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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 3

Date: January 27, 2013

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: Psalm 143, TLH p. 155

Hymn: TLH 242: Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound

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

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

P: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets

C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

C: Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

P: The Lord is exalted over all the nations,

C: His glory above the heavens. 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!

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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: 1 Peter 1:23-2:10

As God's chosen people, we are called out of darkness to proclaim His praises.

Gradual:

P: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol Him, all you peoples.

C: For great is His love toward us; and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

C: Bring an offering and come into His courts.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Good News of the kingdom,

C: And healing every disease and sickness among the people. Alleluia.

Second Reading: Luke 4:14-21

Jesus fulfills the prophecy of being the prophet who proclaims the liberty He brings.

Confession of Faith: Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12

Hymn: TLH 66: Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

Sermon: Isaiah 61:1-6

(1) "The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound; (2) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, (3) To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified." (4) And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations. (5) Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, And the sons of the foreigner *Shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers. (6) But you shall be named the priests of the LORD, They shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory you shall boast. (NKJVTM)

Christ – Anointed to Preach

Christians – Planted to Praise

Offertory: TLH p. 12 f.

Hymn: WS 767: Church of God, Elect and Glorious

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: TLH p. 14

Hymn: TLH 364, st. 1-3, 5: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

✠ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✠

- ◆ **Thanks** to Prof. Paul Sullivan for preaching the Good News today! Prof. Sullivan serves on the faculty at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI. He also serves as Dean of Students, the challenging and rewarding task of guiding students in their walk with their Lord and Savior. Pastor Hein is preaching at Eden Prairie today.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Benno Sydow will be having surgery this coming Friday to repair a partial tear of his bicep tendon.
- ◆ **Note to Grace:** "I would like to express my deepest appreciation to any and all who have given so much love, caring, and prayers during Curt's illness. Thanks to all who contributed and served a beautiful lunch, all transportation rides and other kindnesses are an expression of Christian love. To Pastor Hein who has been our hope and support through these many months and the comfort given to Curt has been beyond the call of duty. This also includes thanks from Matt and Andrea and Dale and Dianne." – Jenettie Miesen (posted by mailboxes)
- ◆ **Sorensen Baby Shower:** A baby shower in honor of Kate Sorenson will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, here at church. Details are on the bulletin board. Please RSVP to Heidi Nelson if you plan to attend.
- ◆ **Directory:** We are again preparing for the publication of the yearly directory at Grace. Please check your contact information in the draft copy of the directory located in the narthex. Place a check mark by your entry if it is correct. If it is not, then please edit as necessary. If you wish to add email or cell numbers, please do so. Your cooperation is appreciated as we attempt to produce an accurate directory.
- ◆ **Women's Retreat:** The annual Christian Women's Retreat will be held in LaCrosse, WI, on April 5-7 Brochures with further details are available by the guest book.
- ◆ **ILC Girls Dorm:** "I would like to thank everyone for the joint effort in getting the word out for the ILC Girls Dorm room curtain needs. We have replaced all of the curtains in the girl's dorms and are planning to do a makeover in the lounge. The curtains that were purchased are energy saving black out curtains. These will help keep the rooms warmer during the winter. Please pass on thanks to your congregations for donations made for the girls." Jennifer Squires
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #18, Second 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-Devotion – Friday, January 11, 2013

Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

PROCLAIM LIBERTY

Let's suppose for a moment that you were in a position to solve any human problem and your neighbors brought to you someone who had cancer and who had no knowledge of Jesus Christ. What would you say would be more important, to cure the cancer (solve the immediate problem) or to speak of Christ to secure their eternal salvation? In many cases, Jesus did both, but He also made it clear He had come to solve spiritual problems (cf. Luke 4:18-19). The same Jesus has gathered us together into Christian congregations.

What is our purpose as a congregation? Is it merely to solve the problems and right the wrongs of this world? There are some today that believe the Christian Church on earth has been established merely to improve social conditions, to run soup kitchens and help the wayward. There are some that believe we should throw our weight around in an effort to secure legislation that will make this world a better place. If our ultimate goal is merely to provide earthly needs and make people comfortable here, then what about eternity? Wouldn't that be like giving someone a band-aid for a gaping wound? It might serve as a short-term fix, but the real problem won't be solved until the person is brought to a doctor who can sew up the wound and prescribe proper medication.

Don't misunderstand. We ought to make a real effort as Christians to help those who are in need. However, the greatest help we can offer is to bring them to Christ. Truly, the highest goal of the Christian church on earth and of each Christian congregation should be to gather human beings into Christ's Kingdom by proclaiming the Gospel. God help us to that end! Amen.

INSTEAD OF ME!

The Lutheran Witness of March 23, 1915, included this poem by an unknown author.

How sweet is the Gospel! It comes from above
To speak of the wonders of heavenly love;
Deserving of wrath, here mercy I see,
For Jesus was punished - instead of me!
He saw my distress, and my soul to win
He said He would take on Himself my sin;
And He stepped from His glory that He might be
Accused and punished - instead of me!
O Savior! All words are too weak to show
How much to Thy marvelous love I owe;
But my full heart sends up its thanks to Thee,
Because Thou wast punished - instead of me!
And to Thee I would yield a life of praise,
Speak good of Thy name, and walk in Thy ways;
Whilst I wait with desire Thy face to see
Who once was punished - instead of me!

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Jan Davis**

Elder: **Larry Nelson**

Counting Team 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland**

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

Church Cleaners: **Dick**

School Cleaners: **A. Baker**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner**

Counting Team 4: **Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner**

Hospitality Team 2: **Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Jenny Kleifgen**

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✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Jan. 27: 9:00 am –Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 3)
11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., Jan. 30: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Feb. 3: 8:30 am – Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am –Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., Feb. 13: Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins

6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship

March 21-22: CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament @ Eau Claire

March 31: Easter

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 20, 2013 Sun.: 120 S.S.: 21 B.Cl.: 39 Wed.: 28

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,906.75	CLC:	\$818.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,000.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-93.25	CLC:	-142.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$8,907.91	CLC:	\$2,939.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	9,000.00	CLC:	2,880.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-92.09	CLC:	+59.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	274.00	
GLC Other:	170.00**	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	20.00	ILC Bldg.	80.00*	IIF:	0.00
				CEF:	0.00

* \$50 Charlotte Dick Memorial; ** \$45 Curt Miesen Memorial; \$30 SAF Endowment

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 The Spirit of the Lord
 is on me


to preach good news to the poor

to proclaim freedom


for the prisoners


 to proclaim the year of the
 Lord's favor.

**Luke
4:18**