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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Advent 4

Date: December 21, 2008

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 89, TLH p. 141 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 55: Come, Thou Precious Ransom Come*

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*
Drop down with grace, ye heavens, Drop down now from above.
And let the skies show favor With righteousness and love.
Let earth bring forth salvation, Let His bright light arise!
The heav'ns declare His glory, The firmament His praise.

Advent Candle Lighting: *The Angel Candle*
We light this candle as a symbol of purity. This we will experience when the pure and holy angels accompany Jesus' coming again on the last day. May the visitation of Your Holy Spirit, O God, purify us that we may be ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.
O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Response: *TLH 62, st. 4: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*
Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



First Reading: *2 Samuel 7:8-16*
The promise of David's ancestor who would be the eternal King.

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. The virgin will be with Child and give birth to a Son,

C: And they will call His name Immanuel, God with us. Alleluia.



Second Reading: *Romans 16:25-27*

The mystery is revealed through faith in Jesus Christ.

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

Hymn: *TLH 710: Once in Royal David's City*

Sermon: *Micah 5:2*

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." (NKJVTM)

THE BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT OF JESUS OF NAZARETH: LOCATION: BETHLEHEM

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 647: O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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

Hymn: *TLH 78: Hail the Day So Rich in Cheer*

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 †

◆ **Christmas Eve** service will be held at 6:00 pm with our children presenting the Christmas Gospel. The theme this year is: *Savior of the Nations*. The focus is how God sent His Son as the Savior of people of all nationalities. The children have been working diligently in preparation of the service. Come and worship the newborn King!



◆ **Christmas Day** worship will be on Thursday at 10:00 am. Christ's birth is the reason for the season. May the love of this Child be the gift you open up your heart to on Christmas Day!

◆ **Video Tape:** A reminder that we are having a Christmas Eve service instead of a Christmas Eve program. Therefore, we ask that parents and friends avoid taking flash pictures and videotaping during this service so that the focus remains on the joyous message of our Savior's birth. Our Christmas Eve service will be discreetly videotaped and made available by request. If you are interested in a copy, please speak with Pastor, Frank Radichel, or Rick Nelson. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



◆ **Among us:** Marvin Wagner had prostate surgery this Tuesday at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids. Chris Lentz's uncle died this past week. The funeral was on Wednesday. Bobby Vandever has sent the congregation a Christmas card which is posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. As we face life's challenges as God's people, may we remember from a spiritual perspective that we are not victims but rather we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

◆ **CLC Missions Website Update:** There are new reports, photos, and videos of our CLC Missions program which can be viewed on the Internet. The new entries on the "What's New" section include reports on recent visitations to East Africa, Burma, and Nepal. There is also a 30 minute online video, which presents an overview of our work in the U.S. and in foreign fields. In addition, there are Christmas greetings and photos from our affiliate churches in India. The address is www.clclutheran.org/missions. You may see a printed summary of two of these reports, if you prefer, on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

◆ **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.

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

◆ Nomination Slate for 2009:

- ☛ President: Phil Radichel
- ☛ Vice President: Jack Kirkham
- ☛ Secretary: Roger Ochsner
- ☛ Treasurer: Brian Bergstrom
- ☛ Financial Secretary: Brandon Paplow; Jeff Radichel
- ☛ 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. 14, 2008	Sun.: 110	S.S.: 23	B.Cl.: 48	Wed.: 76
Sun. Offering:	Grace:		2,597.86	CLC:		835.00
Wed. Offering:	Grace:		532.10	CLC:		90.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:		3,225.00	CLC:		1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:		-95.04	CLC:		-75.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:		147,636.22	CLC:		49,124.35
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:		161,250.00	CLC:		50,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:		-13,613.78	CLC:		-875.65
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:		0.00	Tuition:		26.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	0.00	2.00	Kinship:		50.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	20.00	276.00	IIF: 26.00	CEF:	100.00

"... because there was no room for them in the inn." There are many of you in this congregation who think to yourselves: "If only I had been there! How quick I would have been to help the Baby! I would have washed His linen. How happy I would have been to go with the shepherds to see the Lord lying in the manger!" Yes, you would! You say that because you know how great Christ is, but if you had been there at that time you would have done no better than the people of Bethlehem. Childish and silly thoughts are these! Why don't you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve him, for what you do to your neighbor in need you do to the Lord Christ Himself. – From The Martin Luther Christmas Book

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Benno Sydow

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

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Mike Dick, Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Dale Enns,
Lynn Sandhoefner

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

Hospitality Team 5: Bye

Church Cleaners: Kitzman

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal (No Bible Class)
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 4)
11:15 am – Hospitality
12:00 – Council Meeting

Wed., Dec. 24: No Catechism
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

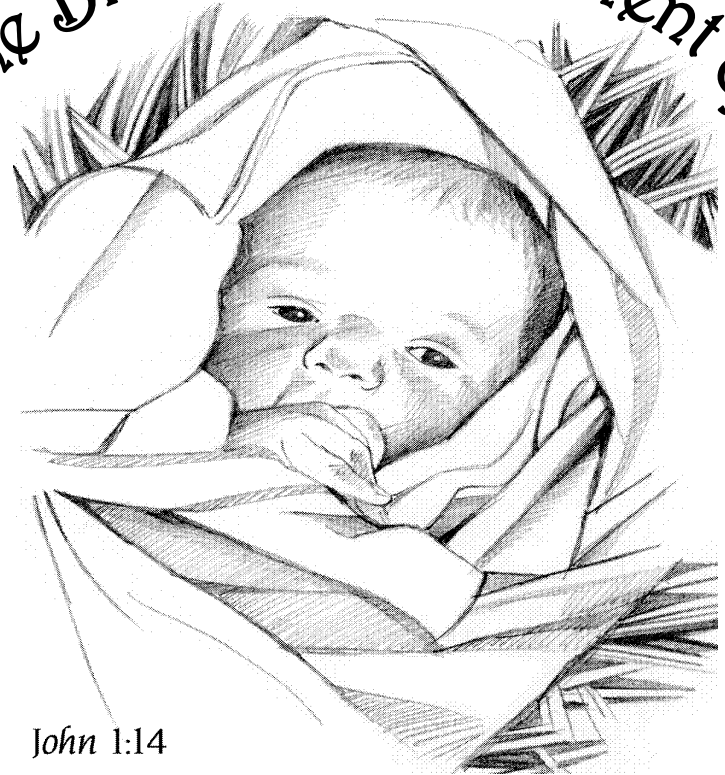
Sun., Jan. 4: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper

Wed., Jan. 7: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students



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The Birth Announcement of



John 1:14

No Midweek Bible Class (Resume Jan. 14)

JESUS OF NAZARETH