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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 1

Date: January 7, 2007

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

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

Hymn: *TLH 2: To Thy Temple I Repair*

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

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

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

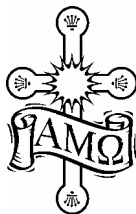
C: The royal Son with Your righteousness.

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!



First Reading: *Isaiah 60:1-6*

The Light of the world shall be seen and adored by the Gentiles.

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 131, st. 5*

All glory, Jesus, be to Thee For this Thy glad epiphany;

Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Ghost forevermore.

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: *Matthew 2:1-12*

Jesus is recognized as King by the Gentile magi.

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed, TLH p. 22*

Hymn: *TLH 133: Within the Father's House*

Sermon: *Luke 2:41-52*

(41) His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. (42) And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. (43) When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know *it*; (44) but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. (45) So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. (46) Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. (47) And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. (48) So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." (49) And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (50) But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. (51) Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. (52) And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. (NKJV[™])

"Perilous Part-Time Pious Parenting"

Offertory: *TLH p. 22 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 630: Ye Parents, Hear What Jesus Taught*

Offering & Prayer:

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

Distribution: *What Is This Bread; TLH 120; Meditative Music*

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 467, st. 1,6: Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand*

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 Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to visit with you!

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Cleaning List:** The beauty of the LORD is shown through the preaching of the Gospel from His house. His house itself should reflect this beauty. Please consider participating in ensuring this by signing up on the 2007 cleaning list on the fellowship hall's bulletin board.
- ◆ **Quilting Party Reminder:** The Dorcas Guild will hold a quilting party on Saturday, January 20, 2007 at 9:00 am to sew the quilts which will be donated to the ILC After Banquet Party. Please join us! Call Ann Radichel for more details.
- ◆ **Basketball:** During hospitality today we'd like to informally meet with parents of children 3rd through 8th grade concerning basketball. Children at Grace will have the opportunity to play basketball at Berea in Inver Grove Hts. next Sunday at 3:00 pm. Another such outing is slated for Feb. 4, tentatively scheduled for 1:00 pm. Also, keep in mind that the Mankato Basketball Jamboree will be Sun., February 18 and the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament is scheduled for March 9-11.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** 9th & 10th Commandments

† MONTHLY STATISTICS †

Monthly Statistics:	Dec. Totals	Year-to-Date
Sunday Attendance	.... (Ave. 126.8) ..634 ..	(Ave. 131.5) 6,971
Special Services	..... (Ave. 96.6) ..483 ...	(Ave. 81.6) 1,142
Sunday Bible Class	.... (Ave. 47.0) ...94 ...	(Ave. 38.6) 1,236
Sunday School	..... (Ave. 27.0) ..108 ...	(Ave. 23.9) .. 789
Wed. Bible Class	.....NA ...	(Ave. 18.2) .. 509
Grace General Fund	..... \$17,474.20	\$156,913.26
Grace Tuition Fund	..... 829.00	2,722.00
Grace Living Fund	..... 77.00	617.60
Grace Dorcas	..... 74.00	983.00
Grace Floor Fund	..... 504.00	3,205.00
Grace Furnace Fund	..... 574.00	5,753.00
Grace Memorial Fund	..... 22.00	410.00
Grace Project Undesignated	..... 10.00	327.00
Grace Other	..... 1,485.66	2,735.70
CLC Budget (Missions)	..... 5,803.05	48,842.53
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	..... 104.00	2,055.00
Mission Development (MDF)	..... 421.00	3,621.00
Kinship (for orphans)	..... 244.00	3,191.00
ILC Improvement (IIF)	..... 204.00	1,105.00
ILC Building	..... 126.00	2,161.94
ILC Student Aid	..... 17.00	1,303.00
ILC Student Aid Endowment	..... 500.00	600.00
Total Offerings:	\$28,468.91	\$236,546.03

What Is This Bread



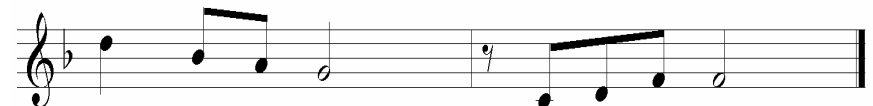
1. What is this bread? Christ's bod - y ris - en from the
 2. What is this wine? The blood of Je - sus shed for
 3. So who am I, That I should live and He should
 4. Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and prom - ise
 5. Is this for me? I am for - giv - en and set



dead: This bread we break, This life we
 mine; The cup of grace Brings His em -
 die Un - der the rod. My God, my
 clear. In mouth and soul He makes us
 free! I do be - lieve That I re -



take, Was crushed to pay for our re - lease.
 brace Of life and love, and so I sing:
 God, Why have You not for - sak - en me?
 whole - Christ, tru - ly pre - sent in this meal.
 ceive His ver - y bod - y and His blood.



