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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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

Church Year: Transfiguration

Date: February 22, 2009

## ✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: ..... *Psalm 148, TLH p. 156 f.*

Hymn: ..... *TLH 135: 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here*

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

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

P: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

**C: But the way of the wicked will perish.**

P: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked

**C: Or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.**

P: But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

**C: And on His law he meditates day and night.**

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit  
in season and whose leaf does not wither.

**C: Whatever he does prospers. Glory be to God!**

Gloria in Excelsis: ..... *TLH 244, st. 1,4*

1. Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

4. Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation  
brings.

Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

First Reading: ..... *2 Kings 2:1-12a*

Elijah departs to heavenly glory in an amazing fashion.

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. When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said,  
"I am the Light of the world ..."

**C: "Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will  
have the light of life." Alleluia.**

Sun. School: ..... *TLH 30:1,4-6: Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices*

Gospel Reading: ..... *Mark 9:2-9*

Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus in glory during Transfiguration.

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

Hymn: ..... *WS 719: Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

Sermon: ..... *2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2*

(12) Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness  
of speech; (13) unlike Moses, *who* put a veil over his face so that  
the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what  
was passing away. (14) But their minds were blinded. For until  
this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old  
Testament, because the *veil* is taken away in Christ. (15) But  
even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.  
(16) Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken  
away. (17) Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the  
Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. (18) But we all, with unveiled face,  
beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being  
transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by  
the Spirit of the Lord. (4:1) Therefore, since we have this  
ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. (2)  
But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking  
in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by  
manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's  
conscience in the sight of God. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## *Christ Lifts Up the Veil*

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

Hymn: ..... *TLH 370: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

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

Profession of Faith: ..... *Kayla Ferris*

Hymn: ..... *TLH 657: Beautiful Savior*

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ♦ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek services will begin this coming Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, 7 pm. This 6-week series will focus on Christ in the Creatures of the Passion, looking at passages that illustrate Christ as various creatures with their unique characteristics. Come and be spiritually edified by the Scriptures which point to Christ as our Savior from sin.
- ♦ **Lenten Soup Suppers:** These start on Feb. 25, 6 pm. There is a sign-up sheet for Lenten Soup Suppers as well as setup and cleanup.
- ♦ **Grace Membership:** Having received instruction regarding Grace Lutheran's teachings, I desire to become a member. I am in agreement with Grace's confessional position and believe that it is in accordance with God's Word. With God's help, I also intend to make regular use of the Means of Grace and to live according to His Word. May the Lord bless our fellowship together! In Christ, Kayla Ferris (Note: Welcome, Kayla, into our midst!).
- ♦ **Email:** Should you ever desire to be on the email list for the bulletin and other such items, please let Pastor know.
- ♦ **CLC Unified Report:** This week a report from the various CLC boards was sent out to the congregational email list. Some hard copies are also available by the guest book.
- ♦ **Basketball Tournament for CLC Youth:** The schedule for the CLC-wide tournament is found at: <http://clclutheran.net/tourney/>. Grace's games are as follows (A is 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade; B is 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade):
  - ⇒ Fri 3/13/2009 8:00 am BB Game: Eau Claire A1 v. Fridley/W. Col. A
  - ⇒ Fri 3/13/2009 9:00 am BB Game: Fridley/W. Col. B v. Eau Claire B1
  - ⇒ Fri 3/13/2009 6:30 pm BB Game: Inver Grove Hts. B v. Fridley/W. Col. B
  - ⇒ Fri 3/13/2009 7:30 pm BB Game: Fridley/W. Col. A v. Inver Grove Hts. A
  - ⇒ Sat 3/14/2009 12:30 pm BB Game: Mankato A2 v. Fridley/W. Col. A
  - ⇒ Sat 3/14/2009 1:30 pm BB Game: Fridley/W. Col. B v. Mankato B2
- ♦ **Summer Camp:** We have already been preparing for months and are very excited to get things rolling! Camp dates are July 19-25 for campers going into grades 5th-9th. The cost for camp will be \$100. We are also running our Pre-camper program again, for children ages 5-9 and will be half-a-day in the mornings. Camp is also under new direction this year! Camp will be headed up by Joelle Noeldner, Tom Naumann, and Jessica Ohlmann. We feel truly blessed to be given the opportunity to care for your child(ren) and nourish them in His Word. We have full confidence that God has given us the physical, emotional, and spiritual gifts needed to run this camp safely and smoothly. Thank you for your trust. We hope to see you and your child(ren) soon! Our camp website is <http://youthcamp.clclutheran.net/>. Registration will open March 13th. We can't wait to hear from you!



