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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 1

Date: January 11, 2009

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 19, TLH p. 126*

Hymn: *TLH 352: O Savior, Precious Savior*

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

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

P: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets

C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

C: Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

P: The Lord is exalted over all the nations,

C: His glory above the heavens. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 249: Isaiah, Mighty Seer*

Isaiah, mighty seer, in days of old

The Lord of all in spirit did behold

High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,

With flowing train that filled the Temple quite.

Above the throne were stately seraphim;

Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.

With twain they veiled their faces, as was meet,

With twain in rev'rent awe they hid their feet,

And with the other twain aloft they soared,

One to the other called and praised the Lord:

"Holy is God, the Lord of Sab-ā-ōth!

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Behold, His glory filleth all the earth!"

The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,

And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

First Reading: *Isaiah 61:1-6*

The prophecy that the Messiah would bring the Good News of liberty.

Gradual:

P: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol Him, all you peoples.

C: For great is His love toward us; and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

C: Bring an offering and come into His courts.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Good News of the kingdom,

C: And healing every disease and sickness among the people. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26-27*

By faith, each of us are members of the Body of Christ. Let us then be eager to seek love and care among our fellow Christians.

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

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

Sermon: *Luke 4:14-21*

(14) Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. (15) And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. (16) So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. (17) And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: (18) "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; (19) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." (20) Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. (21) And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

CHRIST'S INAUGURATION:

From Hometown Boy to Glorified Messiah

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 361: O Jesus, King Most Wonderful*

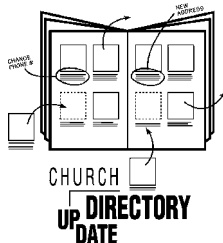
Offering, Prayers, Benediction: *TLH p. 14*

Hymn: *TLH 15: From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

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 †

- ◆ **Directory:** We are again preparing for the publication of the yearly directory at Grace. Please check your contact information in the draft copy of the directory located in the narthex. Place a check mark by your entry if it is correct. If it is not, then please edit as necessary. If you wish to add email or cell numbers, please do so. Your cooperation is appreciated as we attempt to produce an accurate directory.
- ◆ **Handbook:** The Church Handbook is being updated. Council members will automatically receive a copy. If any voter would like a copy of the Handbook, please inform Benno Sydow by January 11, 2009.
- ◆ **2009 Cleaning:** The 2009 cleaning sign-up list is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ◆ **ILC After-Banquet Quilts:** Back by popular demand, on Sat., January 17, those who are interested are invited to help assemble two quilts for the ILC after-banquet party. We will be making an Americana quilt and a graduation plaid quilt. We hope to start bright and early at 8:00 am and stay until the projects are completed. Please bring something to add to the lunch menu. Sewing machines, irons, ironing boards, and cutting tools will be needed. Ann Radichel
- ◆ **Art Teacher:** The Board of Education is seeking a volunteer art teacher for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year. Anyone interested should contact Ole Olmanson or Ryan Libby for more details.
- ◆ **Women's Retreat:** Brochures for this year's retreat have been placed in members' mailboxes. If you didn't receive one, there are extras by the guest book. The retreat is scheduled for April 17-19 at La Crosse, WI. Registration is due March 17.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Middle grades teacher Karen Strike of Luther Memorial Church in Fond du Lac, WI, has announced her retirement from the teaching ministry effective the end of this school year.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #16, Second Article, Part 1



PUTTING GOD BACK IN OUR NATIONAL LIFE: The exercise of Christianity is increasing. This should not surprise us nor catch us unawares. In John 17 Jesus said of His disciples, "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world" (v14).

In our allegedly Christian nation, reference to God and even private witness of Christ and Christian truth is being denied in the public square. Attacks against God, against Christian virtues and morals are not even disguised. One of the passionate laments of Christians is, "They are putting God out of the schools." It is all the more galling when it appears that heathen and pagan religions are permitted to practice and promote their philosophy where Christianity is not allowed.

While this is troubling, passionate lamenting about getting God "back into the schools" is hardly compelling to Christ believers whose faith is deeper than a nod to "religion is good." Who is the God they want to return to the schools or the public consciousness? If it is not the Triune God, the sound is fine, but the substance is missing. We recognize that some allowance for religion is beneficial in society because it tends to keep a lid on certain evil behavior. However, the return or promotion of God "according to each person's understanding of God" does not meet the divine standard of speaking truth. In fact, however unintentional it is veiled idolatry. Idolatry in any form, and for whatever good purpose falls under the indictment of the God of heaven Who said through Jeremiah that to serve other gods is an "abominable thing that I hate" (Jeremiah 44:4). The God of heaven, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in Christ the Father of all who believe in Jesus says, "I am the Lord, and there is no other; there is no God beside Me" (Isaiah 45:5).

We now pose something not so radical. Putting God back into national life does not begin by putting a god of many faces back into schools or public consciousness. *It begins by putting the Triune God back into our home!* Unless the Triune God, our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sanctifier, is the welcome, but unseen Guest in the home and family life, and unless He is more than a picture hanging on the wall of the home, the lamentation of putting God out of societal life is meaningless. As confessors of Christ, protesting the course of our nation and its anti-Christian drift is without substance unless we are practicing what we profess to believe, and instilling in ourselves and our children at home faith in Christ, and sanctified Christian living- a product of faith. The Christian faith as a walk in truth is manifest by continuing in God's Word (John 8:31, 32), and is manifest in "let(ing) the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Colossians 3:16). The heart in which the word of Christ dwells richly first of all in the home, with heaven as the desire of the penitent heart will be a blessing to self and others. To our Lord we witness when we live our faith, and walk in truth. Anything less contributes to the spiritual malaise and degradation in our country that we claim to detest.

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 1/4/2009

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Dave Rust

Ushers: Pat Paplow, Gerald Anderson, Dan Degnan, Matt Dick, Brandon Paplow, Andrew Rosendahl

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

Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice Sandhoefner

Church Cleaners: Kirkham

School Cleaners: Ferris

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Pat Paplow, Gerald Anderson, Dan Degnan, Matt Dick, Brandon Paplow, Andrew Rosendahl

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Michael Ude

Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Peter Fleischer; Alice Weibye; Jeff & Sarah Radichel

Church Cleaners: Kirkham

School Cleaners: Hein

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Wed., Jan. 14: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sat., Jan. 17: 8:00 am – Quilting for ILC After-Banquet Party

Sun., Jan. 18: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality; 11:30 am – Voters' Meeting

Sun., Jan. 25: 11:30 am – Dorcas Guild Meeting

Sat., Jan. 31: 9:00 am – Work Day at Grace

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 4, 2009 Sun.: 123 S.S.: 21 B.Cl.: 36 Wed.: NA

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	2,138.90	CLC:	562.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,230.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,091.10	CLC:	-438.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	5.00	Tuition:	25.00
GLC Other: 50.00	MDF:	52.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg.	72.00	IIF: 6.00	CEF: 0.00

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Today this Scripture is
fulfilled in your hearing.

Luke 4:21