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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Church Year:** Epiphany 7

**Date:** February 19, 2006

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 32, TLH p. 130 f.*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 428: I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

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

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

P: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.

**C: Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P: When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long.

**C: For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah**

P: I acknowledged my sin to You,....And my iniquity I have not hidden.

**C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. 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!**

**First Reading:** ..... *2 Kings 5:1-14*

Elisha heals Naaman the leper once he finally submits to God's will.

### 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. Lord, to Whom shall we go?

**C: You have the words of eternal life! Alleluia.**

**Choir:** ..... *The Loving God Who Made Us All*

**Second Reading:** ..... *2 Corinthians 1:18-22*

All the promises of God are found in Christ and sealed to us by the Spirit.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 529: I Leave All Things to God's Direction*

**Sermon:** ..... *Mark 1:40-45*

(40) Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." (41) Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out *His* hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." (42) As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. (43) And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, (44) and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." (45) However, he went out and began to proclaim *it* freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction. (NKJV)

## "LORD, IF YOU ARE WILLING"

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 457: What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 532: Thy Way, Not Mine, O Lord*

*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!*

**Last Week's Stats:** Feb. 12, 2006 B.Cl.: 44 S.S.: 22 Sun.: 137 Wed: 24

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,764.75	CLC:	1,305.00
Weekly Need (last year):	Grace:	2,970.00	CLC:	850.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-205.25	CLC:	+455.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	20,442.12	CLC:	6,498.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	20,790.00	CLC:	5,950.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-347.88	CLC:	+548.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	1.00	Tuition:	55.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	46.00	Kinship:	80.00
ILC Student Aid.: 10.00	ILC Bldg.	30.00	IIF: 2.00	CEF: 1.00

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Among Us:** Erma Tiefel, mother of Peter Fleischer and grandmother of Janelle Hein, is hospitalized in Mankato due to some possible internal bleeding. May the Lord bless her with healing.
- ◆ **Basketball Jamboree:** Today is the Basketball Jamboree at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato. Children grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> are invited to participate on the team. The following games are scheduled: 2:00 pm - Mankato D; 3:00 pm - Mankato C; 4:00 pm - Okabena; 5:00 pm - Inver Grove Hts. B. For directions, please speak with Mark Wales.
- ◆ **Lenten Soup Suppers:** The Dorcas Guild will be serving soup suppers before Wednesday evening Lenten services. Soup will be served from 6:00 to 6:45 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the Pastor's office for those interested in preparing and serving the soup. The Dorcas Guild will provide crackers, bread, etc.
- ◆ **Berea Retreat:** An outing is being held at the multipurpose building at Berea in Inver Grove Hts. for those who are 11<sup>th</sup> grade through college. It will begin on Fri., Feb. 24, at 6:00 pm and last through Feb. 25. Cost is \$5. Details and signup list are by the guest book.
- ◆ **Young Adult Game Night:** A game night is being held on Friday, March 3rd from 8:00pm - Midnight in the Activity Center at Berea in Inver Grove Hts. for those who are in the age range of 20-40. We encourage you to bring a snack to share, a board game and possibly a friend from outside the church. There will also be opportunities to play volleyball and basketball for those interested. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun. Please come and join us. Any questions please contact Laura Radichel at [lradichel@marykay.com](mailto:lradichel@marykay.com) or 612-387-0379.
- ◆ **Marriage Enrichment Retreat:** A retreat focused on Scriptural guidance for enriching and strengthening a Christian marriage is being held at Soldiers' Field Best Western Hotel in Rochester, MN, on March 31 through April 2. Cost is \$75 per couple which includes Sat. lunch and dinner. Further details are found in the brochures on the tract rack.
- ◆ **CLC 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.
- ◆ **CLC Youth Camp:** Camp will be held this summer from June 11-17 at Camp JIM, in Pillager, MN. See <http://www.clclutheran.org/youthcamp> for more details. Registration will open on Wednesday, March 1.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Todd List, son of Pastor Bob List of Gethsemane in Spokane Valley, WA, suddenly collapsed at work last week, his muscles shutting down (including heart, etc.). He apparently has been improving over the week. The family appreciates our prayers.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Second Article, Part 3

