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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Palm Sunday

Date: March 16, 2008

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 24, TLH p. 128*

Hymn: *TLH 161: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Liturgy: *WS, p. 12 ff. (Pastor sings Lord Have Mercy, top of p. 13)*

First Reading: *Philippians 2:5-11*

The eventual reality is that everyone will realize that Jesus is King.

Second Reading: *Matthew 21:1-11*

Jesus, the King of Glory, enters Jerusalem for the battle that awaits.

Alleluia: *WS p. 14 f.*

Confession of Faith: *Apostles' Creed, WS p. 15*

CDS Children: *WS 751: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

CDS Children: *O Give Thanks*

CDS Children: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Sermon: *Psalm 24:7-10*

(7) Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. (8) Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle. (9) Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. (10) Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

"LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, O YOU GATES!"

Offertory: *WS p. 16*

Offering, Prayers, Benediction:

Hymn: *TLH 341: Crown Him with Many Crowns*

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Good Friday:** This 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.
- ◆ **Easter Lilies:** Jackie Radichel is purchasing Easter lilies. There is a signup sheet by the guest book for those who desire to buy any. They cost \$7. She'll have them here by next Saturday for the Easter service.
- ◆ **Easter Breakfast:** A signup sheet is available for those willing to help out in any kind of way for the Easter breakfast.
- ◆ **Women's Retreat:** There are brochures available by the guest book with information regarding this year's retreat at La Crosse, WI, April 18-20. Registration deadline is this Thursday, March 20.
- ◆ **Youth Camp:** Register by March 31, 2008 and receive a \$10 discount per camper. Registration and additional details are online at <http://youthcamp.clclutheran.net/>.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Tom Scheutze of Coloma, MI, is still hospitalized with influenza and breathing issues.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Easter Memory Work

Last Week's Stats: Mar. 9, 2008 Sun.: 122 S.S.: ?? B.Cl.: 35 Wed.: 62

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,317.55	CLC:	780.00
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	548.00	CLC:	100.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,225.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-359.45	CLC:	-120.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	29,717.83	CLC:	11,032.35
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	32,250.00	CLC:	10,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,532.17	CLC:	+1,032.35
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	15.00	Tuition:	42.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	260.00	Kinship:	64.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	70.00	IIF: 15.00	CEF: 39.00

HOLY WEEK:

The day after Jesus had rested in Bethany He entered into Jerusalem on what we celebrate as Palm Sunday. This day which ushers in Holy Week received its name from the fact that as Jesus entered in lowliness He was greeted by palm waving crowds who also laid their palms before Him as He entered. This entrance into Jerusalem had been foretold by the prophet Zechariah: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." As with every act of Jesus' ministry, His entrance and the events around it validate and confirm the reliability of the Old Testament. As God said it, so it was!



Holy Week was an active week for the Savior Who within 5 days would be tried and crucified, and Who just 7 days hence would rise again from the dead. Each evening of Holy Week, Jesus would return to Bethany, and then return to Jerusalem each day. During this week which began with the voices of children echoing His praise, Jesus active ministry continued. A brief summary-

- 1) **Monday:** Cursed the barren fig tree foretelling the judgment of Jerusalem, for which in fact He wept in spite of the fact and because they had rejected Him;
- 2) He purged the temple which money changers had turned into a "den of thieves."
- 3) **Tuesday:** He spoke various discourses:
 - a) About the withered fig tree, and about faith (Mark 11:21-24)
 - b) To the elders concerning his authority (Mark 11:27-33)
 - c) Parable of the two sons sent to the vineyard (Matthew 21:28-32)
 - d) The wicked caretakers of the vineyard (Luke 20:9-19)
 - e) The marriage of the King's Son (Matthew 22:1-14)
 - f) The question of tribute [taxes] (Luke 20:20-26)

