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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Easter 6

Date: April 27, 2008

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 66, TLH p. 136 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 501: Soldiers of the Cross, Arise*

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

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

P: Sing with joy to God, all the earth!

C: Sing to the glory of His name; offer Him glory and praise!

P: Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard;

C: He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.

P: Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer ...

C: Or withheld His love from me! 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 17:22-31*

Paul identifies the UNKNOWN God at Athens.

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. Blessed are those who have not seen ...

C: And yet have believed. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *John 14:15-21*

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to His disciples.

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

Hymn: *TLH 265: Thine Honor Save, O Christ, Our Lord*

Sermon: *1 Peter 3:15-22*

(15) But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; (16) having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. (17) For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. (18) For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, (19) by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, (20) who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. (21) There is also an antitype which now saves us; baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, (22) who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him. (NKJV™)

"DEFENDING THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU"

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 346: Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be*

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

Hymn: *TLH 283: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

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!

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Today:** The Dorcas Guild will hold its quarterly meeting. At the meeting nominations will be taken for the Dorcas Guild officers: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Cheer Lady.
- ◆ **Ascension Worship:** This Thursday is Ascension Day, the 40th day after Easter in which Jesus ascended into heaven, no longer to be seen by the disciples. Yet this event made the disciples aware that even though the Lord was away, He was with them as they went about doing His work. We will be having a worship service this Thursday night at 7 pm in celebration of the Ascension.
- ◆ **Among Us:** This past week Lyle Trulin was hospitalized at Methodist for hydration and stomach issues. On Wed., Jessie Maestas had eye surgery. Gil Maestas will be having a lung biopsy this coming week to check out a spot on his lung. Jane Cowan is recovering at home following her knee replacement surgery. May the Lord strengthen His people as they look to Him for forgiveness and help.
- ◆ **Thanks:** To all those who participated in yesterday's work day.
- ◆ **Softball:** Games start tonight at 7 and 8 pm.
- ◆ **Confirmation:** Confirmation will be on May 18th. The students are busily preparing themselves. They include Karie Davis, Rachel Rhinesmith, Dylan Stifter, and Matthew Vandever. May the Lord bless their preparations.
- ◆ **The Branches:** It's time to renew your subscription, or to become a new subscriber, to this quarterly magazine for women of all ages. Please sign the subscription request list by the guest book. The \$12.00 subscription cost is covered by the congregation.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Jeff Radichel invites the congregation to an open house on June 15, from 1-4 pm in celebration of his graduation. Address is 102 Windsor Lane New Brighton MN 55112.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Gethsemane of Saginaw has called Mrs. Gloria Wilke to teach in its lower grade classroom. Gethsemane has also called Mrs. Debi Leinberger to a part time position in the lower grade classroom.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #31 – Address & First Petition.

Last Week's Stats: Apr. 20, 2008		Sun.: 141	S.S.: 22	B.Cl.: 40
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,908.00	CLC:	767.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,225.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-317.00	CLC:	-233.00
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Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	48,674.00	CLC:	16,229.35
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	51,600.00	CLC:	16,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,926.00	CLC:	+229.35
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Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	3.00	Tuition:	31.00
GLC Other: 76.00	MDF:	7.00	Kinship:	51.00
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg.	0.00	IIF: 1.00	CEF: 25.00

Voters Meeting Notes (4/20/2008)

Roll was taken. The January voters meeting minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer's 1st quarter report was approved as presented.

Pastor's Report

- Ardis Trulin's funeral was last week.
- The Easter service schedule went well.
- The tour choir concert Easter afternoon had many visitors.
- May 18 is confirmation with 4 confirmands.
- The annual report will be coming out soon.

Board of Elder's Report

- The Easter breakfast schedule with one church service went well.
- The emergency calling tree is being revised. We must get correct member email addresses.
- It was moved and passed to use about \$2900 from the undesignated memorial fund for the new piano.
- It was moved and passed to move VBS up one week to July 21-25.
- It was moved and passed that Dave Rust and Jeff Radichel will be delegates and Benno Sydow and Pete Fleischer will be alternates for the MN delegate conference June 1 and for the CLC convention June 16-20.
- It was moved and passed to suspend Wednesday Bible study over the summer. It will resume on Wednesday, September 3.
- It was moved and passed to change the nominating committee by-law. The second year Elder will be the chair, and the committee will be the counters.
- 6 of 15 members responded positively regarding lack of church attendance. However, the following memberships matters were addressed: It was moved and passed ...
 - ... to terminate the membership of Dustin Eiffler.
 - ... to terminate the membership of Colleen Barnes (Maestas).
 - ... to terminate the membership of Bernice Redman (Rust).
 - ... to terminate the membership of Amy Rosendahl.
 - ... to terminate the membership of Corrina Solberg.
 - ... to terminate the membership of Michael Stifter.

