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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Easter 3

Date: April 6, 2008

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 16, TLH p. 125*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 198: He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord*

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

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

P: Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name;

**C: Make known among the nations what He has done.**

P: Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts.

**C: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

P: Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always.

**C: Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles and judgments. Glory be to God!**

**Gloria in Excelsis:** ..... *TLH 193, st. 1,6*

1. Christ the Lord is risen today,  
Sons of men and angels say.  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heavens, and, earth, reply.

6. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to Thee by both be given!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the Resurrection Thou!



**First Reading:** ..... *Acts 2:14a, 22-32*

At Pentecost Peter preaches about the significance of Christ's resurrection.

## Gradual:

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

**C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

P: He has made Him ruler over the works of His hands;

**C: He has put everything under His feet.**

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again;

**C: Death no longer has mastery over Him. Alleluia.**

**Second Reading:** ..... *John 20:19-31*

Jesus reveals Himself to His disciples on Easter evening and a week later.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 208, st. 1-7: Ye Sons and Daughters of the King*

**Sermon:** ..... *1 Peter 1:3-9*

(3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (4) to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, (5) who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (6) In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, (7) that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, (8) whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, (9) receiving the end of your faith; the salvation of your souls. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## "FAITH REFINED AS HOPE EXPECTS"

**Offertory:** ..... *TLH p. 22 f.*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 427, st. 1-5: How Firm a Foundation*

**Offering & Prayer:**

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

**Distribution:** ..... *TLH 206: Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*

**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 208, st. 8-10: Ye Sons and Daughters of the King*

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Among Us:** Ardis Trulin, hospitalized at Methodist, has suffered a much more serious stroke than originally diagnosed. We patiently wait on the Lord, knowing His will is always good with whatever we face in life.
- ◆ **Softball Signup:** A signup sheet is found by the guest book for those interested in playing softball this coming spring and summer.
- ◆ **Wed. Bible Class:** In order for things to work out for focusing on the Confirmation exam, the Wed. night Bible Class will be suspended.
- ◆ **Berea Carnival:** Our children are invited to attend a carnival at Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights on April 26, from 2-5 pm. There is a poster advertizing this on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ◆ **ILHS Visitors Day:** On April 25, our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to go to Eau Claire for a day to visit the campus at Immanuel Lutheran and to get acquainted with high school life there. If you are in that age group, please speak with Pastor about going.
- ◆ **Immanuel Registration:** If you are still considering attending Immanuel, this is an encouragement to send your registration and application for student aid in soon. The deadline for the application for student aid is April 15<sup>th</sup>. The ILC website does have a lot of information which may be helpful in your considerations: <http://www.ilc.edu>. A registration form, the student aid application and a form for a pastoral recommendation can be found there: <http://www.ilc.edu/ilcresources.htm> as well as other information.
- ◆ **Camp Invitation:** St. Stephen Lutheran Church of Mountain View, CA, along with other pacific coast CLC volunteers would like to invite our young ones to our Ambassador's Camp this summer from July 22-27 as we focus on "The Promises of God." To learn more about this exciting new event please go to [www.sslcwest.org](http://www.sslcwest.org) and click on Ambassador Camp 2008 Information.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Tom Scheutze of Coloma, MI, has been released from the hospital. He plans on taking a month's leave of absence.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #24 – Baptism 3 & 4.



<b>Last Week's Stats:</b> Mar. 30, 2008		Sun.: 123	S.S.: ??	B.Cl.: 54
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,999.25	CLC:	685.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,225.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-225.75	CLC:	-315.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	40,602.48	CLC:	13,665.35
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	41,925.00	CLC:	13,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,322.52	CLC:	+665.35
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	2.00	Tuition:	28.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	12.00	Kinship:	52.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	1.00	IIF: 10.00	CEF: 36.00

ILC Tour Choir: \$100

## Sermon Excerpt:

When the sainted fathers of the Reformation called the doctrine of justification by grace through faith the doctrine by which a church stands or falls, "they spoke from long experience in the Babylonian captivity of the Roman Catholic Church, where works and grace had been sadly confused to the poor sinner's distraction. The reformers wanted this to stand clear before the hearts and minds of all, that works and grace will not mix anymore than water and oil will mix. There can be no doubt on this score in the face of these plain words from Paul's epistle to the Romans: **"And if by grace, then it is no more works: otherwise grace is no more grace"** (Romans 11:6).

Grace and works mutually exclude one another. And while all the world hears testimony to the fact that the only way back to the Father is by way of that grace which He has bestowed upon us in His only-begotten Son, there is nothing which more conclusively proves to us this eternal truth than the resurrection of Christ from the dead. Blot out from the record the account of Christ's resurrection, and what do you have left? A gospel of despair instead of hope. For again the apostle has made plain what that would mean when he says: **"If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and you faith is also vain"** (1 Corinthians 15:14). --- **Norman A. Madson**

## GOD'S WAY WITH ME.

The Lord has led me by His hand Through depths I did not understand;  
He taught me to obey His will - To comprehend His "Peace, be still!"

He led me through the "school of pain," And step by step His love made plain;  
Through suff'ring's lesson He taught me The prayer of His Gethsemane.

He taught me patiently to wait, My sinful restlessness to hate,  
To look to Him for every breath - The mighty Lord of life and death.

Through chast'ning He has shown His love, All earthly cares or joys above;  
My Shepherd led me through the vale, To know His love will never fail.

Oh, that my lips His praise could show, That all who suffer here could know  
That God through pain to joy doth raise. How wonderful, Lord, are Thy ways!

The Lutheran Witness of Aug. 18, 1931, included this hymn by Edith E. Fischer of Buffalo, NY. May be sung to the melody of TLH 340.

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Benno Sydow

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

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandevener; Clint Welker; Mark Wales

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

Church Cleaners: Ochsner

School Cleaners: Dick

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Ed Lentz; Al Rosendahl; John Auel; Scott Baker; David Stifter; Lyle Trulin; Michael Ude

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

Hospitality Team 4: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Fred, Pal, & Scott Dauer

Church Cleaners: Nelson/Hammond School Cleaners: Davis

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper (Easter 3)  
11:00 am – Hospitality

**Tue., Apr. 8:** 4:00 pm – Staff Meeting

**Wed., Apr. 9:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
6:30 pm – Confirmation Exam Preparation

**Sun., Apr. 13:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 4)  
11:00 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council

**Fri., Apr. 19:** 12:00 pm – School Dismissal

**Sun., Apr. 20:** 11:30 am – Voters' & Dorcas Guild Meetings

**April 21-24:** Iowa Basic Skills Testing for Christian Day School

**Fri., Apr. 25:** Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitor's Day  
Grace Lutheran Visitor's Day  
7:30 pm – ILC Musical "Wagon Wheel's West"

**Sat., Apr. 26:** 9:00 am – Work Day at Grace  
2:00-5:00 pm – Carnival at Berea

**Thu., May 1:** 7:00 pm – Ascension Service

**Fri., May 2:** Field Day @ Grace

**Sun., May 18:** Confirmation Day

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*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Romans 15:13*