- g) Concerning the question of the Sadducees on the resurrection (Luke 20: 27-40)
 - h) The great Commandment (Matthew 22: 34-40)
 - i) The question posed to the Pharisees, "What think ye of Christ?" (Matthew 22: 41-46)
 - j) Rebuke of the Pharisees and scribes (Matthew 23)
 - k) Concerning the widow's mite (Mark 12: 41-44)
 - l) The visit of the Greeks: "We would see Jesus." (John 12:20-36)
 - m) Concerning His ministry and its results (John 12:37-50)
 - n) Concerning the destruction of Jerusalem and his return to Judgment (Matthew 24) and the Olivet discourse regarding
 - aa) Parable of the wise and foolish virgins
 - bb) Parable of the talents
 - cc) The last Judgment (Matthew 25)
 - o) Jesus' last prophecy of His death (Matthew 26:1-5)
- 4) **Wednesday:** Jesus relaxes in Bethany; Judas agrees with the chief priests to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver (Matthew 26:14-16)
- 5) **Thursday:** Jesus sends the disciples to obtain and prepare the upper room (Matthew 26: 16- 20)
- 6) Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper, speaks to the disciples on many subjects (reveals the betrayer, foot washing, promises another Helper-the Holy Spirit, High Priestly prayer (John 13-17). From here He went to the garden, was betrayed and tried, and on
- 7) **Friday:** Died on the cross.

It was indeed a full week. Having loved His own, Jesus loved them to the end. He went as the Lamb of God without complaint. The praise of so many on Palm Sunday turned out to be hollow, but the Lord ministered to the end, and then gave up his life that He might gain some, among whom we are numbered. "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us ..." (1 John 3:16). Busy to the end, without complaint- "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing" (Revelation 5:12).

(Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 3/16/2008)

Council Meeting Notes - March 9, 2008

Meeting opened with a prayer at 11:50 AM. Roll was taken. The February Council meeting minutes were accepted as presented. The special February Council meeting minutes were accepted as presented. The February treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Pastor's Report

- Holy week is next week.
- The annual report will be out after Easter.
- Pastor will advertise our Easter service.
- A news release was sent to the Sun Focus regarding the tour choir service.

Board of Elders Report

- A motion was passed to present to the voters the use of about \$2300 of memorial money towards the purchase of a piano for the sanctuary.
- A video sound projection subcommittee is being created.
- 15 delinquent members were sent letters. Action will be taken in the next couple of months.
- Easter breakfast is being arranged.
- Reminder: The hospitality committee has been turned over to the Dorcas to manage.

Board of Education Report

- May 2 is field day. It may be held at Berea this year, as it might possibly be rotated among the schools.
- The classrooms are scheduled to be re-carpeted this summer.
- The movable wall might be made permanent.
- The school needs one computer monitor.

Board of Trustees Report

- The flag attachment on the pole does not match the new flag.
- The fellowship floor will be buffed before Good Friday.

Old Business

- The usher list and concerns was handed out.
- We can take shredding to the city of Fridley the first Saturday of every month.
- A new server for the counting computer would cost about \$700 - \$1000.

New Business

- Letters, emails, and conversations were used the past couple of years in an effort to attract new voters.
- The bylaws for the nominating committee might change.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 12:33 PM.

Roger Ochsner - Secretary, Grace Lutheran Church

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: **Janelle Hein** Elder: **Benno Sydow**
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: **Vandevveer**

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: **Mark Wales; Joshua Benzer; Pete Fleischer; Jack Kirkham; Ole Olmanson; Clint Welker; Brandt Wendland**
Counting Team 5: **Mike Dick; Brad Kitzman; Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner**
Hospitality Team 1: **Bye for Easter**
Church Cleaners: **M.&T. Wales** School Cleaners: **Vandevveer**

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Palm Sunday)
11:00 am – Hospitality

Wed., Mar. 19: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

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

Sun., Mar. 30: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 2)
11:00 am – Hospitality

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Palm Sunday