## THE GOSPEL: *The power of God unto salvation as well as the power unto a sanctified life.*

Satan like a carnival hawker standing at the tent door, or a tempter at a door in a sleazy Bourbon Street dive, invites the Christ believer to "turn in here" for a little gaiety and fun. Satan knows but does not tell us that to turn in to his haunts means that we have turned away from the Lord God. And that is precisely Satan's intent! Satan would lead us on the path of evil that he might rob us of the peace and solitude of a godly life, and finally rob us even of our eternal life. Each of us as people of flesh has experienced in our own life the loss of peace and solitude because the natural desire of the sinful flesh is to follow Satan. But by the grace of God each of us still lives and breathes so that we may come to the Lord in sorrow and contrition over our sin, know the forgiveness that is in Christ Jesus, believe in Him, and thus avoid the loss of eternal life. Yet so long as we live Satan will not give up. He pursues us vigorously and relentlessly.

As we call upon the Lord God for strength to resist temptation, He hears our prayer. He hears our prayer for the sake of His Son and our Savior who stood fast against Satan's temptations in the wilderness, and yet went to the cross bearing our sins. Children of God treasure the grace that found expression in Micah 7:18: "Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardons iniquity, and passes by transgression of the remnant of His inheritance? He retains not His anger forever because He delights in mercy." We read also, "Jesus Christ gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar (special) people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14).

There is no such thing as perfectionism in this life; that is, we will still have to fight sin, and we will in fact sin. But what a treasure it is for us to know that we have a gracious forgiving Father Who does not desire our condemnation, but has provided us salvation in Christ. Nevertheless, as children of God, we draw from the Gospel promises- the goodness of God the Father, and the love of Christ- the power to fight sin, as well as the desire to live unto God, and to His glory. Therefore the Christ believer's heartfelt intent is, "Herein do I exercise my self, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men" (Acts 24:16). Where there is one who prefers to live life his or her way without respect for God, and who is callous toward sin, there is a person who neither understands the consequence of sin, nor the sacrifice of Christ.

In this world resisting Satan and avoiding His crowd is not easy. It sometimes brings discomfort and separation from "friends" on this earth. Better here than in eternity! So we pray for strength to overcome, confidently believing that the "God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you" (1 Peter 5:10). They who stand fast in the Word and promise of God will not be left alone. Resisting the devil is a strenuous fight, but we have the promise, "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40: 29-31).

Jesus is foundation of our hope, as well as of our will and ability to glorify Him. Jesus Christ has overcome the devil for us and helps us fight against him! Satan is a loser! Why would anyone choose to follow a loser?

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer (2/11/2006)

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner

Elder: Michael Dick

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; Arnold Gehrls; Scott Baker; Lyle Trulin;  
David Stifter; Michael Ude; Ryan Libby

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Rick Nelson;  
Phil Radichel; Ryan Libby

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

Church Cleaners: D. Rust

School: Hendrickson

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; Arnold Gehrls; Scott Baker; Lyle Trulin;  
David Stifter; Michael Ude; Ryan Libby

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

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

Church Cleaners: D. Rust

School: Hendrickson

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

### Today:

9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 7)

11:00 am – Hospitality

2:00 pm – Basketball Jamboree at Mankato, MN

**Mon., Feb. 20:** No School – MN Teachers' Conf. Hosted at Grace

**Wed., Feb. 22:** 2:30 pm – Chiquetines (Little One's Story Hour)

4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Children

7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

**Fri., Feb. 24:** 12:00 pm – School Dismissal

6:00 pm – Berea Retreat

**Sun., Feb. 26:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service (Transfiguration)

11:00 am – Hospitality

**Wed., Mar. 1:** 2:30 pm – Chiquetines (Little One's Story Hour)

4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Children

6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper

7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Worship w/ Lord's Supper

**Fri., Mar. 3:** 8:00 pm – Young Adult Game Night at Berea

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*"If You are willing, You can make me clean."*

Mark 1:40