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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

Church Year: Advent 3

Date: December 14, 2008

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 72, TLH p. 138*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 66: Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes*

**Liturgy:** ..... *TLH, p. 5 ff. (Laminated Sheet in Pew Also Available)*

Note: Today we will sing the introit and have the Advent candle lighting in place of the liturgy from pages 6 - 9.

**Introit:** ..... *Tune of TLH 58: O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee*

Rejoice, rejoice, ye Christians, Again I say: Rejoice!  
Lead lives of moderation, The Savior is at hand;  
Be full of care for nothing, Address the Lord in prayer.  
He leads us out of prison, Brings Jacob safely there.

**Advent Candle Lighting:** ..... *The Shepherd Candle*

We light this candle as a symbol of joy. This we experience as Christ comes into our hearts. May the joyful promise of Your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation, just as it did for the shepherds that first Christmas night!

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

**Response:** ..... *TLH 62, st. 3: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*

Oh, come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



**First Reading:** ..... *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

A life of sanctification is encouraged and given by the Lord.

## Gradual:

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C: **Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!**

P: See, your King comes to you,

C: **Righteous and having salvation.**

P: Alleluia, Alleluia. I will send My messenger ahead of You,

C: **Who will prepare Your way before You. Alleluia.**



**Second Reading:** ..... *John 1:6-8, 19-28*

John the Baptizer denies being the Messiah and says he's the forerunner.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 61: Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People*

**Sermon:** ..... *Isaiah 61:1-3*

(1) "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; (2) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, (3) To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified." (NKJV™)

## The Marvelous Messianic Messenger Makes His Mark

**Offertory:** ..... *TLH p. 12 f.*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 92: Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 97: Let Us All with Gladsome Voice*

*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:** Following our worship service there will be light lunch served by the hospitality committee to which everyone is invited. A music recital will be held during the luncheon. Christmas Eve Rehearsal for the children will begin at noon and last until 2 pm. We ask that parents of pre-schoolers have one parent present during the rehearsals in case help is needed. The pre-schoolers will likely be done with the afternoon rehearsals at least ½ hour earlier.

◆ **ILC Recital:** The ILC music teachers extend an invitation to attend the student Piano/Organ Recital today at 3:00 p.m. in the ILC Fieldhouse.

◆ **Candlelight Service:** Our Candlelight service will be this Wednesday, Dec. 17, 7 pm. It will include Scripture readings and many hymns. The candlelight service will be preceded by a fellowship meal starting at 6 pm. The Sunday School will be singing "Go Tell It on the Mountain."



◆ **Christmas Meal:** Please join us for a fellowship meal prior to the Candlelight service on Wednesday, Dec. 17. Committee #2 is in charge. Dessert is being provided from the Dorcas Guild's Christmas cookie bake. Those attending may bring sandwiches and/or salad to share.

◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** This year's concert will be held on Fri., Dec. 19, 7:30 pm, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI. Those who wish to ride on the bus, there is a signup list for the trip by the guestbook. Plan on a 4:45 pm departure time from the church.

◆ **Christmas Eve Rehearsal:** There is one more remaining, next Sunday at 9 am. Please have the children here on time as there is just enough time to practice the worship service. There will be no Bible Class.



◆ **Christmas Services:** Christmas Eve - 6 pm;  
Christmas Day - 10 am.

◆ **Among us:** Jessie Maestas will be having cataract surgery on Dec. 30. Marvin Wagner will be having prostate surgery this Tuesday at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids. If you are so moved, please remember Bobby Vandever in your Christmas greetings. His address is: Robert Remi Vandever, 12398-041-C; Federal Correction Institute; PO Box 1000; Sandstone, MN 55072. May the Lord tenderly care for His people as they face life's challenges!

◆ **Books:** Pastor Emeritus Dale Redlin has published a book entitled Poems of Prayer and Praise. The cost for the book is \$10. Those who wish to purchase a copy may speak with Pastor Hein.

◆ **Catechism:** Our regular Catechism class for public school students will be suspended on Dec. 24 and 31 and then resume on January 7.

