

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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 Church Year: Palm Sunday Date: April 17, 2011

Ⓢ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP Ⓢ

- Worship Preparation:** *Psalm 24, p. 128*
- Hymn:** *WS 725: No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*
- Liturgy:** *WS, p. 12 ff. (Pastor sings Lord Have Mercy, top of p. 13)*
- CDS Hymn:** *Dona Nobis*
- CDS Hymn:** *Dear Savior, Bless the Children*
- CDS Hymn:** *Children's Praise*
- CDS Hymn:** *WS 769: Lift High the Cross*
- First Reading:** *Philippians 2:5-11*
 At the name of Jesus every knee will bow.
- Responsive Psalm:** *Psalm 24:7-10*
 P: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
 C: And the King of glory shall come in.
 P: Who is this King of glory?
 C: The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.
 P: Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors!
 C: And the King of glory shall come in.
 P: Who is this King of glory?
 C: The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.
 C: Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!
- Second Reading:** *Matthew 21:1-11*
 Jesus rides into Jerusalem as the King.
- Alleluia:** *WS p. 14 f.*

- Choir & CDS Hymn:** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*
- Baptism:** *Zara Magdalene Wales*
- Confession of Faith:** *Apostles' Creed, WS p. 15*
- Hymn:** *WS 749: Come to Living Word and Water*
- Sermon:** *Zechariah 9:9-10*
 (9) "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. (10) I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.' (NKJVTM)

“A Hero to Cheer!”

- Offertory:** *WS p. 16*
- Hymn:** *TLH 160: All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
- Offering, Prayers, Benediction:**
- Hymn:** *TLH 339, st. 1-3, 6-7: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

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!

Crown Him the Lord of Life
 Who triumphed o'er the grave
 And rose victorious in the strife
 For those He came to save.
 His glories now we sing
 Who died and rose on high,
 Who died eternal life to bring
 And lives that death may die.
 TLH 341, st. 4

@ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS @

◆ Among Us: Congratulations to Eli and Laura Wales for Zara Magdalene! Laura had her c-section on Monday and everything went very well. Zara weighed 6 lb., 15 oz., 19 1/2" in length. We also welcome Zara into God's family today as she is born again through the water and the Spirit. Praise be to the Lord for this gift to Laura and Eli! Titus 3:4 "But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."



◆ Good Friday: On Good Friday, April 22, at 7:00 pm, we will be holding our Good Friday service. The Day our Savior died is very precious for us as redeemed sinners. Let's honor it by pondering His profound love for us.



GOOD FRIDAY



◆ Easter Day: Easter is on Sunday, April 24. We will be having the Easter breakfast at 7:30 am, followed by the Easter worship service at 9:00 am. What an opportunity we have to gather in worship on the day we commemorate our Lord's glorious resurrection from the dead!

◆ Easter Breakfast: A sign up sheet is posted in the fellowship hall for those willing to volunteer to help at the breakfast.

◆ Easter Flowers: There is an Easter flower sign-up sheet on the cupboard in the narthex if you are interested in purchasing either an Easter Lily or other spring flower for our Easter service. Please see Jackie Radichel if you have any questions.

◆ Work Day: Please come this Saturday, April 23, to help out! We will get going around 9:00 am.

◆ New Address: Frieda Aden will be moving this week to Florida. She is a member of St. John's in Okabena whom Pastor has served as a shut-in. Her new address is: 8882 Nature View Lane West; Jacksonville, FL 32217.

◆ The Branches: It's time to renew your subscription. If you aren't a current subscriber, you'll find a complimentary copy in your bulletin mail box today. Please consider subscribing. Subscription cost is paid by Grace. Sign up sheet for new and renewal subscriptions is by the guest book. Please consult Norma Rust regarding any questions.

◆ Youth Conference: This year's conference is being held August 2-6 at Logan Valley Retreat in Ellington, MO. This is for young people 8th grade through 2nd year of college. Brochures are available by the guest book. There is also a website:

◆ Arise and Shine Retreat: A retreat to strengthen and encourage those in their 20's and 30's. Thursday June 9th - Sunday June 12th. Camp JIM in Pillager, MN (about 1 hour north of St. Cloud). Registration is open! 2011 info has been updated at www.ariseandshineretreat.com. This year's theme is "The Struggle between Fear and Faith" based on Mark 9:24, "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!" To inquire about a scholarship, please email Alana at alanaahrens@yahoo.com.