- ♦ **ILC Building:** According to ILC sources, Reim Hall is being vacated this week. The plan is to have the students move various furnishings from Reim Hall to the new building on Monday. Classes will begin in the new academic center on Tuesday. Reim Hall will soon be demolished in preparation for completing the second phase of the construction of the new building. For on-going reports and pictures, see: <http://ilcacademiccenter.blogspot.com/>.
- ♦ **Thanks:** Dear brothers and sisters of the CLC, We'd like to take the opportunity to give our heartfelt thanks to all who offered prayers on our behalf and also to those who contributed to our transplant fund. We have attempted to send out individual thank yous, but may have missed some and some gifts were given anonymously. However, we'd like everyone to know how grateful we are for the outpouring of gifts. Without your generosity we would have to borrow a significant amount of money to stay afloat this summer and fall. Your gifts toward us are surely a reflection of God's grace and love toward His people. Thankfully our lives are more stable now. My health has improved, and with no indication of the cancer at the last bone marrow biopsy, I have been declared to be in remission. My latest check-up at the beginning of February showed that my blood counts are getting close to normal. We are back on our feet financially as well. Sara has been working full-time, and I am able to receive disability at least for the next few months or until I can get back to work. Once again, thank you for all of your kindness toward us and our family. Your friends in Christ, Mike and Sara Schierenbeck
- ♦ **Missions Update:** India VBS news and photos can be seen on the Internet at this address: <http://lutheranmissions.org>. Click on the first item under "What is New." More the 2,000 children participated in this event, which is organized by one of our sister church bodies in India, the CLCI. The program is funded through collection boxes at CLC-USA Sunday School and VBS programs. For those who would like to see a printed version, one is available on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. We thank God for the way His powerful Word is moving the hearts of these children in India.
- ♦ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #22 Review of All Three Articles



*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!*

## MOVING ON TO THE CROSS:

Historically in our fellowship, the Lutheran Church has set aside evenings during the Lenten season to contemplate the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. In doing so we are addressing the foundational purpose for which Jesus came into the world.

Jesus had as His intent the will to return to His Father. But toward this conclusion when He would ascend to heaven, there were important events that must occur. Before the grand and glorious return, Jesus must face the anguish and sorrow of the cross. For this cause He had come into the world that He should offer His life a ransom for all. To the fulfillment of His purpose, nothing deterred Jesus. We read in Luke, "When the time had come for Him to be received up, [that] He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem" (9: 51). The way to glory was on the path of suffering for our Lord. One has said, "We set out with determination to achieve advantages for ourselves, He to undergo death for our sakes" (Arndt, *Luke Commentary*, page 274). Our Lord Jesus sacrificed His life on the cross to redeem us unto God, and to reconcile us to God by His blood. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners from everlasting condemnation. He came to give us life and in that giving to give us hope!

The next big festival of the Church is Easter when we celebrate the resurrection of Christ from the dead. But the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord is but a hollow sound unless we recognize and appreciate what preceded it. To celebrate Easter without remembering or appreciating the whys and wherefores of what precedes is the way the world celebrates Easter.

