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# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Advent 2

Date: December 5, 2010

## † THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 130, TLH p. 153*

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

**Liturgy:** ..... *TLH, p. 15 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

**Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie):** ..... *TLH, pp. 16-17*

P: Your name, O LORD, endures forever,

**C: Your renown, O LORD, through all generations.**

P: Praise the name of the LORD; Praise Him, you servants of the LORD, ...

**C: You who minister in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God.**

P: Praise the Lord, for the LORD is good;

**C: Sing praise to His name, for that is pleasant. Glory be to God!**

**Gloria in Excelsis:** ..... *TLH 68, st. 6*

All glory to the Son,

Who comes to set us free,

With Father, Spirit, ever One,

Through all eternity.

**First Reading:** ..... *Isaiah 11:1-10*

The Rod of Jesse (Jesus) will come forth to bring dramatic changes of peace.

**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. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him;

**C: All mankind will see God's salvation! Alleluia.**

**Second Reading:** ..... *Matthew 3:1-12*

John the Baptist preaches a baptism of repentance, preparing for the Lord.

**Confession of Faith:** ..... *Nicene Creed, TLH p. 22*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 75: Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Harken*

**Sermon:** ..... *Romans 15:4-13*

(4) For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. (5) Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, (6) that you may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (7) Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. (8) Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* to the fathers, (9) and that the Gentiles might glorify God for *His* mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name." (10) And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" (11) And again: "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" (12) And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope." (13) Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (NKJV™)

## *Finding the Perfect Christmas Gift for Your Fellow Christians*

**Offertory:** ..... *TLH p. 22 f.*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 464: Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**Offering & Prayer:**

**Liturgy for the Lord's Supper:** ..... *TLH p. 24 ff.*

**Distribution:** ..... *WS 702; WS 704*

**Note:** In obedience to God's Word, and out of concern for the welfare of souls (1 Corinthians 11:29), and finally that we may honestly express the unity of faith and hope that binds us, we ask that only such as have identified with Grace through public confession of faith or another CLC congregation, approach the altar at the usher's direction.

**Nunc Dimittis, Prayer, Benediction:** ..... *TLH 29 ff.*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 309: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*

## † THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Among Us:** Peter Fleischer continues to recover at Abbott-Northwestern, post-op. He is now in a regular room and receiving physical therapy. Brian Bergstrom will have oral surgery this coming Wednesday. Jessie Maestas had successful surgery to put in a stent (Note: Jessie and Gilbert are transferring to Berea now that they are living in Bloomington). May the Lord grant these, His children, a smooth recovery.
- ◆ **Thanks:** The Nelson family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, encouragements, gifts, and other acts of kindness expressed to them the past few months. Also a special thanks to the Dorcas Guild for arranging food and babysitting for the family. What a blessing of a supportive and caring Christian church family! – Heidi Nelson
- ◆ **Midweek Advent Services:** This year's Midweek Advent services continue this coming Wednesday, Dec. 8, 7:00 pm. Our last midweek service on December 15 will be our annual candlelight service preceded by the congregational Christmas meal at 6 pm. It is always a great and relaxing occasion to get together with our fellow Christians at this gathering! Committee #1 is in charge. Dessert is being provided from the Dorcas Guild's Christmas cookie bake. Those attending may bring sandwiches and salads to share.
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Service:** Our children will be rehearsing for the service on the following dates:
  - ◆ Sun., Dec. 5: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
  - ◆ Sun., Dec. 12: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
  - ◆ Sun., Dec. 19: 9-9:45 am (please be here earlier than 9 am so that we can start promptly in order to get through everything)

December is a busy month, but please understand the importance of these rehearsals for a successful Christmas Eve service. Each child should attend at least 2 out of the 3 sessions, but attending all three is obviously the most preferable. The children have a wonderful opportunity to express the Good News of our salvation through Jesus Christ. The parents' help is greatly appreciated to make everything go well, as is evident by how well things have gone the past few years.
- ◆ **ILC Recital:** The ILC music teachers extend an invitation to attend the student Piano/Organ Recital next Sun., Dec. 12, at 3:00 p.m. in the ILC Fieldhouse.
- ◆ **Northtown Concert:** The Christian Day School children will be presenting a concert at the Northtown Mall on Friday, December 17, 2:00 pm. They will be located at the inside-of-the-mall entrance to Best Buy. Please come and support the school kids!
- ◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** This year's Christmas concert will be held on Fri., Dec. 17, 7:30 pm, at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. Those who wish to sign up for a ride on the bus, there is a signup list for the trip. Plan on a 4:45 pm departure time from the church.

