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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Lent I

Date: February 26, 2012

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 6, TLH p. 124*

Hymn: *TLH 178: We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died*

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

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

P: Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge,

C: Even the Most High, your dwelling place,

P: No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

C: For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.

P: In their hands they shall bear you up,

C: Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Glory be to God.

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 249: Isaiah, Mighty Seer*

All: **Isaiah, mighty seer, in days of old**

All: **The Lord of all in spirit did behold**

Women: **High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,**

All: **With flowing train that filled the Temple quite.**

Men: **Above the throne were stately seraphim;**

Men: **Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.**

Women: **With twain they veiled their faces, as was meet,**

All: **With twain in rev'rent awe they hid their feet,**

Men: **And with the other twain aloft they soared,**

Women: **One to the other called and praised the Lord:**

All: **"Holy is God, the Lord of Sab-ā-ōth!**

All: **Holy is God, the Lord of Sab-ā-ōth!**

All: **Holy is God, the Lord of Sab-ā-ōth!**

All: **Behold, His glory filleth all the earth!"**

Women: **The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,**

Men: **And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.**

First Reading: *Genesis 22:1-18*

The Lord tests the faith of Abraham. Abraham shows himself willing to surrender the son he loves and thereby shows that he fears God.

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: Put on the full armor of God,

C: So that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

S.S. Children: *TLH 145: Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

Second Reading: *Mark 1:12-15*

The victory of Christ over Satan is demonstrated even at the beginning of His public ministry. This victory is a prelude to the defeat of Satan at Calvary.

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

Hymn: *WS 768: Be Strong in the Lord*

Sermon: *Romans 8:31-39*

(31) What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? (32) He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? (33) Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. (34) Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. (35) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (36) As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." (37) Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. (38) For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, (39) nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NKJV™)

THE TABILL OF VICTORY ... OR THE AGONY OF DEFEAT?

IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

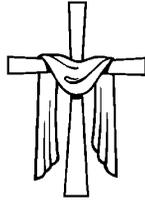
Hymn: *TLH 528, st. 1-3, 13-15: If God Himself Be For Me*

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

Hymn: *WS 785: Children of the Heavenly Father*

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

◆ **Midweek Lenten Worship:** Our Midweek Lenten worship services are held on Wednesdays at 7 pm. The devotions this year are based upon the Seven Words of Christ. The words spoken by Jesus from the cross 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! Lenten soup suppers are held before every Lenten service starting at 6 pm. If you are willing to bring 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.



◆ **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.

◆ **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.

◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #21, Third Article, Part 3

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!

CLC E-Devotions

Thursday, February 23, 2012

Hebrews 5:7 During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, He offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the One who could save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverent submission ...

WE LIVE BECAUSE OF JESUS’ OBEDIENCE AND SUFFERING

To make the perfect sacrifice, Jesus had to live a life of perfect obedience. However, this obedience would lead Him through tremendous suffering. Let us reflect on Hebrews 5:7 speaking of Jesus “who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death.”

Think back to Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was anticipating what was on the road ahead. He knew full well the excruciating ordeal He was about to undertake. He prayed so hard that we are told that His sweat was like drops of blood. This was agonizing. I remember being sent to my room as a kid, and having to sweat it out for a couple of hours until my dad came home with the punishment. In that case, as it is so often in life, the anticipation is worse than the reality. Not so with Jesus. The reality was as bad as the anticipation.

Despite knowing this, Jesus still asked for His Father’s will to be done. If there was no way for the cup of suffering to be removed, than He would drink it. Jesus was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. We are told that He learned obedience through suffering, not that He was deficient in anything, but this was His experience. As the perfect Son of God Jesus had not experienced suffering, but for the sake of mankind, and out of obedient love to His Father, He drank the cup of suffering down to the very dregs. For Him, obedience and suffering went hand in hand.

Because of the perfect obedience, Jesus became the perfect High Priest offering the perfect sacrifice. This was not some animal, but the Lamb of God Himself. Often in Lent we sing the hymn “Not All the Blood of Beasts” (The Lutheran Hymnal, 156). No matter how many sacrifices were made by the Israelites, no matter how blood-stained the altars were, no matter how great the obedience of God’s people was, it could not pay for sin. It took the perfection of Christ. We live because of Jesus’ obedience and suffering.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Phil Radichel
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

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel,
 Bob Vandev eer, Bobby Vandev eer, Matt Vandev eer
Counting Team 4: Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl;
 Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner
Hospitality Team 5: Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick;
 Frank & Ann Radichel
Church Cleaners: E & L Wales School: Baker

† OUR SCHEDULE †

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

Wed., Feb. 29: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
 7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship

Sun., Mar. 4: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
 11:15 am – Hospitality

March 9-11: Grade School Basketball Tournament @ Eau Claire, WI

Last Week's Stats: Feb. 19, 2012 Sun.: 112 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 40 Wed.: 73

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,151.75	CLC:	\$531.00
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$538.75	CLC:	\$230.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-339.50	CLC:	-199.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$22,128.36	CLC:	\$7,676.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	24,240.00	CLC:	7,680.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,111.64	CLC:	-4.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	5.00	Tuition Aid:	455.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	5.00	Kinship:	5.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	80.00	IIF:	5.00
			CEF:	5.00

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*We are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.*

Romans 8:37