH 85, st. 13-15: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

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 speak with you!

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

◆ **Candlelight Service:** This Wednesday at 7 pm we will continue our series: “*Stars of Promise*.” This service will be our annual candlelight service preceded by the congregational Christmas meal at 6 pm. Please join your fellow Christians! Dessert is being provided from the Dorcas Guild’s Christmas cookie bake. Those attending may bring sandwiches, salads, or a dish to share. Dorcas Guild group #2 will be serving.



◆ **Christmas Worship:** Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 6:00 pm with our children presenting the Christmas Gospel. The theme this year is: *The Stars of Christmas*. Christmas Day worship (on a Sunday this year) will be held at 10:00 am. May the Morning Star of Jesus Christ arise in your own heart this Christmas!

◆ **Video Tape:** A reminder that we are having a Christmas Eve service instead of a Christmas Eve program. Therefore, we ask that parents and friends avoid taking flash pictures and videotaping during this service so that the focus remains on the joyous message of our Savior’s birth. Our Christmas Eve service will be discreetly videotaped and made available by request. If you are interested in a copy, please speak with Pastor, Frank Radichel, or Rick Nelson. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

◆ **Catechism Class:** Class will be suspended on Dec. 28 for the Christmas break. Class will resume on Jan. 4.

◆ **2012 Cleaning:** The 2012 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.

◆ **Hospitality 2012:** If you are interested in being added to or removed from the Hospitality committee list for 2012, please speak with Laura Wales.

◆ **Nomination Slate for 2012:**

- President: Al Rosendahl
- Vice President: Eli Wales
- Secretary: Jack Kirkham
- Treasurer: Paul Lentz
- Elder: Phil Radichel, Dave Rust
- Education: Roger Ochsner, Michael Ude
- Trustee: Ryan Oman, Brandt Wendland



◆ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation’s three called workers.

◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** All Christmas Eve Service parts

CLC E-Devotion

December 26, 2010

Luke 2:12-13 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel . . .

HEAVENLY CHILD

When a child is born in one of our families, we let others know about the joyful event. We send out cards or we get on the telephone as quickly as we can. But Jesus’ birth was announced unlike the birth of any other. When He was born, a great company of angels appeared in the sky saying, “Glory to God in the highest.”

How did Jesus rate a heavenly chorus? Actually, one could quite expect such messengers, for this Baby was from heaven itself. Hadn’t the angel Gabriel told Mary months earlier that her son would be great and would be called the Son of the Most High? The heavenly announcement at Christ’s birth puts an exclamation mark to this that Jesus is truly “God of God, Light of Light.”

Yet the shepherds found more when they went to the manger. They did not discover a bright shining spirit-being in Mary’s arms, but they found a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Jesus looked like a baby, made noise like a baby, and had needs like a baby. Nothing of the Lord’s outward appearance would have led his visitors to know that this human was any different than any other.

Thus in the angelic announcement and in the manger bed we find this mystery: Jesus fully divine and fully human. Two natures are here brought together in an amazing, miraculous way.

“We believe, teach, and confess that the Son of God, although from eternity He has been a particular, distinct, entire divine person, and thus, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, true, essential, perfect God, nevertheless, in the fullness of time assumed also human nature into the unity of His person, not in such a way that there now are two persons or two Christs, but that Christ Jesus is now in one person at the same time true, eternal God, born of the Father from eternity, and a true man, born of the Virgin Mary” (Formula of Concord).

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** Elder: **Ed Lentz**
Ushers: **Pat Paplow, Dan Degnan, Brian Eichstadt, Eric Eichstadt, Ryan Oman, Brandon Paplow**
Counting Team 1: **Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Pat Paplow**
Hospitality Team 1: **Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice Sandhoefner**
Church Cleaners: **Kitzman** School: **Baker**

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: **Pat Paplow, Dan Degnan, Brian Eichstadt, Eric Eichstadt, Ryan Oman, Brandon Paplow**
Counting Team 2: **Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales**
Hospitality Team 2: **Bye**
Church Cleaners: **Kitzman**

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

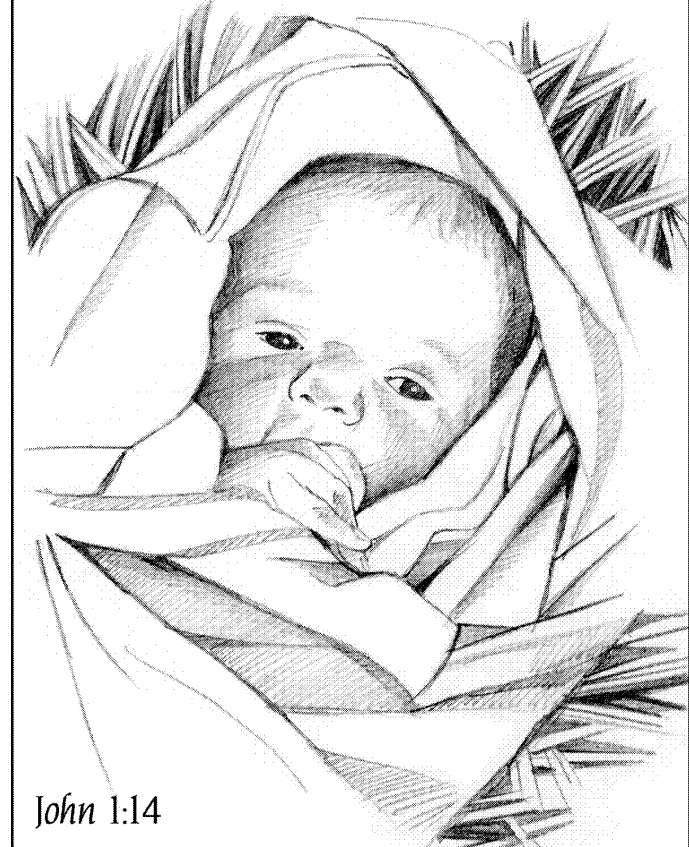
Today: 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal (No Bible Class)
 10:00 am –Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality
 12:00 pm – Council Meeting
Wed., Dec. 21: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Dinner
 7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship
Sat., Dec. 24: 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship
Sun., Dec. 25: 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship
 (No S.S. or Bible Class)
 Hospitality suspended until Jan. 8
Sun., Jan. 1: 10:00 am – New Years Day Worship w/Lord’s Supper
 (No S.S. or Bible Class)

Last Week’s Stats: Dec.. 11, 2011 Sun.: 105 S.S.: 12 B.Cl.: 42 Wed.: 70

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,959.30	CLC:	\$878.00	
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,054.14	CLC:	\$515.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,850.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+163.44	CLC:	+433.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$143,684.06	CLC:	\$46,369.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	142,500.00	CLC:	48,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+1,184.06	CLC:	-1,631.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	5.00	Tuition Aid:	330.00	
GLC Other:	52.50	MDF:	5.00	Kinship:	108.00
ILC Student Aid:	15.00	ILC Bldg.	225.00	IIF: 5.00	CEF: 5.00

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*The Word became flesh and
 made his dwelling among us.*



John 1:14