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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Christmas 1/New Years

Date: January 1, 2006

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Hymn: ..... TLH 115: O Blessed Day When First Was Poured

Liturgy: ..... WS, p. 12 ff.

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: [Spoken] Amen.

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: [Spoken] Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy:



**P:** Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

1.

## Glory to God in the Highest:



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray ...

C: [Spoken] Amen.

First Reading: ..... Joshua 24:14-18

Second Reading: ..... Galatians 3:23-29



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

2.

## Confession of Faith:.....*The Apostolic Creed*

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Hymn:.....*TLH 117: The Ancient Law Departs*

## Sermon:.....*Luke 2:21*

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. (NKJV™)

## The Precious Name of JESUS

### Create in Me:



## Hymn:.....*TLH 114: Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love*

## Offering, Prayers, and Lord's Prayer:

### The Service of the Sacrament:

- P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **[Spoken]** And also with you.  
P: Lift up your hearts.  
C: **[Spoken]** We lift them up to the Lord.  
P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



### Holy, Holy, Holy:



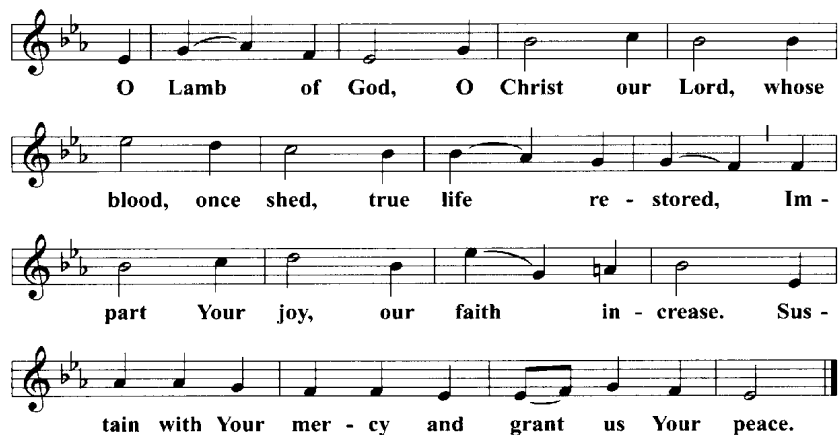
### Words of Institution:

- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



## Lamb of God:



## Communion Distribution Hymns: ..... TLH 116, 125, 120

### O Lord, Now Let Your Servant:



## Post-Communion Prayer:

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## Thanksgiving:



## Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: [J] Amen. Amen. Amen.

## Hymn: ..... For Thy Mercy and Thy Grace (See following page)

### Silent Prayer:



Father, let me dedicate  
All this year to Thee,  
In whatever earthly state  
Thou wilt have me be.  
Not from sorrow, pain, or care  
Freedom dare I claim;  
This alone shall be my prayer:  
Glorify Thy name.

TLH 118, st. 1

# For Thy Mercy and Thy Grace

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ♦ **Among Us:** Larry Nelson had successful surgery for a large kidney stone. Jean Gunther was released from the hospital a week ago. Ardis Trulin continues to undergo therapy from her stroke. Gracious Lord, continue to provide healing of body and soul to your people, made precious in Your sight through the blood of Christ.
- ♦ **Letter from President Lentz:** Dear Called Workers of Grace: On behalf of the congregation, I would like to extend our thanks for your hard work and devotion to the Church, the School and most importantly our Lord. As you know, the loose offerings for the month of December have been designated as a gift to be divided evenly among you.  
December has come to a close with loose offerings totaling \$2,000.00. It is important to point out that this is not a typical December loose offering, rather a deliberate show of support and gratitude from the members of Grace to you, our called workers.  
Again, thank you for all you do, and may the Lord continue to richly bless your work among us. In Christ, Paul Lentz (President at Grace)
- ♦ **ILC Tour Choir CD's:** The new Tour Choir CD's are still available. Please speak with Janelle Hein for your copy and submit your \$11 payment (checks to ILC Tour Choir).
- ♦ **From the Hein Family:** My family and I are truly thankful for the generous spirit of the congregation in sharing their prayers, cards, gifts, and encouragement this Christmas season. We pray that our ministry reflects our appreciation of your support. It is a privilege to share the Good News of our Savior's birth with you. May He continually be born anew in our hearts, giving you light to brighten your outlook during the upcoming year as we are blessed through His Word of grace. – Pastor Hein
- ♦ **Nomination Slate for 2006:** President: Paul Lentz, Benno Sydow; Vice President: Don Auel, Larry Nelson; Secretary: Michael Ude, Mike Dick; Treasurer: Jeff Radichel, Al Rosendahl; Financial Secretary: Ole Ohlmanson, Brandon Paplow; Elder: Dave Rust, Benno Sydow; Education: Matt Dick, Ed Lentz; Trustee: Rick Nelson, Pat Paplow; Delegates: Frank Radichel, Benno Sydow.