◆ CLC News: Teacher Leif Olmanson of Immanuel Lutheran High School in Mankato, MN, has announced that he will be retiring on July 31st from the teaching ministry. ? Pastor Caleb Schaller of Redemption in Lynnwood, WA (Seattle area), has returned the call to Ascension in Batavia, IL (Chicago area). ? Teacher Anita Meyer of Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI, has returned the call to Immanuel in Winter Haven, FL. ? Pastor David Fuerstenau of Holy Truth in Ketchikan, AK, has returned the call to Trinity in Spokane, WA.

◆ Sunday School Memory Work: Easter Hymn and Recitation

Last Week's Stats:		Apr. 10, 2011	Sun.: 118	S.S.: 21	B.Cl.: 38	Wed.: 75
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,237.66	CLC:	\$938.00		
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	655.75	CLC:	52.00		
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,850.00	CLC:	960.00		
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+43.41	CLC:	+30.00		
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$44,505.18	CLC:	\$14,372.50		
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	42,750.00	CLC:	14,400.00		
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+1,755.18	CLC:	-27.50		
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	50.00	Tuition:	125.00		
GLC Other:	411.00	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	50.00	
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	60.00	IIF: 30.00	CEF: 0.00	



Council Meeting Notes – April 10, 2011

Meeting opened with prayer. Minutes for meeting of 3/13/11 were approved as read with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

- \$3,000 disbursement from the Tuition Aid Fund.
- Budget bottom line is on the plus side year-to-date.
- Donations to the CLC are still on target.

Pastor's Report

- Frieda Aden, a shut-in and member from Okabena who Pastor has been serving, is moving to Florida to live with her daughter.
- Reminder: Tim Stiller will be visiting us from Australia next month. He will present a report on what is going on with Lutherans in Australia.

Board of Elders

- CLC Convention Survey reviewed and will be presented to Voters.
- Benno expressed the belief that a greater percentage of Convention Floor Committees should be chaired by laymen, the goal to be 50% or more.
- The plans for Easter Breakfast are all in place.

Board of Education

- The class trip was very successful. \$450.00 remains in the fund after all expenses had been paid.
- Field Day will be held at Berea on May 13.
- Iowa Basics Test is in place and ready.
- The Board is working on the next school calendar to be presented at the voters meeting.

Board of Trustees

- 2010 Audit – everything is fine.
- Sky lights are here and will be installed when weather permits.
- Roof leaks in the fellowship hall and classroom under the parsonage are being attended to and proper remedies being researched.
- The building key list is still being prepared.
- Congregational work day is scheduled for Saturday April 23.
- Discussion followed on how best to get the word out in order to maximize participation.

Old Business

- Constitution By-Laws Changes Draft #5 presented and discussed. The proposed changes were divided into 3 parts for action.
 - Part 1: Remove the office of Financial Secretary and transfer the duties to the Office of Vice President. Motion to approve this change was made, seconded, and passed.
 - Part 2: Add a member of the Board of Education to the Nominating Committee for annual election of new council members. Motion to approve this change was made, seconded, and passed.
 - Part 3: Reduction of Board members from 3 to 2. After much examination and deliberation, the council concluded it was wise to recommend to the voters this part should be tabled for 1 year. A motion to table this part was made, seconded, and passed.
- Proposed change to wording of the Tuition Aid Fund in the Grace Lutheran Church Handbook.
 - First change: Strike the words *high school tuition* and insert the word expenses. This change was later amended to insert the words school originated expenses.
 - Second change: Strike the words *Tuition Aid* from Tuition Aid Fund and insert the words Grace ILC Student Aid.
 - Motion to approve the two changes was made and seconded. Discussion followed and resulted in a motion to amend the proposed first change, which was seconded and passed. Yet further discussion resulted in a motion to table the original motion for further consideration. The motion to table was seconded and passed.

New Business

- Blood Drive: Rick Nelson proposed the council approve a Blood Drive to be held at Grace. He cited the recent need for blood by Heidi as the reason for heightened awareness for the need for donated blood. Rick is willing to organize the drive. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to recommend this action to the Voters.
- Men's Retreat: Eli reported that the site normally reserved at the usual time used for this retreat has been booked by a large party. He asked if a different time or place for the event should be considered. The council recommended the event be scheduled at a different time. Eli will advise on the finally arranged date.

Abbreviated from minutes of secretary, Jack Kirkham

GOOD FRIDAY:

I suspect you did not know: “This year [2011], Earth Day falls on Good Friday a profound coincidence. On the day we mark the crucifixion of Christ, let us remember that when Earth is degraded and species go extinct, a part of God's body experiences a different type of crucifixion, and another way of seeing and experiencing God is diminished. To fully honor Earth Day, we need to reclaim the theology that knows Earth is ‘very good’ and holy. When we fully recognize this, our actions will create a more sustainable, compassionate economy and way of life” (Episcopal Church Website).