It may be a matter of degrees but surely the times in which we live are unprecedented in many ways. We are surrounded by a deterioration of principles and morals. On every side is deceit and greed. National life and personal lives are subject to machinations of those who would do us harm to satisfy self. Matters of faith - even the meaning and purpose of Christmas and Easter- are subject to private interpretation. The Christian faith is ill spoken of. The uncertainty of the times spawns fear and hopelessness.

Christ set His face to go to Jerusalem. His single-minded purpose was noticed so much so that He was not welcome in the village (Luke 9:53). Yet Jesus had compassion on the villagers, "For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them" (9:56). We are among those whom He came to save by paying the debt we owed the Father, and with willing heart giving His life for us!

Surely nothing is so important in our life and activity that we cannot give up a couple of hours to gather with family and our fellow Christians in Lenten services as well as in Sunday service to remember His sacrifice, and in so remembering to worship Him without whose steadfastness to purpose and without whose rich compassion we would be among those who live in fear in this world because they are without hope for the next.

(Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 2/22/2009)

*Isaiah 1:18 "come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow . . ."*

## A BLIZZARD ON CALVARY

Did you know that it snowed on Mt. Calvary when Jesus was crucified? In drawings and paintings that help us visualize our Lord's crucifixion we see dark clouds and flashes of lightning, but seldom do we see precipitation of any kind, especially not snow. And truth be told, none of the Gospel writers record anything about snow.



But that doesn't change the fact that with every twinge of pain in Christ's body there came down another flake of pure, white snow. It was a snowstorm, not just a flurry. We might even call it a blizzard. For when Jesus had felt all the pains of body and soul that our sins had earned, there over the blood red field of the world's sinfulness lay a thick blanket of white. This snowy blanket of Christ's suffering covered all the misspoken words and misshapen deeds that mankind had ever created. By the time the storm subsided the snow was so deep, that not even the pudgy shapes of those evil things could be seen from above. All was smooth, and white, and pure, and new.

Perhaps you feel a recurring twinge of regret over some foolish word you once spoke. Perhaps you are saddened by some hurtful thing you once did. Remember the snow on Mt. Calvary. Even the outline of that sin is gone, buried in the avalanche of Christ's suffering, covered over by the blanket of His righteousness.

Perhaps you have a hard time forgiving the foolish words directed your way by others. Perhaps you can't seem to forget some hurtful thing that someone has done to you. Remember the snow on Mt. Calvary. To God, even the outline of those sins are gone, buried in the avalanche of Christ's suffering, covered over by the blanket of His righteousness.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:31-32 NIV).

From an email devotion dated 3/10/2008, written by various CLC pastors  
Subscribe or unsubscribe at <http://www.redeemerccl.org/devotional.html>

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner     Elder: Frank Radichel  
Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Don Dahlin, Jeremiah Boe, Bob Maki, Joel Stifter, Arnold Gehrls

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

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

Church Cleaners: M. & P. Dick     School Cleaners: Sandhoefner

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Don Dahlin, Jeremiah Boe, Bob Maki, Joel Stifter, Arnold Gehrls

Counting Team 4: Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel

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

Church Cleaners: xxx     School Cleaners: Dick

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Today:** 9:00 – Sunday School and Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Transfiguration)  
 11:15 am – Hospitality

**Wed., Feb. 25:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
 6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper  
 7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Service w/ Lord's Supper

**Sun., Mar. 1:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper (Lent 1)  
 11:15 am – Hospitality

**Mar. 13-15:** Basketball Tournament for CLC Youth (Eau Claire)

**Last Week's Stats:** Feb. 15, 2009    Sun.: 134    S.S.: 26    B.Cl.: 45    Wed.: 26

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	3,962.05	CLC:	1,569.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,230.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+732.05	CLC:	+569.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	20,167.32	CLC:	6,861.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	22,610.00	CLC:	7,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,442.68	CLC:	-139.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	3.00	Tuition:	32.00
GLC Other: 55.00	MDF:	8.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg.	121.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

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**For the law was  
given through  
MOSES;**

grace and truth  
came through  
**JESUS CHRIST.**

John 1:17