Board of Education Report

- It was moved and passed to accept the 2008-2009 Grace school calendar as amended.
- It was moved and passed to replace the removable partition with a permanent wall. Work is to be done May 30-July 18 and will cost about \$2000.
- Carpet replacement is scheduled for this summer.

Board of Trustees Report

- April 26 is a church work day.
- The treasurer's books were audited and found to be in order.
- A water leak in Ryan Libby's room will be addressed.
- A valve for the water faucet will be addressed.

Other Business

- A concern over the lack of ushering during funerals was expressed.
- It was moved and passed to purchase a new computer server for \$700-\$1000.

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

Expelled!

By Rev. Wayne Eichstadt (Immanuel, Mankato, MN)

On April 18th a documentary was released in theaters nationwide—*Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*. This documentary has received a good amount of publicity among Christians because it documents a case against evolution and its automatic acceptance in the world today. Because of the nature of this film and its message, we are providing a brief review of its content from a Christian perspective for those who may be interested in seeing the movie or who wonder about its value. This documentary will meet expectations if the viewer enters the theater with a clear understanding of its purpose and of the Intelligent Design movement:

- 1) The movie's purpose is *not* to support, defend, or teach the biblical truth of creation.
- 2) The purpose of the movie is to show how freedom in science is being trampled, to reveal the effect of following evolution, and to set forth the possibility of some sort of intelligent design behind the formation of the universe.
- 3) "Intelligent Design" is a scientific approach that is not Christian. Intelligent Design acknowledges design but does not ascribe that to the one true God of Scripture and therefore does not glorify Him. If the scientific world suddenly agreed to Intelligent Design it would still not mean that the Bible was being believed, that God was being glorified, or that Christ was being worshipped.

Loss of Freedom in Science

The documentary interviews several scientists who lost their jobs because they taught or wrote about the possibility of intelligent design. In each case the freedom to explore scientific options was curtailed because these individuals did not follow the majority view.

Objections to Intelligent Design

The Darwinists (evolutionists) who are interviewed for this film (and certainly most others) equate Intelligent Design with religion. Any discussion of Intelligent Design brings their scorn and ridicule as is evidenced throughout this movie. Intelligent Design is derided as "boring" and "stupid stuff" while those who believe in a god of any sort are described as "not sane," "stupid," or at the very least "ignorant." One Darwinist describes religion like "knitting" – a pastime to amuse people.

Improbability of Evolution

It would take a minimum of 250 proteins for the simplest of cells to survive. This documentary uses a dramatic graphic portrayal to show the statistical impossibility of evolutionary development. Interviews with prominent evolutionists become humorous for the sheer silliness of what they propose without any real evidence. The film also describes the marvel of God's creation (though it does not acknowledge it as such) in the DNA of each and every cell.

Media's role

A reporter who dared to report on the idea of Intelligent Design and lost her job provides insight from a media perspective. A compelling case is made to show that the media supports the scientific establishment, i.e. evolution and Darwinism. The media is

so closed to anything outside of "what we're supposed to believe" that when new discoveries are put forth those discoveries are either not reported or are brushed aside with a standard line of dismissal.

Effects of Evolution

Several evolutionists are interviewed. Each one is arrogant, an atheist, speaks mockingly of anything religious not to mention Christianity, and each one freely acknowledges that the theory of evolution is what led them to their atheistic beliefs. They view this as "enlightenment," but sadly, it is the road to damnation.

Worldview

The conclusion is made that the debate concerning the origins of the universe is really a *lack* of debate because all sides are not able to be heard since the idea of Intelligent Design is squelched. At the heart of this debate, or lack thereof, lies a difference in worldview:

- 1) Darwinist worldview—a worldview that makes science the answer to everything and makes the evidence fit whatever one has determined it should say.
- 2) Intelligent Design worldview – a worldview that follows the evidence wherever it leads even to the point of destroying previously held notions. It lets the evidence speak.
- 3) Christian worldview -- a worldview not portrayed in the movie, but one that lets God speak from His Word, experiments and studies with that understanding, and then marvels as all of creation gives testimony to its Creator.

The Wall

The documentary draws an ongoing parallel between the current scientific atmosphere and that of Nazi Germany and its aftermath. Like the wall that separated East and West Germany to keep Communism "safe" from western influence, so a wall is set up to silence anything that opposes Darwinism to keep it "safe." The movie draws attention to the evolutionary thinking that contributed to Hitler's actions, the founding of Planned Parenthood, and still contributes to abortion and euthanasia.

