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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 5

Date: February 5, 2006

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 16, TLH p. 125*

Hymn:.. *TLH 444, st 1,2,4: Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You*

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

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

P: How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?

C: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

P: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

C: O Lord, truly I am Your servant; you have freed me from my chains.

P: I will sacrifice a thank offering to You

C: And call on the name of the Lord. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 237, st. 1: All Glory Be to God on High*

P: All glory be to God on high, who hath our race befriended!

C: To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.

God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

Scripture Reading:..... *Hebrews 4:11-16*

Lest we fall into the trap of the tempter, remember that we have the Word of God which is extremely powerful. We also can call to mind our great High Priest, Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and yet without sin. All praise and glory that He never gave into temptation lest we should lose our salvation.



Baptism:..... *Samuel Lewis Dick*

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

Hymn:..... *WS 750: See This Wonder in the Making*

1. See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.
2. Miracle each time it happens As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, "Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!"
3. Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place him, With Your love and peace embrace him.
4. Here we bring a child by nature; Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.

Sermon:..... *Matthew 4:1-11*

(1) Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (2) And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. (3) Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." (4) But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" (5) Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, (6) and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" (7) Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" (8) Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. (9) And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." (10) Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" (11) Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him. (NKJV)

Remembering Our Baptism Amidst Temptations

1. BAPTIZED INTO THE WORD OF CHRIST
2. BAPTIZED INTO THE SALVATION OF CHRIST
3. BAPTIZED INTO THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST

Offertory:..... *TLH p. 22 f.*

Hymn:..... *WS 751: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (see insert)*

Offering & Prayer:

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

Distribution:..... *TLH 298; 305*

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 477, st. 2: Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head*

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 visit with you!

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Congratulations** to Matt and Joey Dick for the gift of their newborn son, Samuel Lewis Dick, born this past Monday (Jan. 30), but reborn by the Spirit today. All the family members are doing well after the delivery. Samuel weighed in at 7 lb. 9 oz., and was 20 inches. May he be a blessing to his family!
- ◆ **Among Us:** Bobby Vandever had his sentencing this past Wednesday. He was sentenced to 66 months. How very grateful he can be that it isn't an eternal sentence, the sentence each of us deserves. Through our Lord Jesus, each of us is spared from this in hell and have been offered the free gift of eternal life! May this be Bobby's confidence. Please keep him in your prayers and thoughts. He currently is at the Anoka County Jail.
- ◆ **Fellowship Hall:** This past week the fellowship hall was painted and cleaned up. Thanks to all those who helped!
- ◆ **Parents:** In an effort to keep things clean, the booster seats will now be located in the fellowship hall's storage room.
- ◆ **Women's Retreat:** The "CLC Women's Retreat" is set for April 21-23 at the Schwan Retreat and Conference Center, a facility outside of Trego, WI. Brochures are available by the guest book.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Second Article, Part 1

† MONTHLY STATISTICS †

Monthly Statistics: _____ January Totals

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| Sunday Attendance | (Ave. 136.8) .. | 684 |
| Sun. Bible Class | (Ave. 31.8) .. | 127 |
| Wed. Bible Class | (Ave. 21.0) .. | 84 |
| Sunday School | (Ave. 23.8) .. | 95 |
| Grace General Fund | \$14,205.87 | |
| Grace Tuition Fund | 220.00 | |
| Grace Living Fund | 60.00 | |
| Grace Other | 239.43 | |
| CLC Budget (Missions) | 3,938.00 | |
| Church Extension Fund (CEF) | 222.00 | |
| Mission Development (MDF) | 300.00 | |
| Kinship (for orphans) | 235.00 | |
| ILC Improvement (IIF) | 99.00 | |
| ILC Building | 137.00 | |
| ILC Student Aid | 60.00 | |
| Total Offerings: | \$19,716.30 | |



God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

1. God's own child, I gladly say it:
 2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
 3. Sa-tan, hear this pro-cel-sation:
 4. Death, you can-not end my glad-ness:

I am bap-tized in-to Christ!
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 I am bap-tized in-to Christ!
 I am bap-tized in-to Christ!

He, be-cause I could not pay it,
 I have com-fort e-ven strong-er:
 Drop your ug-ly ac-cu-sa-tion,
 When I die, I leave all sad-ness

Gave my full re-demp-tion price.
 Je-sus' cleans-ing sac-ri-fice.
 I am not so soon en-ticed.
 To in-her-it par-a-dise!

