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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Lent 5

Date: March 9, 2008

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 116, TLH p. 148*

Hymn: *TLH 153: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

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

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

P: I love the Lord, for He heard my voice;

C: He heard my cry for mercy.

P: Because He turned His ear to me,

C: I will call upon Him as long as I live.

P: For You, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death,

C: My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. Glory be to God!

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: *John 11:17-27, 38-45*

Even Jesus groans at death, as we see here with His friend, Lazarus. However, He demonstrates verbally with Martha and then physically with Lazarus that He has power over the clutches of that which takes life.

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: The Son of Man did not come to be served,

C: But to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.

Second Reading: *Harmony of the Passion*

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

Hymn: *TLH 651: Be Still, My Soul*

Sermon: *Romans 8:16-22*



(16) The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (17) and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together. (18) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be

revealed in us. (19) For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. (20) For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; (21) because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. (22) For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. (NKJV™)

"From Groaning to Glory"

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *WS 785: Children of the Heavenly Father*

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

Hymn: *TLH 151, st.1 & 7: Christ, the Life of All the Living*

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!

“A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH, THE GUILT OF ALL MEN BEARING
 ...” we sing in one of our Lenten hymns (LH-142). All who feel the burden of their imperfection, the sorrow over their sin, and recognize the consequence of sin in time and eternity, rejoice and are comforted that the Son of God fulfilled the task for which He had come into the world. Our heavenly Father laid upon His incarnate Son the “iniquity of us all.” Without complaint or effort to avoid the consequence of our sin which He bore, the Son of God and Mary, Jesus went the way of the cross. Consequently “we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins” (Colossians 1:14, Ephesians 1:7) “according to the riches of His grace” (Ephesians 1:7). All who confess their sins, and believe in the person and atonement of the Lord Jesus shall be saved. That is the manifest promise of the Father, and the absolute statement of the divine Word- “whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

We cannot comprehend in its fullness the depth of love that would fill the heart of the Father first of all to promise a Savior from sin, or that of the Savior Who bore the sin and punishment of such wretches as we. We cannot comprehend it, but we believe it. In Christ the Lord blesses his people with peace (Psalm 29:11) which passes all understanding.

But then one might ask, “I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. I acknowledge and trust in Him as my Savior from sin, and the Giver of life eternal. Why do I so often fail to feel the peace that the Father says is mine?” As the saying is, “join the crowd.” We are still people of flesh. As such, Satan works incessantly to lead us into sin and shame. If our conscience is an active conscience, it rises up to accuse us. What shall we do? We will return to the Word of God to be renewed in the fact that “Christ died for the ungodly” (Romans 5:6). Believe it, “He died for me!” When Jesus died He forgave our sin. He did not recreate us incapable of sinning! Under the burden of our sin, we come to the Lord Who assures, “A broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise” (Psalm 51:17). Go in peace. Then come again tomorrow! When Satan suggests we have wearied God by continual coming and will no longer hear us, go back to the Word. We weary God with our sins, but He Whose nature it is to forgive those who labor under the burden of sin never wearies of forgiving us. For this cause Jesus died-for you! When Satan suggests that your sin is too great, seek out the Word. Put Satan to flight with affirmation of the Word which says, “Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen...” (Romans 8: 34). “O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God-through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 7:25)!

Jesus went without complaint to satisfy your debt to the Father. His death was not the culmination of His love for you, for He rose again from the dead, and even now lives to plead for you before the Father. The Father cannot reject the intercession of His Son. As God is truth, He invites you daily to come to Him for the reassurance of peace that only the believer in Christ can know!

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 2/10/2008

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Among Us:** Alexander Dick was able to return home to this past Thursday. We thank the Lord for his recovery!
- ◆ **Lenten Worship:** Our midweek Lenten services will conclude this Wednesday at 7 pm, with the theme “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus.” The service will be preceded by a soup supper beginning at 6 pm.
- ◆ **Good Friday:** On Friday, March 21, at 7 pm, we will be holding our Good Friday service. Good Friday has lost its appeal in our society. It certainly doesn’t have all the secular traditions and customs as we would see with Christmas. Yet it is the pinnacle of what our Savior’s work was all about: dying on the cross for our sins. We have the opportunity to spend some time at the cross that evening with our Scripture readings, hymns, and Gospel message. May we buck the trend by treasuring this holiday to which many pay little or no attention.
- ◆ **Easter:** This year there will be one Easter service at Grace instead of two. The festival worship service will be at 9:00 am. We will have the wonderful opportunity to rejoice in our Savior’s resurrection from the dead, making our own resurrection a certainty on the Last Day. Death and the gloom of sin are no longer a powerful enemy. Our Savior has conquered them! We will also have an opportunity to share in Christian fellowship during the Easter breakfast which will be served from 7:30-8:30 am. Let’s gather together for this joyous occasion!
- ◆ **ILC Tour Choir:** On Easter afternoon, at 3 pm, the ILC Tour Choir will be coming to Grace for a concert of sacred music. Committee #3 will be hosting the event. Members are asked to bring cookies, bars, or fruit. A free-will offering will be collected to defray travel costs for the choir.
- ◆ **Sermons:** Rev. Norman Madson, an early member of the CLC, was well-known for his preaching. A book of his sermons has recently been published called, “Morning Bells at Our Savior’s.” The book sells for \$11.50. Those interested may speak with Pastor Hein.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Paul Larsen of North Port, FL, has been suffering from severe back problems since before Christmas. He has been unable to conduct services for the last several weeks.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Easter Memory Work

