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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Lent 2

Date: March 4, 2007

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 91, TLH p. 143*

Hymn: *TLH 350: Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee*

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

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

P: Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge,

C: Even the Most High, your dwelling place,

P: No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

C: For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.

P: In their hands they shall bear you up,

C: Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

P: You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,

C: The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 466, st. 4*

Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,

Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,

One in might and one in glory, While unending ages run.

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 26:5-10*

The deliverance of Israel from Egypt is similar to our deliverance from sin!

Gradual:

P: Oh, come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C: The author and finisher of our faith,

P: Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning the shame,

C: And sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

P: Put on the full armor of God,

C: So that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Second Reading: *Passion History*
Peter denies Jesus.

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

Hymn: *TLH 265: Thine Honor Save, O Christ, Our Lord*

Sermon: *Romans 10:8b-13*

(8) ... "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): (9) that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (11) For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." (12) For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. (13) For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." (NKJVTM)

Inward Faith Equates to Outward Confession

Offertory: *TLH p. 22 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 346: Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be*

Offering & Prayer:

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

Distribution: *TLH 172: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

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 309: O Jesus Blessed Lord, To Thee*

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 †

- ◆ **Today:** The upper graders are hosting a spaghetti dinner. A free will offering will be gathered to help them for their class trip. Thanks!
- ◆ **Midweek Lenten Services:** This Wednesday at 7 pm we continue our midweek Lenten series based from Isaiah 53, "God's Suffering Servant – Sent for Us." Please come and enjoy the Lenten soup suppers at 6 pm.
- ◆ **Daylight Savings Time:** This year marks the newly revised time when Daylight Savings Time begins. Please be sure to turn your clocks ahead next Saturday evening.
- ◆ **CLC Basketball Tournament:** Next weekend is the annual CLC Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI. Some children from Fridley are combining with children from our CLC congregation in West Columbia, South Carolina, our mascot being the Falcons. There will be a 5th-6th grade team (Falcons B) and a 7th-8th grade team (Falcons A). The games as scheduled for our teams are:
 - Fri., Mar. 9, 11 am: Eau Claire B1 versus Falcons B
 - Fri., Mar. 9, 12 pm: Falcons A versus Eau Claire A1
 - Fri., Mar. 9, 8 pm: Falcons B versus Fond du Lac B
 - Fri., Mar. 9, 9 pm: Fond du Lac A versus Falcons A
 - Sat., Mar. 10, 2 pm: Saginaw A versus Falcons A
 - Sat., Mar. 10, 3 pm: Falcons B versus Mankato B1
- ◆ **CLC News:** Gene Rutz, brother-in-law of Benno Sydow, was hospitalized this past week. As some of you may know, he has been suffering from MS and ALS (Lou Gehrigs disease. He is now very weak and has lost much of the use of his hands. Our prayers for him have been requested.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Third Article, part 1.

† MONTHLY STATISTICS †

Monthly Statistics:	Feb. Totals	Year-to-Date
Sunday Attendance	(Ave. 107.3) ..429	.. (Ave. 131.5) .. 956
Special Services	(Ave. 81.5) ..163	... (Ave. 81.5) .. 163
Sunday Bible Class	(Ave. 34.0) ...68	... (Ave. 37.2) .. 223
Sunday School	(Ave. 20.0) ...60	... (Ave. 20.4) .. 143
Wed. Bible Class	(Ave. 15.8) ...31	... (Ave. 15.7) ... 94
Grace General Fund	\$11,328.90	.....\$22,945.65
Grace Tuition Fund	159.00	.....371.00
Grace Living Fund	59.00	.....98.00
Grace Dorcas	37.00	.....121.00
Grace Floor Fund	490.00	.....812.00
Grace Memorial Fund	36.00	.....36.00
Grace Project Undesignated	0.00	.....0.00
Grace Other	153.25	.....326.33
CLC Budget (Missions)	3,358.24	.....7,288.24
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	117.00	.....273.00
Mission Development (MDF)	270.00	.....434.00
Kinship (for orphans)	248.00	.....567.00
ILC Improvement (IIF)	53.00	.....295.00
ILC Building	42.00	.....327.97
ILC Student Aid	95.00	.....149.00
ILC Student Aid Endowment	0.00	.....0.00
Total Offerings:	\$16,446.39	\$34,044.19

ANXIETY:

We live in anxious times. We are daily reminded of terrorist threats to our country and to our way of life. Global warming is on the minds of many people, as well as the war in Iraq. In our own city there is crime as there is throughout the country. The sorry state of education in our land worries many. The moral rot manifest by homosexuality, abortion, and other perversions is rampant. Economic concerns are never far from our collective thoughts. We live in a dying world. Add to that the declining state of the church in the world which rather than declaring God's judgment against sin, and the Gospel comfort for the troubled, seeks to accommodate itself to the world. Compounding that is our own sins which measured in the light of God's Word bring us grief and occasional fear, and finally the sickness and pain that reminds us daily of our approaching death. All these things combine to cause us anxiety, for though we are people of faith, we are still also people of flesh.

Christ believers are not immune to anxiety. Abraham, Job, David, Elijah endured anxiety for a variety of reasons. Think of the disciples of our Lord in the storms on the sea, or at the time of Jesus' trial. Through out all their anxieties however, there was one constant. It was the Lord God. Though He tested them He always made a way to escape. In their weaknesses it remained forever true, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms..." (Deuteronomy 33:27). It is no less true today for us in the face of our anxieties and our weaknesses. Further we have the assurance of our Savior, "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not" (Luke 22:32).

