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Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Lent 4

Date: March 10, 2013

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: Psalm 32, TLH p. 130 f.

Hymn: TLH 384: Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion

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

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

P: I love the Lord, for He heard my voice;

C: He heard my cry for mercy.

P: Because He turned His ear to me,

C: I will call upon Him as long as I live.

P: For You, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death,

C: My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: TLH 466, st. 4

Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,

Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,

One in might and one in glory, While unending ages run.

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message of the cross - foolishness to some - to us is the power of God.

Gradual:

P: Oh, come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C: The author and finisher of our faith,

P: Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning the shame,

C: And sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

P: For God so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son,

C: That whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Second Reading: The Harmony of the Passion

Jesus is scourged and brought again before Pilate.

Hymn: TLH 280: Return, O Wanderer Return

Sermon: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

(1) Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him.

(2) And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." (3) So He spoke this parable to them, saying: ...

(11) "A certain man had two sons. (12) "And the younger of them said to *his* father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me*.' So he divided to them *his* livelihood. (13) "And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. (14) "But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. (15) "Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. (16) "And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything*. (17) "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! (18) 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, (19) "and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" (20) "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. (21) "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' (22) "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet. (23) "And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry; (24) 'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. (25) "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. (26) "So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. (27) "And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' (28) "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. (29) "So he answered and said to *his* father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. (30) 'But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' (31) "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. (32) 'It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'" (NKJVTM)

WHERE THE GRASS IS GREENER

1. Across the fence with worldly living?

2. Across the fence with self-righteous living?

3. At home in the arms of our compassionate Father!

Offertory: TLH p. 12 f.

Hymn: TLH 388: Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Hymn: WS 785: Children of the Heavenly Father

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Among Us:** Karen Schlegel returned home from the hospital this week. She will be receiving further tests regarding her lung cancer. Karen is the mother of Alex and Kevin Baker and is receiving spiritual care from Pastor Hein at this time.
- ◆ **Midweek Lenten Worship:** We continue our Midweek Lenten worship services this Wednesday at 7 pm, a pulpit rotation between Berea of Inver Grove Hts. and Our Redeemer's of Red Wing. Our theme this year is "Jesus Christ on Trial," considering some of the judicial events of Christ's passion. Soup suppers precede worship at 6 pm. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy Christian fellowship!
- ◆ **Lenten Soup Suppers:** Those willing to bring soup and/or serve at one or more suppers, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ◆ **Good Friday:** On Good Friday, March 29, at 7:00 pm, we will be holding our Good Friday service. The Lord's Supper will also be celebrated. The Day our Savior died is very precious for us as redeemed sinners. Let's honor it by pondering His profound love for us.
- ◆ **Easter Day:** Easter is on Sunday, March 31. 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 Flowers:** Those wishing to order flowers for the Easter service should sign up by the 13th. The list is by the guest book. Please speak with Jackie Radichel regarding any questions.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Rev. George Dummann of Pierre, SD, has returned the call to Rock of Ages in Grand Rapids, MI. ✠ Beth Olmanson has accepted the call to teach English and German at Immanuel HS in Mankato, MN. Immanuel has also called Michael Naumann, member of Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN, and presently teaching in the Kingdom of Bahrain, to serve as a teacher primarily in Social Studies.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Hymn & Reading for Easter

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 speak with you!

CLC E-Devotions

Monday, March 4, 2013

Matthew 26:39 "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

LOVE AT GETHSEMANE

In some ways, Jesus' love for us is even more evident in the Garden of Gethsemane than the rest of His passion. When He was beaten by the soldiers and then nailed to the cross, we see the horrible suffering and death that Jesus endured and we know that it was His love that made Him willing to endure that. Yet in all of that, Jesus remained so strong and unflinching that it almost seems as if the suffering wasn't real. As if Jesus somehow used His divine power to block the pain or rise above it. We might think it must have been easier for Him since He was God.

I assure you that was not the case. Jesus never used His divine power to make life easier for Himself. Remember when Jesus was starving to death in the wilderness after having no food for 40 days, Jesus would not even use His power to turn a few stones into bread for himself to eat. He used His power to feed others but not Himself. When the soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross they gave Him something that would deaden the pain, but Jesus refused to drink it. He endured the full torment of the cross for us. It was very real for sure. Yet He didn't even flinch so we don't get the full understanding of how difficult it was for Him.

Here, in the Garden of Gethsemane, however, we see the emotion and the agony of soul that Jesus endured. He said, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful." He was in torment dreading the suffering to come. It was so difficult for Him that Jesus pleaded with His Father to take this cup away from Him.

It is in that moment of deep sorrow that we see the depth of Jesus' wondrous love. His love for His Father and for us made Him willing to drink the cup of suffering completely. If that was His Father's will, if there was no other way, He would do it. That is true love, to do what you dread because you know it will save the one you love. See Jesus dreading to go ahead, praying to be delivered, yet willing to go forward because He loves you.



✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Brandt Wendland
Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Jeremiah Boe, Don Dahlin,
 Arnold Gehrls, Bob Maki, John Maki, Joel Stifter
Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel;
 Pat Paplow
Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice
 Sandhoefner
Church Cleaners: Anderson School Cleaners: Gillenwater

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Roger Ochsner, Jeremiah Boe, Don Dahlin,
 Arnold Gehrls, Bob Maki, John Maki, Joel Stifter
Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever;
 Clint Welker; Mark Wales
Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Jenny
 Kleifgen
Church Cleaners: A. Baker School Cleaners: Hein

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Mar. 10: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting
Wed., Mar. 13: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
 7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship
Sun., Mar. 17: 8:30 am – Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service
March 21-23: CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament @ Eau Claire
Sun., Mar. 29: 7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship w/ Lord's Supper
Sun., Mar. 31: Easter
 7:30 am – Easter Breakfast; 9:00 am – Easter Worship

Last Week's Stats: Mar 3, 2013 Sun.: 133 S.S.: 16 B.Cl.: 45 Wed.: 66

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,070.90	CLC:	\$1,001.25
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$690.75	CLC:	\$110.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,000.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+761.65	CLC:	+151.25
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$28,278.88	CLC:	\$9,006.25
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	27,000.00	CLC:	8,640.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+1,278.88	CLC:	+366.25
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	90.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	145.00	Kinship:	70.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	50.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

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