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Church Year: Lent 2 **Date:** March 4, 2012

✠ **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** ✠

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 116, TLH p. 148*

Hymn: *TLH 367: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 15 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie): *TLH, pp. 16-17*

P: Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love;

C: For they are of old.

P: You who fear Him, trust in the Lord –

C: He is your help and shield.

P: The Lord remembers us and will bless us:

C: He will bless the house of Israel, He will bless the house of Aaron,

P: He will bless those who fear the Lord – small and great alike.

C: It is we who extol the Lord, both now and forevermore. Praise Him!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 466, st. 4*

Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,
One in might and one in glory, While unending ages run.

First Reading: *Hosea 5:15-6:3*

Through His work of repentance in our hearts, God gives us healing.

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: Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death

C: Even the death of the cross!

Second Reading: *Mark 8:31-38*

As Christ denied Himself by taking up His cross, so we are to do as well.

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed, TLH p. 22*

Hymn: *WS 778: Grace Has a Thrilling Sound*

Sermon: *Romans 5:1-11*

(1) Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (2) through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (3) And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; (4) and perseverance, character; and character, hope. (5) Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (6) For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. (7) For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. (8) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (9) Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. (10) For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. (11) And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. (NKJVTM)

Our Lenten Headline:

WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD!

Offertory: *TLH p. 22 f.*

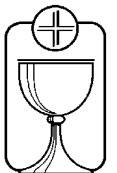
Hymn: *WS 722: Deep Were His Wounds*

Offering & Prayer:

Liturgy for the Lord's Supper: *TLH p. 24 ff.*

Distribution: *TLH 171: Upon the Cross Extended*

Note: In obedience to God's Word, and out of concern for the welfare of souls (1 Corinthians 11:29), and finally that we may honestly express the unity of faith and hope that binds us, we ask that only such as have identified with Grace through public confession of faith or another CLC congregation, approach the altar at the usher's direction.



Nunc Dimittis, Prayer, Benediction: *TLH 29 ff.*

Hymn: *TLH 391: Blessed Are the Sons of God*

† 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.
- ◆ **Easter Lilies:** There is a sign-up sheet for Easter Lilies or plants on the counter by the guest book in the narthex. Please direct any questions and payments to Jackie Radichel.
- ◆ **Grace Kindergarten:** To do? How? Just a reminder to forward your ideas or concerns to members of the school board: Benno Sydow, Rick Nelson, or Michael Ude.
- ◆ **Easter:** Our schedule for Easter (April 8) includes a breakfast served at 7:30 am followed by our Easter worship service at 9:00 am.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Michael Gurath has accepted the call to Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ, and will be installed March 25th.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #22, Review all three articles



2012 Immanuel Lutheran Tour Choir Itinerary

March 11	Dowagiac, MI	9:00 a.m.
March 11	Coloma, MI	11:30 am
March 11	Saginaw, MI	7:00 pm
March 12	Madison Heights, MI	7:00 pm
March 14	Manchester, MO	7:00 pm
March 15	Batavia, IL	7:00 pm
March 16	Hales Corners, WI	7:00 pm
March 17	Middleton, WI	1:00 p.m.
March 17	Fond du Lac, WI	7:00 p.m.
March 18	Markesan, WI	10:00 a.m.
March 25	Millston, WI	10:00 a.m.
March 25	Eau Claire, WI	6:30 p.m.

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

Friday, April 15, 2011

John 19:17-18 And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.

JESUS ON THE CROSS:

NUMBERED WITH THE TRANSGRESSORS

Crucifixion was reserved for the worst of criminals. In such a death a person was robbed of all dignity. You were crucified with very little clothing on, left to hang in the elements sometimes for days. It was a worse spectacle than hanging someone, or putting someone in the electric chair, which took only moments. This form of public execution was meant to torture and humiliate, and paraded you before the public as a vile offender.

Stop at the cross and observe that Jesus was numbered with the transgressors as was prophesied in the Old Testament. There on either side of Him was a thief paying the punishment for crimes committed.

It didn't matter that no crime could be pinned on Jesus. Pilate could not find a thing that he had done wrong. Neither could King Herod. In His trial before the Sanhedrin no two witnesses could agree to a crime that He had committed. But for Jesus there would be no slap on the wrist. There would be nails through His wrists and His feet, and out of hate He was counted as a criminal.



