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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Christmas 1

Date: December 31, 2006

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 111, TLH p. 147*

Hymn: *TLH 111: Thou Who Roll'st the Year Around*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 5 ff. (Laminated Sheet in Pew Also Available)*

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

P: Endow the King with Your justice, O God,

C: The royal Son with Your righteousness.

P: He will judge Your people in righteousness,

C: Your afflicted ones with justice.

P: For He will deliver the needy who cry out,

C: He will take pity on the weak and the needy, and save the needy from death. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 102, st. 3-4*

3. Hark, hark, to the angels all singing in heaven,

"To God in the highest all glory be given!"

To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

4. To Thee, then, O Jesus, this day of Thy birth

Be glory and honor through heaven and earth,

True Godhead incarnate, omnipotent Word!

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!



First Reading: *1 Peter 1:22-25*

While death is a result of man's sin, the enduring Word of God brings life to the soul.

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. We saw His star in the east

C: And have come to worship Him. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Luke 13:1-5*

Any disastrous circumstance that happens to anyone does not give us reason to pinpoint some specific fault with that person. Rather, the disaster itself should lead all to head its message: repent.

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

Hymn: *TLH 321: O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee*

Sermon: *Luke 13:6-9*

(6) He [Jesus] also spoke this parable: "A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.

(7) "Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' (8) "But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize *it*. (9) 'And if it bears fruit, *well*. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'"

"JESUS IS THE GOOD VINEDRESSER"

1. He warns all to bear the fruit of repentance

2. He works to give life

Guest Speaker: Seminarian Neal Radichel

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 112: To God the Anthem Raising*

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

Hymn: *TLH 97: Let Us All with Gladsome Voice*

Silent Prayer:

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 Past or Hein. He would be delighted to visit with you!

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Michael Dick

Ushers: Bill Rust; Don Dahlin; Dan Degnan, Jr.; Michael Englehorn; Bob Maki; Roger Ochsner; Joel Stifter

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

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

Church Cleaners: Sydow

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Bill Rust; Don Dahlin; Dan Degnan, Jr.; Michael Englehorn; Bob Maki; Roger Ochsner; Joel Stifter

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

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

Church Cleaners: Please sign up on the 2007 cleaning list!

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 10:00 am – Worship Service
11:00 am – Hospitality
Sun., Jan. 7: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class Resume
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 1)
Mon., Jan. 8: Christian Day School Resumes

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ♦ **Today:** Many thanks to Neal Radichel for sharing the Word today. He is a former member of Grace and is currently in seminary. May the Lord bless his on-going education in preparation for the ministry.
- ♦ **Thanks:** The Hein family wishes to extend its thanks to all for the cards, encouragements, and gifts. Your kindness and support of the Gospel ministry is greatly appreciated!
- ♦ **Vacation:** Pastor Hein and his family will be back from Corpus Christi, TX, by January 5. Until such time that they return, please be sure to contact one of the Elders: Michael Dick (763-757-2492), Al Rosendahl (763-571-3170), or Benno Sydow (651-484-4043). Pastor David Schierenbeck from Berea Lutheran may also be contacted (651-454-7689; Cell: 651-492-2323).

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**May all kings
fall down
before him,
all nations give
him service.**



Psalm 72:11