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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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 Church Year: Christmas 1 Date: December 30, 2007

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 2, TLH p. 123*

Hymn: *TLH 136: Angels From the Realms of Glory*

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

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: *Isaiah 63:7-9*

The lovingkindness of the LORD moved Him to come to earth to redeem sinners. He Himself was afflicted to remove the affliction of sin for us.

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: *Galatians 4:4-7*

God sent His Son, true God and true man, to redeem us.

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

Hymn: *TLH 108: We Sing, Immanuel, Thy Praise*

Sermon: *Luke 2:25-35*

(25) And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. (26) And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. (27) So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, (28) he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: (29) "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; (30) For my eyes have seen Your salvation (31) Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, (32) A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." (33) And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. (34) Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against (35) "(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." (NKJVTM)

Reactions to Jesus' Coming

SIMEON: READY TO DEPART IN PEACE

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *WS 709: God Loves Me Dearly*

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

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

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

◆ **Among Us:** This past week Ally Benzer was again hospitalized due to various infections related to her disorder. Mark and Trudy Wales have been blessed with a new granddaughter, Maggie Caroline Sydow, daughter of JD and Blaire Sydow in West Columbia, SC. She was born on Thurs. evening, Dec. 27, 7 lbs 3 oz., 19 3/4 inches. Phil and Jackie Radichel have been blessed with a new granddaughter, Gabrielle Christine Radichel, daughter of Neal and Erin Radichel in Mountain View, CA. She was born early morning on Fri., Dec. 28, 7lb, 12oz; 19 1/4 inches. Both babies and Moms are doing well.

◆ **Christmas Greetings:** Dear members of Grace, and friends, in Christ Jesus. It is with great pleasure and thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that we are privileged to live among you and to serve you with the message of great joy. We thank you also for your cards, gifts and expressions of love. We in turn wish for you the great joy that filled the hearts of the shepherds, as they beheld their Savior in the manger, as well as that of Simeon who held his Savior in his arms, and of Anna who waited for the consolation of Israel. As the old year wanes and the new approaches with all the unknowns that accompany the future, we are confident in our Lord that as you listen to His Word, and worship His Son, you will know the joy that is the gift of God to all who wait on Him. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). In the Lord Jesus, Pastor and Janelle Hein



◆ **Cleaning List:** A new list is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

◆ **Nomination Slate for 2008:**

- President: Michael Dick, Phil Radichel
- Vice President: Peter Fleischer, Jack Kirkham
- Secretary: Roger Ochsner
- Treasurer: Brian Bergstrom
- Financial Secretary: Ole Olmanson
- Elder: Frank Radichel, Al Rosendahl
- Education: Lynn Sandhoefner, Michael Ude
- Trustee: Bill Rust, Jeff Stifter

◆ **Reminder from the Elders:** Per Voter resolution, all loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the four called workers of the congregation.

◆ **Missionary Ude:** This afternoon at 4 pm will be the commissioning service of Pastor Matthew Ude as the second foreign missionary in India. The service will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. The ladies of Messiah will be serving a luncheon, following the service.

Council Meeting Notes – December 16, 2007

Meeting opened with a prayer at 12:03 PM. Roll was taken. The November Council meeting minutes were accepted as presented. The November treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Boards are to provide budget breakdowns to Brian for budget tracking purposes. Counters are to record memorial offerings for specific people in the Grace-Other category.

Pastor's Report

- Funerals this month -- Linda Wagner and Deloris Englehorn.
- Baptism today -- Mahalia Smith.
- Current major illnesses – Ellen Bergstrom (cancer), Lyle LaCroix (heart monitor), Gil Maestas (hip), Jesse Maestas (eyes).

Board of Elders Report

- Brian Bergstrom and Laura Radichel will eliminate objectionable banners in the calendar section on our website.
- The bus for the ILC concert is getting full. Contract secured.
- There will be communion during the New Years Eve service.
- Investigating new projects for projector, screen, and piano.
- Voter membership and church attendance are being addressed.
- Roger is to send voter attendance records to the Elders.

Board of Education Report

- Pastor has a paper shredder that can be moved to the staff office.
- Plastic edging on the school hallway corners needs fixing.
- There is a need for more school storage. Possible cleanup of current storage areas will help.
- There is a concern over the teachers having to return to the classrooms immediately after events such as funerals.
- Snow on the sidewalks packs down into ice when it does not get removed. It cannot be left for Pastor to do these tasks when he is extremely busy. Possibly the school kids can help.
- Grace School was selected in a Nestle project to receive about \$2000 worth of school items. They will be displayed on an upcoming Sunday.

Board of Trustees Report

- Thanks to everyone who has helped with projects.
- "Ice Melt" will be obtained for the sidewalks.
- The furnace problem has been resolved by opening more vents.
- Vacuums are fixed.
- The next workday is January 26, 2008.

Old Business

- The picture directory has been reviewed and sent in for publishing.
- The Service List has been updated. Forward updates to Benno.
- The handbook is being updated. Forward updates to Benno.

New Business

- The Treasurer will file a form for being a MN Nonprofit Corporation.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 12:42 PM.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Benno Sydow
Ushers: Roger Ochsner; Bill Rust; Don Dahlin; Michael Englehorn; Bob Maki; Joel Stifter; Arnold Gehrls
Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Ole Olmanson
Hospitality Team 3: Bye
Church Cleaners: Kitzman School Cleaners: Ferris

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Roger Ochsner; Bill Rust; Don Dahlin; Michael Englehorn; Bob Maki; Joel Stifter; Arnold Gehrls
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: Kitzman School Cleaners: Ferris

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 10:00 am – Worship Service (Christmas 1)
 4:00 pm – Missionary Ude Installation @ Eau Claire, WI
Mon., Dec. 31: 7:00 pm – New Years Eve Service w/ Lord's Supper
Wed., Jan. 2: No Catechism or Bible Class (Resumes Jan. 9)
Sun., Jan. 6: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper (Epiphany)
 11:00 am – Hospitality
Mon., Jan. 7: 8:00 am – Grace Day School Resumes
Wed., Jan. 9: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
Sat., Jan. 26: 9:00 am – Work Day at Grace

Last Week's Stats: Dec. 23, 2007 Sun.: 178 Mon.: 31 Tue.: 95

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,154.00	CLC:	744.00	
Mon. Offering:	Grace:	2,440.00	CLC:	525.00	
Tue. Offering:	Grace:	1,980.00	CLC:	383.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+3,544.00	CLC:	+692.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	154,972.51	CLC:	49,609.24	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	154,530.00	CLC:	48,960.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+442.51	CLC:	+649.24	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition:	58.00	
GLC Other:	834.86*	MDF:	6.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	1010.00	ILC Bldg.	76.00	IIF: 2.00	CEF: 30.00

* \$20 Wagner Memorial

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