Anxieties and fears do not disappear by denying they exist. They are not less by exercise of personal bravado. Searching the faithful Word, and taking them to the Lord in prayer is the way to address our anxieties and fears. The greatest fear to the flesh is death. Unless the world ends first, no one escapes it. Greater than our flesh is our God. Greater than our fears are God's promises in Christ Jesus. All of God's promises in Christ are "Yea and Amen." A man once said, "I bless God I can lie down with comfort tonight, not being anxious whether I wake in this world or in another." Such is the quietness that the Gospel works in the hearts of God's children who through faith in Christ are confident of the future in heaven. Whether in the issues of this life, or facing God in the judgment justice will be and has been served. We are safe in the everlasting arms. Yes, we all have anxieties! But in the quiet and certain promises of the Gospel anxieties fade away. You say, "but they come back again." Indeed they do. That is why the Lord in His Word invites us to cast our cares upon Him, and meditate on His love in Christ daily until the flesh with all anxiety is past, and we are by grace with the Lord in glory- Anxiety gone! Forever! Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer (2/4/2007)

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Benno Sydow

Ushers: Benno Sydow; Brian Eichstadt; Gary Gunther; Richard Rhinesmith; Jeff Stifter; Josh Stifter; Bob Vandever

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

Hospitality Team 2: Not Needed (Spaghetti Dinner)

Church Cleaners: ??

School: Sandhoefner

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Mark Wales; Joshua Benzer; Pete Fleischer; Jack Kirkham; Ole Olmanson; Clint Welker; Brandt Wendland

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

Hospitality Team 3: Dan & Cindy Degnan; Ed & Verona Lentz; Angela Valley

Church Cleaners: ??

School: Sandhoefner

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper (Lent 2)
11:00 am – Spaghetti Dinner Sponsored by Upper Graders

Wed., Mar. 7: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Service

Fri.-Sun., Mar. 9-11: CLC Basketball Tournament @ Eau Claire, WI

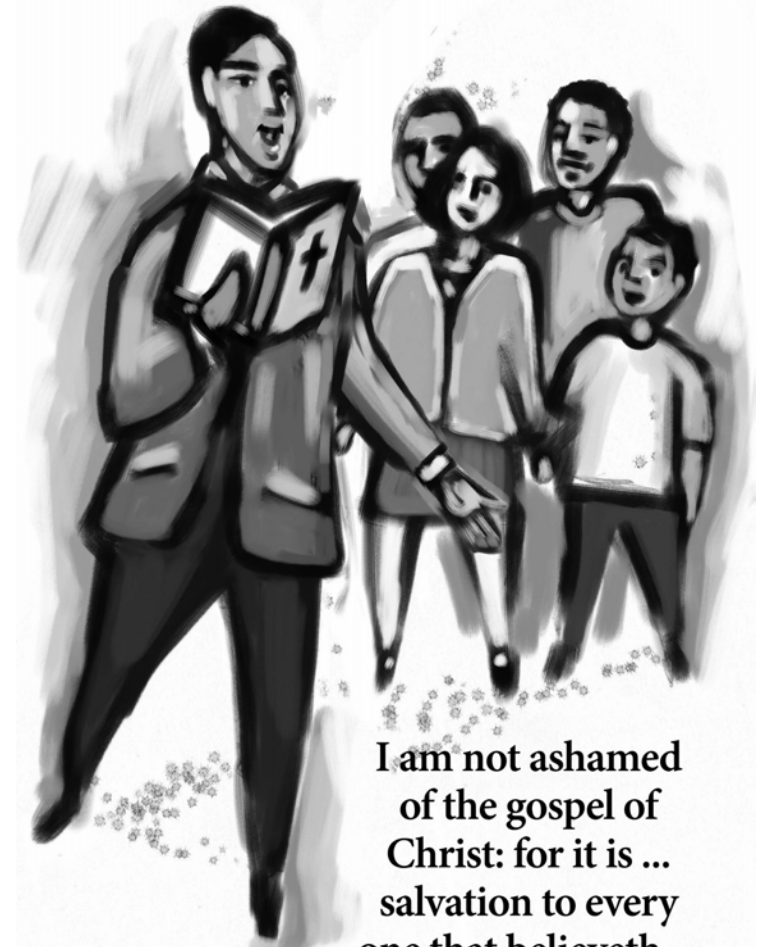
Sun., Mar. 11: Daylight Savings Time Begins (Ahead one hour)
9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 3)
11:00 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Wed., Mar. 14: 6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Service

Last Week's Stats: Feb. 25, 2007 B.CI.: NA S.S.: NA Sun.: 63 Wed: 77

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	1,630.40	CLC:	670.00	
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	797.81	CLC:	310.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-601.79	CLC:	+20.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	22,945.65	CLC:	7,288.24	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	24,240.00	CLC:	7,680.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,294.35	CLC:	-391.76	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	40.00	Tuition:	46.00	
GLC Other:	176.00	MDF:	120.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	0.00	IIF: 11.00	CEF: 25.00

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I am not ashamed
of the gospel of
Christ: for it is ...
salvation to every
one that believeth ...

Romans 1:16, KJV