

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Lent 5

Date: March 21, 2021

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 147: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God
TLH 157: There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood
TLH 371: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness
TLH 154: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 22, TLH p. 127f.

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Projected)
WS 724 (Between Readings)

Scripture Readings:

John 12:23-33
Passion Harmony

Sermon: Hebrews 9:11-15

¹¹ But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. ¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? ¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. (NKJVTM)

CHRIST'S PASSION: A BLOODY REMINDER

1. That Christ is our High Priest
2. That Christ is our sacrifice
3. That Christ paid our eternal ransom

✝ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✝

COVID-19 Pre-Cautions: If anyone is high risk, vulnerable, recently exposed to a COVID-19 patient, or has symptoms of illness (esp. high temp. and cough), the individual along with any others in that person's household are urged to stay home for one's own well-being and the well-being of others. Online worship is still available at FridleyLutheran.org. Due to the Governor's order, face coverings are required during worship at Grace. Children under the age of 2 are exempt. For physical distancing, post-its are on the pews that are to be used. Please remember to not block areas of foot traffic. Thank you for being mindful of your fellow Christians.

- ➔ **Offering:** The ushers are now bringing up the offering prior to our general prayer during the section of the service where we have traditionally done this. As of now there will be no collection of the offering from the pews. The ushers will also leave another offering plate by the organ for those who submit their offering after the worship service. The counters will collect both plates after worship.
- ➔ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek services will continue this Wed., March 24, 7 pm. The theme we are considering is, "The Lamb's Lenten Letters of Love," focusing on the letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2-3. This week we will focus on Jesus' letter to Philadelphia, a congregation that had been faithful to the Word and needed the reminder to hold fast to it when the hour of testing would come.
- ➔ **Lenten Soup Suppers:** These are at 6 pm each Wed. as a way for people to eat between work and our Lenten worship services. Family groups are to be seated together and masks required when not eating.



- ➔ **Good Friday:** On Friday, April 2, at 7 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:** On Sunday, April 4, will be our 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 SUNDAY

- ➔ **Easter Breakfast:** Given a likely larger-sized crowd, the Elders decided to cancel this event for this year given the pandemic.
- ➔ **Easter Flowers:** A signup sheet is out by the guest book for anyone interested in purchasing Easter lilies or decorative flowers for Easter Sunday. Please see Mikey Oman for any questions.

- ➔ **Communion:** Will be on Sunday, April 11, due to Easter falling on the 1st Sunday of the month.
- ➔ **School History Fair:** On Fri., April 16, at 7:00 pm the children of the Day School will be presenting a school fair with the theme centered on explorers. Each child will be making an individual presentation. Come and listen to our students who, along with the teachers, have prepared extensively for this event.
- ➔ **Thanks** to all who helped in hosting the ILC Tour Choir this weekend.
- ➔ **Seeking Recording Volunteers:** One of the great helps to those unable to attend has been to provide video of our worship services on our website. Given our limited number of people doing this, the Elders are seeking volunteers to help out with recording of the worship services. This would be "manning the booth" behind the organ, controlling the cameras, audio, and recording software. Those interested, please speak with Eli Wales or Dale Enns.
- ➔ **MN Delegate Conference:** In preparation for this summer's CLC Convention, the MN Delegate conference is planning to meet on Saturday, June 5, 2021, from 10 am to 5 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN.
- ➔ **Call for Nominations:** Pastors, professors, male teachers, and voters of congregations within the Church of the Lutheran Confession are invited to nominate individuals for those synodical offices to be elected at the 2021 CLC Convention. Member nominations will be received January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Nomination forms, lists of eligible called servants, and submission information are available on the clclutheran.org website. Those candidates nominated this past January through March will be retained on the 2021 ballot. - Pastor Paul D. Nolting, Moderator
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Dave Naumann of St. John's Lutheran in Clarkston, WA, and Peace Lutheran in Orofino, ID, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran in Sister Lakes, MI. † Mrs. Debra Mayhew has received the call as K-8 Teacher at Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eve, MN.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #14 – 1st Article (Part1)

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!

CLC E-Devotion – March 29, 2012

Hebrews 7:27 Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

PERFECT PRIEST ... PERFECT SACRIFICE ... PERFECT SAVIOR

God demanded animal sacrifices for sin -- premeditated sins, sins of ignorance, specific sins and sin in general. No sinner was exempt -- rich or poor, Jew or Gentile convert, priest or Levite. Every human being who sins -- and that's every human being -- is accountable before God and (God said with every sacrifice) there will be no forgiveness without the shedding of the blood of an innocent substitute.

While every animal sacrificed on Old Testament altars was by nature innocent of any human sin, God emphasized that and went one step further by demanding that these animal sacrifices be perfect. No animal with spot or blemish, disease or crippled limb was acceptable. But still these sacrifices needed to be repeated again and again, year after year. Clearly they were not THE perfect Sacrifice.

Similarly, the priests who killed these animals and presented them to the LORD also -- as intercessors between the holy God and sinful people -- were made to be pictures of perfection. God required them to wear white robes, take ritual baths and make sacrifice for their own sins before offering sacrifice for the people.