Do I need earth's trea-sures man-y?
 Should a guil-ty con-science seize me
 Now that to the font I've trav-eled,
 Though I lie in dust and ash-es

I have one worth more than an-y
 Since my Bap-tism did re-lease me
 All your might has come un-rav-eled,
 Faith's as-sur-rance bright-ly flash-es:

That brought me sal-va-tion free
 In a dear for-giv-ing flood,
 And, a-gainst your ty-ranny,
 Bap-tism has the strength di-vine

Last-ing to e-ter-ni-ty!
 Sprink-ling me with Je-sus' blood?
 God, my Lord, u-nites with me!
 To make life im-mor-tal mine.

IN CHRIST "ALL ISRAEL" SHALL BE SAVED:

The full number of all believers in Christ from Abraham to the present, begotten through the Gospel (1 Corinthians 4:15), constitutes the new nation of God. Scripture calls this spiritual assembly "an holy nation, His own special people" (1 Peter 2:9). Under the circumstances it pained Paul that his own people had lost this favored status. Paul cared about his people. He said, "I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart" (Romans 9:2). But then he said, "But it is not that the Word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but in Isaac your seed shall be called. That is, those who are the children of the flesh these are not the children of God; but the children of promise are counted as seed" (Romans 9: 6-8). Physical descent from Abraham does not make one a true child (spiritual descendent) of Abraham. They are true children of Abraham, and heirs of the promise who are of the faith of Abraham.

Though the people of Israel rejected Christ, God is faithful. He keeps promise. There were still those in Israel who did not reject Christ, though the people as a nation did. In writing to the Romans, Paul reminded them of how the Lord assured Elijah that in those dark days there were still 7,000 who had not bowed before Baal. Likewise now, "at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace" (Romans 11:5). Those who remained were not favored by reason of merit or self-righteousness, but by the election of grace!

For those who were cut off there is a way back. Paul wrote that Israel's rejection was not final "if they do not continue in unbelief" (Romans 11).

With Israel's rejection, Paul turned to the Gentiles (Acts 13:46). With Israel's love of darkness it was now the time for the light (Christ) to shine upon the Gentiles. This is a cause for rejoicing among the Gentiles, yet not a reason for smugness or boasting. God the Father is faithful to His promises and He will bring to pass His saving will among the Gentiles. Nevertheless, Gentiles among whom are we, disregard Christ – and Paul's exhortation - at peril to themselves. Paul wrote, "And if some of the branches [Israel] be broken off, and thou, [Gentiles] being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, the branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee" (Romans 11:17-21). Israel's refusal became the Gentile's opportunity – yet by grace and not merit of their own. Israel became enemies of God, but remained the beloved of God "who is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). Israel may have turned its back on Christ,

but the Lord's face is always toward the sinner! Of the Jews we read, "If they do not continue in unbelief, (they) will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again" (Romans 11:23).

Given the circumstances by which the Gospel has come to us, and given God's desire for Israel, we will neither rejoice at the loss to the Jew, nor boast of our blessing. There is no place for conceit in that "hardening in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in" (Romans 11:25). At the judgment day, it will be revealed that the elect from among the Gentiles and the Jews will enter heaven, and so "all Israel", those who hold the faith of Abraham, will be saved.

We reiterate, there is no room for smugness on our part. Rather we will humbly rejoice in the grace of God, and in the Savior Christ in Whom the Spirit of God has blessed us with the riches of salvation.

God the Father is true to His promises. He Who has redeemed all people promises salvation to as many as repent of their sins and call upon the name of the Lord Jesus. But God's promise is always in connection with Jesus Christ. "...Whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "There is none other name under heaven, given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Whether Jew or Gentile, it is true, "that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2: 21), while "He who does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:12). Now we know that Satan is ever seeking to rob us of our salvation. He will attempt to fill our hearts with conceit over against the Jews; he will seek to lead us into a false sense of security through a perverted interpretation of "once saved always saved." He will tempt us by the pleasures of this world, and try to focus our attention on things on earth rather than in heaven. He will tempt us to forsake the Word of God or compromise the Word, or even trade the Word of God for the tasteless and bland mush of shallow religiosity, which is the staple of today! He will attempt to make us neglectful of Word and Sacrament.