To enhance the Good Friday earth day celebration the Episcopalians offer “A rich collection of homilies, hymns, prayers, litanies, sample worship services and more.”

Earth Day was started by Gaylord Nelson, a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, after the 1969 oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Inspired by the student antiwar movement, he realized that if he could infuse that energy with an emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution, it would force environmental protection onto the national political agenda. Whatever the good intent, environmentalism has become a national religion. There appears to be no shame on the part of heterodox and apostate churches to debase, adulterate, and co opt the gospel message of our Lord by mixing it, if not replacing it, with the philosophies of man. The loser is the troubled and frightened sinner who yearns for the message of forgiveness and hope of life beyond that on this corrupted earth—the life to be found alone through faith in Christ Jesus.

Earth day is rooted in evolutionary fervor. As Christ believers we do not concede our concern for the environment to any! People can debate the merits of environmental concerns emphasis on green, global warming, et al—but we will not stoop at the altar of this humanistic religion. And we most certainly will not bastardize the gospel by distorting the message of Good Friday. Addressing the modern apostacism generally and the supplanting of the cross with earth day, we say to you who care about your soul's salvation, “Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basis principles of the world, and not according to Christ” (Colossians 2:8).

The substance of what we celebrate on Good Friday as well as of the message we proclaim has its roots in Old Testament prophecy: “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was laid upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and *the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all*” (Isaiah 53: 4, 5). Christ Who knew no sin became sin for us; He bore the punishment of divine wrath in our place (Vicarious atonement).

Scripture tells us that after the trial before Pilate, “they took Jesus and led Him away” (John 19: 16). Jesus was led out to Golgatha where they crucified Him” (18). Golgatha, a hill of shame has become a rock of salvation for upon that rock the Rock of our salvation reconciled us all unto God, and attained for all who believe in Christ eternal salvation. Jesus our Savior died for the sins of the world “That the Scripture might be fulfilled” (John 19). That is the message of Good Friday. Without the event of Good Friday there would be no resurrection celebration three days hence. Do the Episcopalians know why they celebrate Easter?

We are told that 60 years after the destruction of Jerusalem (about 130 AD) Emperor Hadrian desecrated the site—one report said he erected on Golgatha a temple dedicated to the honor of Venus. This affront to the gospel and to Christians was ultimately destroyed. As at the time of Christ, so in our age Christ is denied, the cross is mocked, and the gospel is maligned. At the cross when Jesus died many worshiped, some passed by, others gambled, and still others mocked. As we worship this Good Friday at the cross upon which our Savior won our salvation, some are diminishing the day, if not supplanting it, with an earth day theology (philosophy) which they hope will “create a more sustainable compassionate economy and way of life.”

With the words of Wilhelm Besser we agree completely: “It is a vain and doleful religion that in its worship sets great store by trivialities and ignores essentials.”

“On my heart imprint Thine image, Blessed Jesus, King of Grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures, have no power Thee to efface.
This the superscription be: Jesus crucified for me,
Is my Life, my hope's Foundation, and my glory and salvation” (TLH 283).

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 4/2011

Ⓢ TODAY AT GRACE Ⓢ

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder Ed Lentz

Ushers Mike Dick, Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner

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

Hospitality Team: 5 Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick; Frank & Ann Radichel

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Ⓢ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE Ⓢ

Ushers Mike Dick, Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner

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

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Ⓢ OUR SCHEDULE Ⓢ

Today: PALM SUNDAY
9:00 am – Sun. School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

Wed., Apr. 20: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Thu., April 21: MAUNDY THURSDAY

Fri., April 22: GOOD FRIDAY
7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship w/Lord's Supper

Sat., April 23: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Sun., Apr. 24: EASTER
7:30 am – Easter Breakfast
Bible Class or Sunday School Recessed
9:00 am – Easter Worship (Please note time)

Sun., May 1: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sun. School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Fri., May 20: 3:00 pm – ILC Class Day
7:30 pm – ILC Spring Concert

Sat., May 21: 10:00 am – ILC Graduation Service

Sun., May 22: Confirmation

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Rejoice greatly,

O daughter Zion....

See, your king comes to you ... gentle
and riding on a donkey, on a colt,
the foal of a donkey.

ZECHARIAH 9:9

