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 Church Year: Lent 3      Date: March 11, 2012

† **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 19, TLH p. 126*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 38: The Lord, My God, be Praised*

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

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

P: My eyes are ever on the Lord,

**C: For only He will release my feet from the snare.**

P: I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy.

**C: I say, "You are my Refuge, my Portion in the land of the living."**

P: Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need;

**C: Rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.**

P: Set me free from my prison that I may praise Your name.

**C: Then the righteous will gather about me because of Your goodness to me. Glory be to God!**

**Gloria in Excelsis:** ..... *TLH 245, st. 1,6*

1. God loved the world so that He gave  
 His only Son the lost to save  
 That all who would in Him believe  
 Should everlasting life receive.

6. Glory to God the Father, Son,  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 To Thee, O blessed Trinity,  
 Be praise now and eternally!

**First Reading:** ..... *Exodus 20:1-17*

The LORD gives the 10 Commandments at Mount Sinai.

**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: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so  
 must the Son of Man be lifted up,

**C: That whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

**Second Reading:** ..... *1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

We are to preach Christ crucified, the power and wisdom of God.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 145: Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

**Sermon:** ..... *John 2:13-22*

(13) Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. (14) And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers doing business. (15) When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. (16) And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" (17) Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." (18) So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" (19) Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." (20) Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" (21) But He was speaking of the temple of His body. (22) Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER, JESUS**

1. Exhibits zeal for the Father's house

2. Exhibits zeal for souls

**Offertory:** ..... *TLH p. 12 f.*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 638: In Loud, Exalted Strains*

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

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

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Thanks** to Pastor Emeritus Daniel Fleischer for sharing the Word with us today. Pastor Hein is preaching at Eden Prairie.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Liberian Collection:** Alvin Jask has shared a list of items he would like to send over to Liberia for aid in his effort to share the Gospel with children. These will be collected in the blue barrel in the fellowship hall. Here are some examples of what he says he would like to collect: casual & light weight clothing for people of all ages; bedding, black low heel shoes for school children, socks, hair grease, used clippers for hair cuts, disposable razors, mosquito repellent, over-the-counter pain relief.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Amy Osborne has accepted the call to teach part-time at Luther Memorial school in Fond du Lac, WI.
- ◆ **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.

## RELIGION AS A PROP:

It is not only at election time but it is blatantly obvious at election time how religion is used as a prop for politicians. Recently we read in the public press, “President Obama and his family headed out to church this morning for the third time in a month, the latest sign that the president may be using religion to boost his image as the campaign heats up.” Lest we be accused of discrimination let us acknowledge that he is not the only one who finds the public show of religion convenient to his ends. It is interesting that when public show or public testimony is made it is almost exclusively the invocation of Christianity.

Why so? According to the article, “The Christian narrative is appealing to a key demographic that fled Democrats *en masse* during the 2010 midterm election – white working class voters. Obama will need to bring as many members of this group back into the fold if he hopes to prevail in critical swing states like Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina, and other must-win states in the Midwest and the South.” There is a reason why at election time we hear like at no other time a pitch made to “Catholic” voters or to voters who are characterized as “Evangelical.” That they get away with it also says something about the gullibility of those who sit in the pew!

Would we prefer in the White House or State House some one who is a serious confessor of Christ, a faithful witness in word and deed of the Lord Jesus Christ rather than an atheist, a Muslim, or some one of another religious persuasion? Certainly! In a purely political sense, however, on this side of eternity we would be pleased with someone who says what he means and means what he says; someone who tells the truth, not only when it is convenient. Even a rogue who administers the laws of the land justly and equally, and whose concern is the welfare of the state and the country is preferable to a professor of Christianity who promotes his personal political agenda or uses Christianity to appeal to constituents who pay the most, holler the loudest, and protest the most!

Most obnoxious to Christ-believers is the use of the name of God, and the invocation of the name of Jesus to attract votes. This is particularly so as the same “Christian” politicians slander one another with impunity, and otherwise reject the doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ. Further, it is a perversion of the house of God when preachers or politicians stand in pulpits—frequently with a cross behind them—to promote political agendas or politicians, or to appeal for votes.

Jesus cast the money changers out of the temple (John 2:14-15). As Jesus there manifested a zeal for the house of God, and rejected that which defiled His house, it is not a stretch to believe that if Jesus should walk into a house of God today, He would cast out the politicians and all who defile His house in the pursuit of a political agenda or a vote.

As we observe and hear the name of Christ used in the political arena for political ends, we cannot help but believe that such abuse of the name of our Lord comes under the indictment of Exodus 20:7, “The Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain.” Somehow it seems apropos to apply Luke 14:46 to those—politician or no—who use the house of God for their own purpose and rob the hearer of the sweet comfort of the Gospel of Christ: “My house is a house of prayer, but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’”

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 3/2012

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Ed Lentz

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

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: Benno Sydow, Gary Gunther, Larry Nelson, Jacob Rhinesmith, Rich Rhinesmith, Jeff Stifter

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales

Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice Sandhoefner

Church Cleaners: Hein

School: Baker

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

**Wed., Mar. 14:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper  
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship

**Sun., Mar. 18:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:15 am – Hospitality

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

**Last Week's Stats:** Mar. 4, 2012 Sun.: 108 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 46 Wed.: 80

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,477.50	CLC:	\$1,052.00	
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$764.00	CLC:	\$200.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+211.50	CLC:	+292.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$28,476.17	CLC:	\$10,116.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	30,300.00	CLC:	9,600.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,823.83	CLC:	+516.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	55.00	Tuition Aid:	159.00	
GLC Other:	12.00	MDF:	155.00	Kinship:	55.00
ILC Student Aid:	20.00	ILC Bldg.	330.00	IIF:	5.00
				CEF:	5.00

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Jesus answered them,

“DESTROY this temple,  
and I will  
RAISE it again  
in three days.”

John 2:19