◆ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the four called workers of the congregation.

◆ **2009 Cleaning:** The 2009 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.

◆ **CLC News:** This past week Pastor Walter Schaller of Detroit, MI, suffered some heart problems. He had a pacemaker installed.

## ◆ Nomination Slate for 2009:

- President: Phil Radichel
- Vice President: Jack Kirkham
- Secretary: Roger Ochsner
- Treasurer: Brian Bergstrom
- Financial Secretary: Brandon Paplow (a 2<sup>nd</sup> nominee was unsecured)
- Elder: Frank Radichel, Jeff Radichel
- Education: Jack Kirkham; Larry Nelson; Mark Wales (for 2 spots)
- Trustee: Lyle Trulin; Bob Vandever



## ◆ Sunday School Memory Work: Christmas Eve recitations

**Last Week's Stats:** Dec. 7, 2008 Sun.: 133 S.S.: 23 B.CI.: 51 Wed.: 76

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	3,754.00	CLC:	1,257.00	
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	720.00	CLC:	150.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,225.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,249.00	CLC:	+407.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	144,506.26	CLC:	48,199.35	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	158,025.00	CLC:	49,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-13,518.74	CLC:	-800.65	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	3.00	Tuition:	27.00	
GLC Other:	320.95	MDF:	3.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	110.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

## MUSIC RECITAL

- ⇒ Bea Lentz (piano).....*Christmas Day Secrets*
- ⇒ Julianna Hein (piano).....*Go Tell It on the Mountain*
- ⇒ Bea & Olivia Lentz (piano) .....*Joy to the World*
- ⇒ Olivia Lentz (piano).....*Cradle Song*
- ⇒ Charles Davis (euphonium).....*Jingle Bells*
- ⇒ Emily Hein (violin) .....*Still, Still, Still*
- ⇒ Rachel Eichstadt (violin) .....*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*
- ⇒ Rachel Eichstadt & Emily Hein (violin).....*Away in a Manger*
- ⇒ Emily Hein (piano) .....*Prelude in C Major*
- ⇒ Abbie Hein (guitar) .....*Silent Night*
- ⇒ Abbie Hein (piano) .....*Do You Hear What I Hear?*

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner**      Elder: **Benno Sydow**  
Ushers: **Mike Dick, Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Dale Enns,  
Lynn Sandhoefner**  
Counting Team 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack  
Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Michael Ude**  
Hospitality Team 3: **Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Fred & Pal  
Dauer; Dan & Cindy Degnan**  
Church Cleaners: **Kitzman**      School Cleaners: **Dick**

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: **Mike Dick, Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Dale Enns,  
Lynn Sandhoefner**  
Counting Team 4: **Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust;  
Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel**  
Hospitality Team 4: **Mark & Trudy Wales; Al Rosendahl;  
Karen Auel**  
Church Cleaners: **Kitzman**      School Cleaners: **Ferris**

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

**Today:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 3)  
11:15 am – Luncheon w/Christmas Music Recital  
12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service Rehearsal  
3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital

**Wed., Dec. 17:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Meal  
7:00 pm – Candlelight Service

**Fri., Dec. 19:** 2:00 pm – Grace Lutheran School @ Northtown  
5:00 pm – Bus Departure to Eau Claire  
7:30 pm – ILC Concert @ Messiah – Eau Claire, WI

**Sun., Dec. 21:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 – Christmas Eve Service Rehearsal (No Bible Class)  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 4)  
11:15 am – Hospitality  
12:00 – Council Meeting

**Wed., Dec. 24:** 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service

**Thu., Dec. 25:** 10:00 am – Christmas Day Service

**Sun., Dec. 28:** 9:00 – No Bible Class or Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Christmas 1)  
11:15 am – No Hospitality

**Wed., Dec. 31:** 7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Service w/Lord's Supper

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The Spirit of the Lord  
is on me  
to preach good news to the poor  
to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
to proclaim the year of the  
Lord's favor. **Luke 4:18**