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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 1

Date: January 13, 2008

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 45, TLH p. 133*

Hymn: *TLH 8: Father, Who the Light This Day*

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

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

P: Even in the darkness light dawns for the upright,

C: For the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.

P: Praise the Lord. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in His commands.

C: Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

P: He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

C: His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 508, st. 1, 4*

**C: Thou whose almighty word Chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight, Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel day Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!**

Holy and blessed Three, Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might! Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride, Thro' the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light!

First Reading: *Acts 10:34-38*

Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.

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. When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the Light of the world ..."

C: "Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia.

Day School Children: *TLH 427: How Firm a Foundation*

Epistle Reading: *Matthew 3:13-17*

At Jesus' baptism, the Father introduces Him to the world as His beloved Son.

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

Hymn: *TLH 376: Rock of Ages*

Sermon: *Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

(61:10) I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. (11) For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. (62:1) For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns. (2) The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name. (3) You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God. (NKJV™)

*"Rejoice in Your Lord Who Has Given You
New Clothes of Righteousness"*

1. Our new clothes are far superior to our "old" clothes
2. Our new clothes are rich, kingly robes pleasing to God

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 371: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

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

Hymn: *TLH 370, st. 1 & 4: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

THE IMPORTANCE OF HEARING THE WORD:

When we speak of the importance of hearing the Word of God we recognize that it is God's will that we hear it. God's Word does not fall from heaven like the falling leaves. God does not speak to us of the things of the Kingdom in dreams and visions. He comes to us through the external Word, through the Word faithfully recorded by His holy prophets and apostles under the influence of the Spirit. He speaks to us in the Scriptures, the Holy Bible. The Spirit of God works in and through the Word bringing enlightenment and understanding. "These are written that you may know ..." God's love for us is manifest in many ways in our life, but the understanding of the Giver of all good things, and the love that redeems us from sin and death is understood only through the Word. It makes "wise unto salvation" (2 Timothy 3:15), and brings us to faith in Christ.

They who are of God hear God's Word (John 8:47). We hear God's Word when it passes through our ears to our heart, as well as when we read it, study it, and meditate upon it. Our Lord said through the prophet, "To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit and trembles at (stands in awe of) My Word" (Isaiah 66:2).

Our Lord attaches blessing to the hearing of His Word. "Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep (guard) it" (Luke 11:28). John declares the importance of hearing the Word as well as its blessing when he writes, "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe** in the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13).

There is another important reason for hearing the Word. As children of God we are confronted in this world with evil, and with false doctrine. How shall we be able to distinguish between truth and error, between the deceit of the devil and the truth of God unless we know, through hearing it, what the Word of God teaches? The Word is our defense against false teaching as well as our weapon against it and the devious attacks of Satan. The Lord Jesus Himself overcame the devil with the Word of God (Matthew 4).



Luther said "... If anything comes before you that appears to be so beautiful and holy that you think it is positively angelical, then take it and compare it with God's Word; see if it is grounded in Holy Scripture and if God has commanded and enjoined it. If it is a mere notion, a private opinion, and a good idea, but without God's Word, then spit at it" (WLS, Vol. III, page 1478).

Jesus sums it all up: "If you continue in My Word, then you are My disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). That promise is reason enough to recognize the importance of hearing the Word with diligence and reverence, as well as regularly.

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer (10/21/2007)

† *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* †

- ◆ **Next Week:** Voters and Dorcas Guild annual meetings.
- ◆ **Cleaning List:** A new list is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. Please consider signing up in order to make the Lord's house presentable and to be engaged with the Lord's work at Grace.
- ◆ **Work Day:** The Voters resolved to have an extra work day in January, this year on Sat., Jan. 26. Please come and help.
- ◆ **Addresses:** We are again preparing for the publication of the yearly directory at Grace. Please check your contact information in the draft copy of the directory located in the narthex. Place a check mark by your entry if it is correct. If it is not, then please edit as necessary. If you wish to add email, please do so. Your cooperation is appreciated as we attempt to produce an accurate directory.
- ◆ **Women's Retreat:** There are brochures available by the guest book with information regarding this year's retreat at LaCrosse, WI, April 18-20. Registration deadline is March 20.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #14 – First Article, Part 2.



† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner *Elder:* Dave Rust

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

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

Hospitality Team 5: Mark & Trudy Wales; Al Rosendahl; Karen Auel

Church Cleaners: Kirkham *School Cleaners:* Dick

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: ?? *School Cleaners:* Hein

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 1)
 11:00 am – Hospitality
 11:15 am – Boards; 12:00 pm – Council

Wed., Jan. 16: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Jan. 20: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 2)
 11:00 am – Hospitality
 11:30 am – Voters and Dorcas Guild Meetings

Sat., Jan. 26: 9:00 am – Work Day at Grace

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 6, 2008 Sun.: 133 S.S.: 21 B.Cl.: 41 Wed.: 17

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,835.18	CLC:	1,001.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,225.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-389.82	CLC:	+41.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	2,835.18	CLC:	1,001.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	3,225.00	CLC:	960.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-389.82	CLC:	+41.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	51.00	Tuition:	65.00
GLC Other:	93.25* MDF:	125.00	Kinship:	49.00
ILC Student Aid:	40.00 ILC Bldg.	101.00	IIF: 54.00 CEF:	50.00

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*Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress.*