Thank God whose gifts and calling are irrevocable (Romans 11: 29). He has among the Jews His elect who standing in the faith of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob rejoice in their election, even as we. At the same time, Romans 11:22 tells us that if we abuse the goodness of God and reject Christ, as grafted branches we can be cut off again! God forbid that any of us who are so favored with the Gospel of salvation and faith in Christ should by reason of rejection and unbelief end up on the brush pile. The Heavenly Father never turns His back on us but daily invites our penitential prayers. May God help us to "hold fast" (Revelation 3:11) what we have been given until Jesus comes again, and "all Israel" shall be saved. This is the good and gracious will and promise of God!

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Janelle Hein *Elder:* Al Rosendahl

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

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

Hospitality Team 4: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Fred, Pal, & Scott Dauer

Church Cleaners: R. Nelson *School:* Sandhoefner

† 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 5: Mark & Trudy Wales; Al Rosendahl; Karen Auel

Church Cleaners: Maki/Stifter *School:* Sandhoefner

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 4)
11:00 am – Hospitality

Mon., Feb. 6: 10:00 am – Pastoral Study Club @ Berea – Inver Grove Hts., MN

Wed., Feb. 8: 2:30 pm – Chiquettes (Little One's Story Hour)
4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Children
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

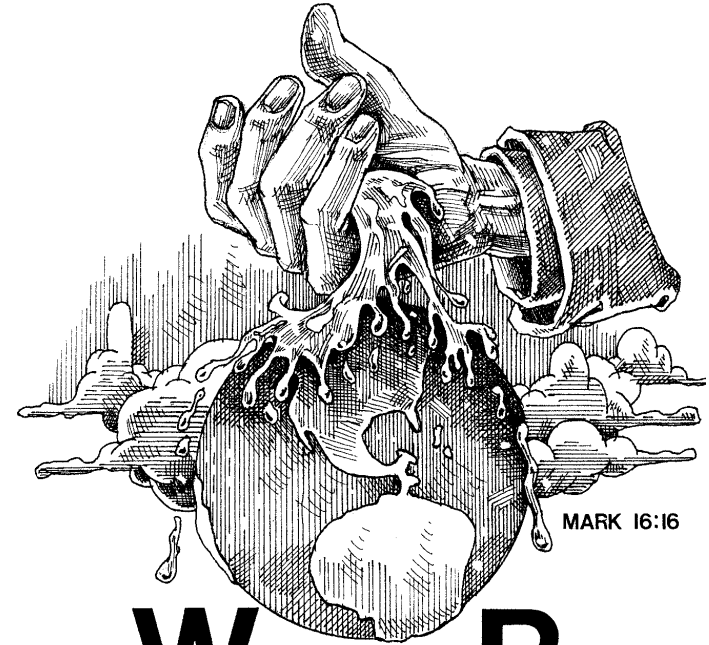
Sat. Feb. 11: 4:00 pm – Stifter / Johnson Wedding

Sun., Feb. 12: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service with Lord's Supper (Epiphany 6)
11:00 am – Hospitality; 11:15 – Boards; 12:00 pm – Council

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 29, 2006 B.Cl.: 36 S.S.: 19 Sun.: 135 Wed: 22

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| Sun. Offering: | Grace: | 3,032.18 | CLC: | 609.00 | |
| Weekly Need (last year): | Grace: | 2,970.00 | CLC: | 850.00 | |
| -Under / +Over: | Grace: | +62.18 | CLC: | -241.00 | |
| Year-to-Date Offering:: | Grace: | 14,205.87 | CLC: | 3,938.00 | |
| Year-to-Date Need: | Grace: | 14,850.00 | CLC: | 4,250.00 | |
| Year-to-Date (+/-) | Grace: | -644.13 | CLC: | -312.00 | |
| Other Offerings: | Living Faith: | 0.00 | Tuition: | 55.00 | |
| GLC Other: | 30.31 | MDF: | 27.00 | Kinship: | 10.00 |
| ILC Student Aid.: | 0.00 | ILC Bldg. | 71.00 | IIF: 3.00 | CEF: 100.00 |

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MARK 16:16

WHOEVER
BELIEVES AND IS
BAPTIZED
WILL BE
SAVED...