Oh, taste and see~ the Lord is peace.
 Oh, taste and see~ the Lord is King.
 Oh, taste and see~ the Lord is free.
 Oh, taste and see~ the Lord is real.
 Oh, taste and see~ the Lord is good.

A GUARANTEE TO BE TRUSTED:

Most everything that we purchase is accompanied with a guarantee of some sort. Some items come with a limited guarantee. Others are subjectively guaranteed for life. In some cases one can extend the guarantee for a price.

There is one thing that bears no guarantee. Life itself comes with no guarantees, in spite of the misnomered "life insurance." There is no guarantee of tomorrow regardless of the age or the health of an individual. Sickness, accident or death itself is no respecter of persons. Social class or material wherewithal does not guarantee that one will see the next day. The only thing that we can guarantee is that everyone will die - a guarantee that people would prefer to forget.

Given the fact that it life is terminal, and death is certain, it ought to awaken everyone to the necessity to prepare for the inevitable. It surely should cause us as children of God to measure our existence and address our future in a different fashion than those who live in a state of denial and unbelief! To recognize the reality of death is not a morbid thought unless one is obsessed with dying and will not be comforted by the mercies of God. So how shall we face each day? Not in fear, but head on, living with daily contrition and repentance, through which "we drown the old Adam with all his sins and evil lusts..." We will avail ourselves of the opportunity to hear the Word of God so that we may grow in the knowledge of God's grace, and in the full assurance of forgiveness of our sins. Being buried with Christ by baptism into His death, we have also risen with Him in His resurrection. This truth dictates our future as well as empowers us to live to the glory of God and the welfare of our neighbor while we wait the glorious day of deliverance. This brings us back to the matter of guarantees.

Tomorrow is not guaranteed as to our existence on earth. Yet God's promise, and Jesus' redemptive act from manger to cross, from the resurrection to His ascension guarantees the future of each one who believes in Him and who in faith calls upon His name. God's love guarantees His abiding presence with us- we are not alone, nor need we bear the heat of the day by ourselves. And when our life on this earth is complete, and we put off the mortal coil, the Lord Who has prepared a place for us in heaven will usher us into the presence of God in heaven. Here now He is with us. Then we will be with Him. That is God's promise, guaranteed!

Bear in mind that He who guarantees your future is the eternal God, the Alpha and Omega, your Creator and Lord, your Redeemer and Savior.

1 King 8:56 Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto His people Israel, **according to all that He promised: there hath not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised by the hand of Moses His servant.**

Psalm 105:42 **For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham His servant.**

2 Timothy 2:13 If we believe not, yet **He abideth faithful**: He cannot deny Himself.

1 Corinthians 1:9 **God is faithful**, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; **(for He is faithful that promised;)**

2 Corinthians 1:19-20 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, Who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in Him was yea. **For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen**, unto the glory of God by us.

The truth of God, and the faithfulness of God to His promises manifest in the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, speaks to the integrity of our God. All occurred as it had been spoken by the prophets. So we know that what God promises to us of our future both here and in eternity is guaranteed, because God cannot lie!

All the promises and guarantees of men are time limited! Only those of the Father in heaven are eternal. So while we have no promise of tomorrow because of the scourge of sin, we do have the guarantee of forgiveness in the merit and blood of the Lord Jesus, and of eternal life - verified by His resurrection!

As sure as God is, so sure are His promises. Further what He promises is free to us. Guaranteed! It can be trusted!

*Ah dearest Jesus, holy Child, Make Thee a bed soft, undefiled,
Within my heart that it may be A quiet chamber kept for Thee!"*

A BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL IN THE NAME OF THE SAVIOR. May His grace attend you, and may your greatest delight be to live to His glory.

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer (12/31/2006)

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Al Rosendahl

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: P. & J. Radichel School: Davis

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Keith Radichel; Dave Rust; James Squires; Eli Wales

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Ole Olmanson

Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Peter Fleischer; Alice Weibye

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† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 1)
11:00 am – Hospitality

Mon., Jan. 8: Christian Day School Resumes

Wed., Jan. 10: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Jan. 14: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class Resume
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 2)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:15 am – Boards; 12:00 pm – Council Mtg.
3:00 pm – Grade School Basketball at Berea (Tentative)

Sun., Jan. 21: 11:30 am – Annual Voters & Dorcus Guild Meetings

Last Week's Stats:		Dec. 31, 2006	Sun.: 99
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	3,587.72	CLC: 1,575.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,970.00	CLC: 850.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+617.72	CLC: +725.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	156,913.26	CLC: 48,842.53
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	157,550.00	CLC: 45,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-636.74	CLC: +3,852.53
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition: 500.00
GLC Other:	400.00 MDF:	0.00	Kinship: 0.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00 ILC Bldg.	25.00	IIF: 50.00
ILC Student Aid Endowment:		500.00	CEF: 0.00

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