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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Transfiguration

Date: February 19, 2012

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 148, TLH p. 156 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 468: For All Thy Saints, O Lord*

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

First Reading: *2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2*

While Moses' face was veiled due to the greatness of God's glory, the veil is taken away in Christ Jesus.

Psalm of the Day: *Psalm 148*

P: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

C: Praise Him in the heights!

P: Praise Him, all His angels;

C: Praise Him, all His hosts!

P: Praise Him, sun and moon;

C: Praise Him, all you stars of light!

P: Praise Him, you heaven of heavens,

C: And you waters above the heavens!

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

C: For He commanded and they were created.

P: He also established them forever and ever;

C: He made a decree which shall not pass away.



Transfiguration
of the Lord

Second Reading: *Mark 9:2-9*

The glory of God is shown in Jesus as He is transfigured on the mountaintop.

Alleluia & Confession of Faith: *WS p. 14 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 135: 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here*

Sermon: *2 Kings 2:1-12*

(1) And it came to pass, when the LORD was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. (2) Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel. (3) Now the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" (4) Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they came to Jericho. (5) Now the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" So he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" (6) Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on. (7) And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. (8) Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground. (9) And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." (10) So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." (11) Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. (12) And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.

The Glorious Departure of God's People

1. It is not a natural event
2. It influences those who remain
3. It reminds us that life is about serving the LORD

Offertory, Offering, & Prayer: *WS p. 16 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 463, st. 1-6: For All the Saints*

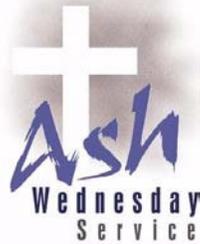
Benediction: *Follow by Singing: Amen, Amen, Amen*

Hymn: *TLH 212, st. 5-7: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

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 †

- ◆ **Midweek Lenten Worship:** Beginning this Wed., Feb. 22, we will be having our Midweek Lenten worship services at 7 pm. The devotions this year will be based upon the Seven Words of Christ. The words spoken by Jesus were profound in their spiritual meaning and application. Let us take the opportunity to meditate on the grace and love of our Savior God this Lenten season! There will be a pulpit rotation between Berea of Inver Grove Hts. and Our Redeemer's of Red Wing.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Next Sunday:** The Sunday School children will be singing "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary," TLH 145.
- ◆ **Grace Kindergarten:** The Grace School Board of Christian Education would like to start a Kindergarten program for 2012-13 year. We decided not to add the responsibility to either of the current full or part time teachers. Additional compensation for another teacher for a kindergarten program was not included in the budget for the 2012 year. Thus we are looking for ideas/feedback with the following items: frequency, how many days per week, full day, ½ day --- AM or PM; who will teach this grade; and how to fund the kindergarten program for 2012. Please forward your ideas or concerns to members of the school board: Benno Sydow, Rick Nelson, or Michael Ude.
- ◆ **Liberia Collection:** Last week the Council approved the plan to collect items for children in Liberia. Alvin Jask is making a list of certain items that may be need. We ask that members be aware of this, but to hold off on donations until planning is in place.
- ◆ **Marriage Seminar:** A Marriage Enrichment Retreat is being offered by Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI. It will be held at the Comfort Inn in Black River Falls, WI on Friday evening and Saturday, March 30-31. Couples can take part in the sessions only at a modest cost, or they can make the event a pleasant "get-away" by purchasing an overnight stay. Brochures with complete information and registration are available by the guest book. Deadline for registrations is Sunday, March 11.
- ◆ **Women's Seminar:** A reminder that there are brochures by the guest book regarding the Christian Women's Seminar held at LaCrosse, WI, on April 13-15.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Rev. Michael Gurath has returned the call to Rock of Ages in Grand Rapids, MI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #20, Third Article, Part 2



PASSION REVISIONISM:

From 2004 When the Movie was Released ...

"Then answered all the people, and said, 'His blood be on us, and our children'" (Matthew 27:25). This word spoken by the Jews before the tribunal of Pilate at the trial of Jesus is, according to reports, being struck from the film "The Passion of the Christ" which is to be released on Ash Wednesday. The film, which is said to be the most faithful depiction of the passion of Christ, will at least on this point be less than complete. The cry of the mob, which demanded of Pilate the crucifixion of Jesus, is historical fact. The film is revised under pressure of the charge of anti-Semitism.

The reality is that people can deny truth, but they cannot change it. It cannot be struck from Scripture! The truth is that the people cried, "Away with this man ..." (Luke 23:18). When Pilate hesitated they spoke the words, which essentially said, "If this man is innocent, let God be our judge." On Pentecost to the gathered "men of Israel," the apostle Peter said concerning Christ, "Him ... ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain ..." (Acts 2:23).

It is not mean-spirited to point out truth! It is mean spirited if self-righteous judges in society believe it is their responsibility to stand as judge in the place of God, or if they use the Jew's words of self condemnation as a justification for mistreatment of them. People are not to sit and calculate how they can make sure judgment comes to pass. Judgment belongs to God.

However, there is a way to escape divine judgment. It is the way of repentance. The Lord Jesus Christ died for the sins of the world, even those who crucified Him! God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. That is why Jesus died for you and me. Honesty compels us to admit that it is our sin that brought Jesus to the cross. Unless we are willing to be honest, the blessings of the passion of Christ will pass us by, and we too have the blood of Christ on our hands. The penitent sinner – Jew or Gentile – will acknowledge (TLH 143):

*Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit, This I do merit.*

As it is, Christ's blood is upon us, not in judgment, but in blessing. For the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin, and where there is forgiveness of sins there is also life and salvation. The grace of Christ is magnificent to all those who believe Christ's person, work, and word!

The great tragedy is that as Passion revisionism, or denial, is perpetuated the grace of God that brings salvation from judgment passes the perpetrators and deniers by. To Jew and Gentile alike it is addressed: "Repent ye, and believe the Gospel" (Mark 1:15).

Rev. Daniel Fleischer (2/8/2004)

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: **Marueen Ochsner** Elder: **Phil Radichel**
Ushers: **Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel,
 Bob Vandev eer, Bobby Vandev eer, Matt Vandev eer**
Counting Team 2: **Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandev eer;
 Clint Welker; Mark Wales**
Hospitality Team 3: **Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Ryan & Mikey
 Oman; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan**
Church Cleaners: **M & T Wales** School: **Story**

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: **Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel,
 Bob Vandev eer, Bobby Vandev eer, Matt Vandev eer**
Counting Team 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack
 Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland**
Hospitality Team 4: **Mark & Trudy Wales; Karen Auel; Bob &
 Suki Vandev eer**
Church Cleaners: **E & L Wales** School: **Story**

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality
 1:00-3:30 pm – Mankato Basketball Jamboree

Wed., Feb. 22: ASH WEDNESDAY
 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
 7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship w/Lord's Supper

Sun., Feb. 26: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality

Last Week's Stats: Feb. 12, 2012 Sun.: 130 S.S.: ? B.Cl.: 43 Wed.: 24

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,586.58	CLC:	\$854.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-443.42	CLC:	-106.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$19,437.86	CLC:	\$6,915.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	21,210.00	CLC:	6,720.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,772.14	CLC:	+195.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	5.00	Tuition Aid:	320.00	
GLC Other:	482.00	MDF:	5.00	Kinship:	55.00
ILC Student Aid:	20.00	ILC Bldg.	80.00	IIF: 5.00	CEF: 5.00

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