Final Call

The movie ends with a call to stand up for freedom in science. It seeks to inspire individuals who love freedom to stand up and be heard. The movie is convincing in its cause and if there is reason to "stand up" for the love of freedom and science, we have much more reason to stand up when we have the truth to share and the true God to glorify. The movie ends on a humorously entertaining note for all those who are familiar with Ben Stein's previous work.

Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed is informative. It provides a valuable collection of interviews and insights into the way in which Darwinism has kidnapped science, and it provides evidence of all the resultant effects. The sobering message of the film is a reminder to us all to guard our hearts and those of our children. The message of Darwinism is pervasive and not simply in the classroom or the scientific journal—it is all encompassing because of its wide acceptance and assumed truth.

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows His handiwork. Psalm 19:1*

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Dave Rust

Ushers: Al Rosendahl, John Auel, Scott Baker, David Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Micheal Ude

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

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

Church Cleaners: B. & B. Sydow *School Cleaners:* Maki

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Al Rosendahl, John Auel, Scott Baker, David Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Micheal Ude

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

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

Church Cleaners: Degnan *School Cleaners:* ??

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 6)
11:00 am – Hospitality; 11:30 am – Dorcas Guild
7:00, 8:00 pm – Grace Softball Games (Field #4)

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

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

Fri., May 2: Field Day @ Grace

Sun., May 4: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper (Easter 7)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:15 am – Boards; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting
4:00, 5:00 pm – Grace Softball Games (Field #4)

Sun., May 18: Confirmation Day (K. Davis; R. Rhinesmith; D. Stifter; M. Vandever)

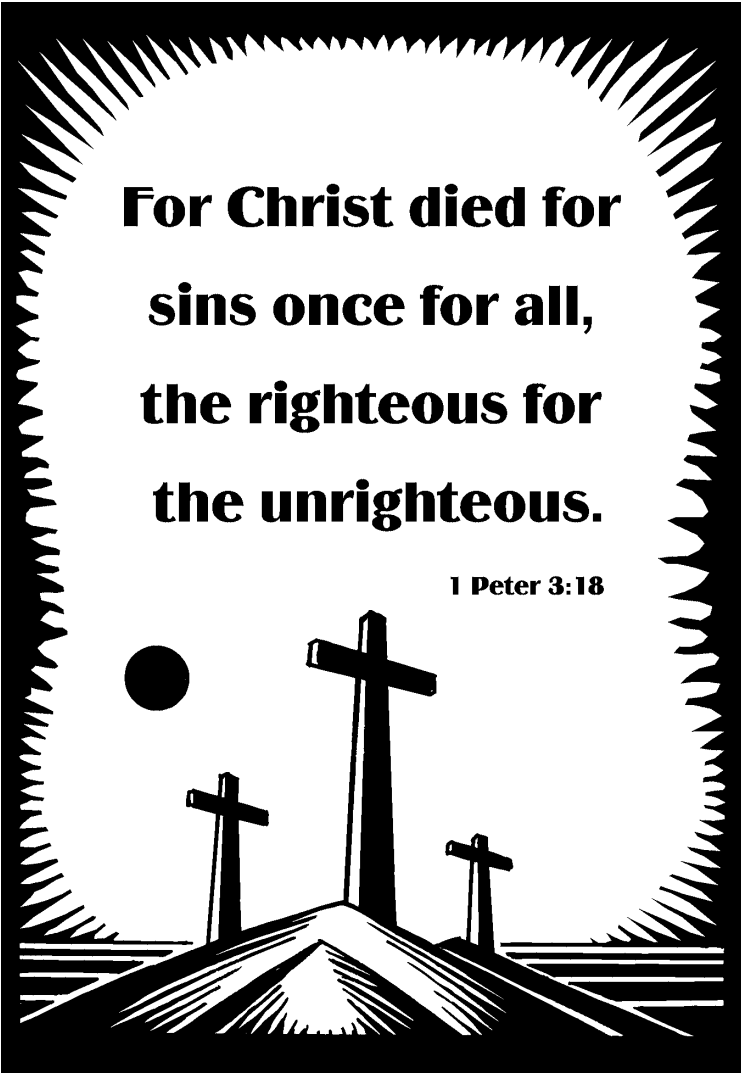
Fri., May 23: 3:00 pm – ILC Class Day
7:30 pm – ILC Spring Concert

Sat., May 24: 10:00 am – ILC Graduation

Sun., May 25: 9:00 am – Summer Worship Schedule Begins
Graduation Recognition

Thu., May 29: Grace School Program (Brer Rabbit)

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**For Christ died for
sins once for all,
the righteous for
the unrighteous.**

1 Peter 3:18