He was also counted as a criminal out of love. He knew that He was innocent. He volunteered to go this route. He allowed Himself to be arrested.

He allowed Himself to be nailed to that cross. In fact, on the cross He would not only be numbered among the transgressors by people, but by His Father. Jesus was literally the worst of the worst as He hung on the cross as He became an enemy of God. He became sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Council Meeting Notes – February 12, 2012

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Pastor Hein at 12:04 P.M. Roll Call: 12 present; 2 excused. Minutes of the January 8, 2012 meeting were approved as read.

Treasure's Report:

- Giving was fairly good in January.
 - Not indicative of the true month, since the money dispersed for the workers' gift was received during the previous month.
- Giving to the CLC was strong.
- The report was approved as read.

Pastor's Report:

- Nothing to report since the Ministrations Report presented at the annual meeting.

Elder's Report:

- Premiums for dental insurance increased nominally.

Board of Education Report:

- Two toilet paper dispensers in the school restrooms are being replaced with newer ones which are easier to re-fill.
- Flyer design is being finalized, and will be ready for circulation in late February or early March.
- Looking for input regarding kindergarten for the next school year.
 - How will it be financed?
 - Who will teach it?
 - It would likely be on a half day schedule.
 - The board will have an up or down decision in March.
 - Only two students have committed at this date.

Trustees Report:

- The hot water heater has been repaired.
- The January clean-up day went well and was well attended.
- The audit has not been completed as yet.
- The bay window in the parsonage has two panes which need repairs on the seals.
 - Cost: \$800.00 to re-gas and re-seal vs. \$3,000.00 for a new window
 - Benno and Larry will investigate the possibility of finding a replacement window for less at a surplus outlet.
- A question was raised about the need for bars on the east facing window in the southeast corner of the parsonage.

Old Business:

- Harassment Policy
 - The revised St. Paul's (Austin) policy was modified to fit Grace.
 - Comments
 - This is really a Board of Elders issue – not Board of Trustees.
 - The St. Paul's document is too lengthy.
 - This is really a CLC Trustees issue – not solely a congregation issue.
 - Further development should be delayed in light of the CLC development of a suggested format which all congregations could use.
 - A motion to defer the work on the policy passed.
- There were no counting errors for January offerings.

New Business:

- Electronic Meetings Procedures
 - The opinion was offered that there is nothing in our constitution stating that electronic meetings conducted for a specific issue would be invalid. However, including guidelines in the handbook would be useful.
 - The development of guidelines for electronic (virtual meetings conducted via e-mail or other electronic means in lieu of face to face meetings at a single location) was recommended.
- Recommendation: A digital copy of the constitution should be sent to all members.
- Recommendation: Digital copies of the minutes of the last meeting should be distributed to all council members prior to the next meeting. This would eliminate the need to read the minutes at the meeting – the secretary would simply ask for corrections.
- Recommendation: All replies to e-mail communications should be addressed to "all" rather than only to the sender.
- Offering envelopes will remain in their present design. More envelopes will be ordered.
- Alvin Jask requested that a collection barrel be placed near the front door for collection of school supplies and student clothing for the children in Liberia. Alvin will be going to Liberia in May and would like to ship donations to Liberia then. A motion to approve the placement of a collection barrel for that purpose passed.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 12:51 P.M.
Adapted by Secretary Jack Kirkham

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Phil Radichel
Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel,
 Bob Vandevener, Bobby Vandevener, Matt Vandevener
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

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: Benno Sydow, Gary Gunther, Larry Nelson, Jacob
 Rhinesmith, Rich Rhinesmith, Jeff Stifter
Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel;
 Pat Paplow
Hospitality Team 6: Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian &
 Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland; Eli & Laura Wales
Church Cleaners: Ude School: None

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
 11:15 am – Hospitality

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

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

Sun., Mar. 11: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Sun., Apr. 8: 7:30 am – Easter Breakfast
 9:00 am – Easter Worship

Last Week's Stats: Feb. 26, 2012 Sun.: ? S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: ? Wed.: 40

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,045.25	CLC:	\$1,088.00
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,061.06	CLC:	\$100.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+76.31	CLC:	+228.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$25,234.67	CLC:	\$8,864.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	27,270.00	CLC:	8,640.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,035.33	CLC:	+224.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	180.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	20.00	ILC Bldg.	200.00	IIF: 0.00 CEF: 0.00

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