Last Week’s Stats: Mar. 2, 2008 Sun.: 107 S.S.: ?? B.Cl.: 33 Wed.: 70

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	4,323.59	CLC:	2,271.00	
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	359.65	CLC:	100.00	
<i>Weekly Need:</i>	<i>Grace:</i>	<i>3,225.00</i>	<i>CLC:</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>	
<i>-Under / +Over:</i>	<i>Grace:</i>	<i>+1,458.24</i>	<i>CLC:</i>	<i>+1,371.00</i>	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	26,852.28	CLC:	10,152.35	
<i>Year-to-Date Need:</i>	<i>Grace:</i>	<i>29,025.00</i>	<i>CLC:</i>	<i>9,000.00</i>	
<i>Year-to-Date (+/-)</i>	<i>Grace:</i>	<i>-2,172.72</i>	<i>CLC:</i>	<i>+1,152.65</i>	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	1.00	Tuition:	1,429.00	
GLC Other:	0.00	MDF:	25.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	25.00	ILC Bldg:	0.00	IIF: 14.00	CEF: 27.00

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Benno Sydow

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: M. Dick

School Cleaners: Sandhoefner

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

Counting Team 4: Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel

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

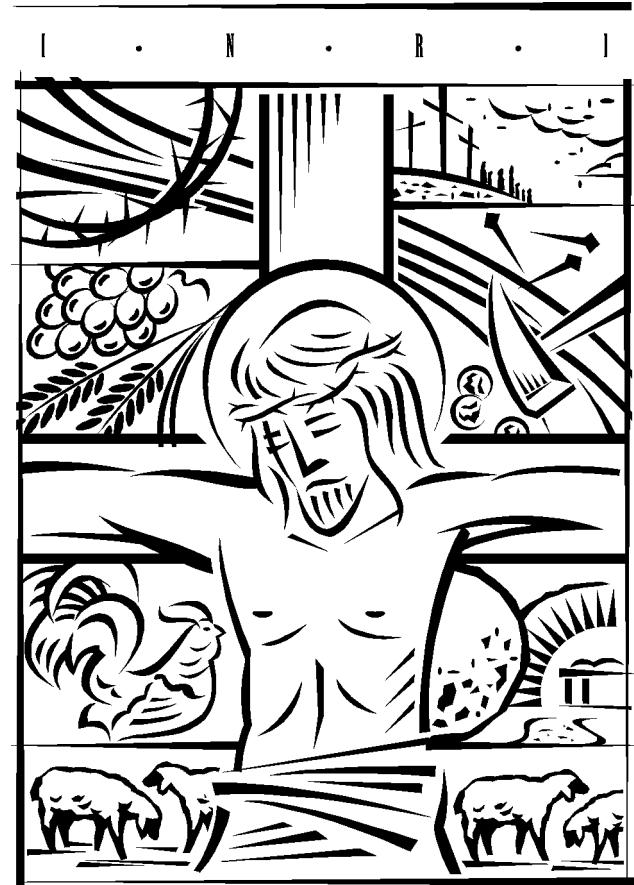
Church Cleaners: M.&T. Wales

School Cleaners: Vanderveer

† OUR SCHEDULE †

- Today:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 5)
11:00 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Wed., Mar. 12:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Service
- March 13-15:** Grade School Basketball Tournament @ ILC
- Fri., Mar. 14:** 9:30, 10:30 am – Fridley/W. Columbia v. Fond du Lac
8:00, 9:00 pm – Fridley/W. Columbia v. Eau Claire
- Sat., Mar. 15:** 11:00, 12:00 pm – Fridley/W. Columbia v. Hales Corners
- Sun., Mar. 16:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Palm Sunday)
11:00 am – Hospitality
- Fri., Mar. 21:** **GOOD FRIDAY**
7:00 pm – Good Friday Service w/ Lord's Supper
- Sun., Mar. 23:** **EASTER**
7:30 am – Easter Breakfast
9:00 am – Easter Festival Service
3:00 pm – ILC Tour Choir Concert
- Fri., Mar. 28:** 7:00 pm – Christian Day School History Fair

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For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. *Romans 8:18*