Last Week's Stats: Dec. 25, 2005		Sun.: 108	
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	3,143.00	CLC: 422.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,933.00	CLC: 846.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+210.00	CLC: -424.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	149,731.39	CLC: 47,846.26
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	152,500.00	CLC: 44,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,768.61	CLC: +3,846.26
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	41.00	Tuition: 53.00
GLC Other:	774.09	MDF: 22.00	Kinship: 50.00
ILC Student Aid:	25.00	ILC Improv.: 10.00	ILC Bldg: 13.00 CEF: 12.00

## **CHRISTMAS IS PAST. SO WHAT NOW?**

Unfortunately for most Christmas **is** past. For sure Christmas is past for those to whom it was just an excuse for a day off, a party, or shopping. It is also past for those who use it for nothing more than to promote a temporal peace in a world of evil and corruption. But shall it be past for a Christ believer? It need not be. Christ believers are not always consciously walking about through the year thinking about Christmas. But as they worship the Lord Jesus and faithfully follow Him from the lowly manger in a stable, along the path of suffering to the cruel cross, to the grave, and the resurrection, and finally to the exalted mountain of ascension, Christmas lives in the heart. The celebration of Christmas is the celebration of the Savior's birth- it is also the celebration of a purpose. Jesus was not born to titillate the emotions or to give society an opportunity to celebrate, it knows not what. Jesus said, "... For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8). But does not the devil still run on the earth? Indeed he does. But the devil knows exactly what the score is. He has been defeated (Genesis 3:15, Matthew 4:1-11, Matthew 28:1-6)! He is consigned to hell (2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6) He himself is under no illusion of snatching victory from defeat. Nevertheless, he in his fatally wounded state is still too strong for those who navigate through life without Christ. The devil knows he cannot escape; he makes every effort therefore to ensnare as many as he can while the world still stands.



He cannot however drag those down to hell who recognize their weakness and who in faith embrace the Savior Jesus Christ. Such as embrace Jesus in faith never weary of bowing at the manger to worship the God-Man, God's Son and our Savior. They are not ashamed to admit their own sin and inadequacy and to bow as lowly shepherds at the manger, and are not ashamed to be recognized as one of "that man's disciples." They will sit as penitents at the cross. They recognize that the birth of Christ does not exist in a vacuum but that its message lives and resonates in Jesus' words on the cross and in the angelic message of the risen Christ. God's people rejoice in the peace that comes through the fulfilled purpose of Jesus' coming, and declared through the Gospel, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior ..." (Luke 2: 11). Jesus was born "this day" that all our days might be filled with the joy and hope of salvation realized in its ultimate fullness when our Father releases us from the bondage of this foreign environment in which we now exist. Christmas is not past for any who appreciate the fact that Jesus came to save them from their sins. So what now? Let the Word of God dwell in you richly and "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). Christ lives, and so does the hope of all in whose heart He finds room each day.

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer (12/25/2005)

## **† TODAY AT GRACE †**

Organist: **Sue Nelson**

Elder: **Al Rosendahl**

Ushers: **Clint Welker; Gary Gunther; Brian Eichstadt; Richard Rhinesmith; Bob Vandever; Jeff Stifter; Josh Stifter**

Counting Team 4: **Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel**

Hospitality Team 6: **Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick; Frank & Ann Radichel**

Church Cleaners: **Hein**

## **† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †**

Ushers: **Mark Wales; Pete Fleischer; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland; Ole Ohlmanson; Jack Kirkham**

Counting Team 5: **Mike Dick; Brad Kitzman; Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner**

Hospitality Team 7: **Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland**

Church Cleaners: **No Volunteers**      School: **Hein**

## **† OUR SCHEDULE †**

<b>Today:</b>	10:00 am – New Years Day Service with Lord's Supper 11:00 am – Hospitality
<b>Wed., Jan. 4:</b>	School Resumes 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Children
<b>Fri., Jan. 6:</b>	Epiphany Day
<b>Sun., Jan. 8:</b>	No Choir Practice 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 1) 11:15 am – Board Meetings; Youth Forum 12:00 pm – Council Meeting
<b>Wed., Jan. 11:</b>	7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
<b>Sun., Jan. 15:</b>	11:30 am – Annual Voters Meeting / Dorcus Guild 3:00 pm – Grade School Basketball at Berea (Tentative)