- ◆ **Immanuel Shirts:** The Robotics club at Immanuel is selling Immanuel basketball shirts at \$10/shirt. Adult sizes are available. Please let Pastor know today if you're interested as the order is to be in this week. The design of the shirt can be seen by the guest book.
- ◆ **CLC Website Upgrade:** The CLC Board of Education and Publications announces an upgrade and new look to the clclutheran.com website. The intensive labor to accomplish this has been done by Nate Ude, Matt Ude, and Matt Schaser. You will notice the similarity to the new LutheranSpokesman.org website. LutheranMissions.org site will receive a similar upgrade. Also, the 2011 "Bread of Life" devotional (usually printed in the Dec. copy of the Spokesman) will be available January 1st as a pdf download on the new LutheranSpokesman.org website.
- ◆ **Advent Devotions:** An Advent devotional booklet is available with devotions reprinted from the e-devotion archives. If you should have any need for such a booklet this season, it's freely available here: <http://www.redeemerclc.info/documents/devs/2010adventbooklet.pdf>
- ◆ **Invitation:** Pastor David Baker will be installed at Our Redeemer's in Red Wing, MN, today at a special 3 PM service. Our Redeemer's would like to invite the fellowship of faith to join them in this service of prayer and thanks for God's gifts and blessings in the public ministry. A light lunch will be served following the service.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Luther Memorial of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, invites you to attend the installation of Neal Radichel as her pastor on January 2 at 3:00 pm. There will be refreshments served after the service. Even if you cannot attend, please join us in prayer in giving thanks to God for providing a full-time pastor for the congregation.
- ◆ **2011 Cleaning:** The 2011 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ◆ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the four called workers of the congregation.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Please memorize group parts for next Sunday's rehearsal. By then the children should know everything.

<b>Last Week's Stats:</b> Nov. 28, 2010							
Sun.:	116	S.S.:	?	B.Cl.:	36	Wed.:	67
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,544.51	CLC:	\$693.00			
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	697.25	CLC:	0.00			
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,015.00	CLC:	960.00			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,236.76	CLC:	-267.00			
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$143,363.93	CLC:	\$42,519.00			
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	144,720.00	CLC:	46,080.00			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,356.07	CLC:	-3,561.00			
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	125.00	Tuition:	151.00			
GLC Other:	30.25	MDF:	23.00	Kinship:	70.00		
ILC Student Aid:	75.00	ILC Bldg.	70.00	IIF: 20.00	CEF: 23.00		

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

*Organist:* Jan Davis

*Elder:* Al Rosendahl

*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 3:* Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Ryan & Mikey Oman; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan

*Church Cleaners:* Kitzman *School:* Story

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

*Ushers:* Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Anthony Nelson, Keith Radichel, Bob Vandever, Matthew Vandever

*Counting Team 4:* Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner

*Hospitality Team 4:* Mark & Trudy Wales; Al Rosendahl; Karen Auel; Bob & Suki Vandever

*Church Cleaners:* Kitzman *School:* Baker

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

- Today:** 9:00 am – Sun. School & Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper  
11:15 am – Hospitality  
12-2 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- Wed., Dec. 8:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship
- Sun., Dec. 12:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Sun. School & Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:15 am – Hospitality  
12-2 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal  
3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital
- Wed., Dec. 15:** 6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Dinner  
7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship
- Fri., Dec. 17:** 2:00 pm – Day School Northtown Concert  
7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert
- Sun., Dec. 19:** 9:00 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal (No Bible Class)  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
12:00 pm – Council Meeting  
3:00 pm – Christmas Caroling
- Fri., Dec. 24:** 6:30 pm – Christmas Eve Worship
- Sat., Dec. 25:** 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship
- Fri., Dec. 31:** 7:00 pm – New Years Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper

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