Just as animals could only picture the Sacrifice that would actually remove human sin-guilt (hence the repetition), sinful men could only picture the Mediator we sinners needed -- the One who would finally offer Himself once for all time for all sin. It took thousands of sacrifices and thousands of priests to portray the perfect substitutionary Sacrifice for sin Jesus would be: "Himself the victim and Himself the priest."

Clearly God considered the cost of all those animal sacrifices to be worth it, if we through their portrayal might see our Savior. Just as -- wonder of wonders -- God considered the substitutionary sacrifice of His own Son to be worth it that you might be redeemed for time and for eternity.

THE answer to the Cancel Culture movement ...

A CHAPEL ADDRESS

Journal of Theology

Vol. 9, No. 2, May 1969, p. 28f.

Luke 2:46-47: *"And it came to pass that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers."*

Somehow this famous scene seems like a miniature image of a functioning school, because it incorporates the two-fold activity of listening and inquiring which is, in fact, characteristic of a true growing process in human life. Our Savior, just entering His 'teens, is spending three days in an unusual school. He is in the Temple of His people, at the feet of Israel's teachers; He is being confronted with the faith, the traditions, the history of the world and of the nation to which, according to the flesh, He belonged. He is hearing—and asking. He is also answering.

One pauses to reflect upon what is happening to this basic principle of educational growth in our day, in our land. Many of our young people are attempting to turn the normal process upside down. They invade school campuses shouting questions and making pronouncements before they have truly listened. In fact, many refuse to listen at all to the voice of human experience, even as they are deaf to the voice of God.

Education begins with the wisdom of the past, not of the present. This does not require a blind following of tradition; but it does mean that we begin the learning process by drawing upon the fund of inherited treasures of knowledge. Rejecting this process in favor of instant wisdom, people of this generation chatter about the "new psychology" or the "new morality" who have never bothered to give a respectful hearing to the old. Being in a materialistic hurry and in love with the sound of their own voices, they close their ears to the answers of the past and flightily accept the slogans that happen to be in fashion.

But what do we hear if we do listen? Our Lord in the Temple heard much that was foolish and wrong; for He had teachers that did not understand the Scriptures. Jesus asked searching questions, and no doubt exposed the ignorance of Pharisees and Sadducees. But He could ask questions because He had a solid basis for them. He heard the Scriptures read and discussed. He built on the treasures of ancient wisdom. In them was the Truth.

That is the way we come to learn. We know what has been said by them of old time, so we do not speak in a vacuum of "today." We listen above all to the Scriptures and thus invite the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. In this light we review the thoughts and attainments, good or bad, of human experience. We listen to Plato before we listen to Freud, and we listen to Augustine and Luther before we get to reading Dr. Spock or Ann Landers. And then we begin to make value judgments, and come to certain firm conclusions. We learn to respect the finding of Solomon that "there is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord" (Prov. 21:30), and the assurance of the Psalmist that the man is a fool who puts his trust in princes (Ps. 118:9), and the judgment that he is a fool who despiseth his father's instruction (Prov. 15:5). We have solid substance for our convictions when we have studied the record and heeded the warning: "Remove not the old landmark"* (Prov. 23:10).

More and more, then, we appreciate also the central place in all wisdom held by the supreme truth that in Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

--Egbert Schaller

* Compare "Do not move the ancient landmark that your fathers have set" (Prov. 22:28). A footnote to this passage: *There were no title deeds or surveyors' equipment in common usage in ancient Israel. Property boundaries were marked by stones. A dishonest neighbor could stealthily move the landmark farther and farther into his neighbor's property, stealing farm ground that was the basis of their existence.* fathers have set. Some rabbis later viewed such passages as referring to respect for traditions, not just to landmarks. LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE, p. 1034

Council Meeting Notes – March 14, 2021

Meeting opened with prayer. February Council minutes read and approved. Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor returned from Las Vegas after officiating the wedding of former Grace member Brandon Wendland to Brenna Hansen on March 12.

Board of Elders Report

- Easter breakfast will not be held this year.
- The Elders are okay with the school using the sanctuary for the upcoming student fair presentations. This is being done to help with social distancing. Any display tables for the student fair will be in the fellowship hall as usual.
- Discussion on voters being able to join meetings remotely continues.
- With only a few individuals recording services, recruiting new people is being considered to ensure all services are covered.
- Minnesota recently increased the capacity limits for church services. Plans are to continue the current seating for the time being.
- Tour Choir concert at Grace is planned for the evening of Sat., Mar. 20. If there is enough interest, a second concert could be added. A catered meal for the Tour Choir members only will be served.
- Question to the Elders about the pew in the doorway between the narthex & fellowship hall. Is it possible to move to alleviate congestion?

Board of Education Report

- The student fair will be on the evening of Tue., April 16. Iowa Basics tests will be administered on April 26-29.
- 3 students plan to attend ILC Visitors Day on Fri., Apr. 30.
- There has been an increase in calls from families asking about the school. These are being taken into consideration.

Board of Trustees Report

- Video doorbells are being added to the front door of the parsonage and one of the school doors, integrated with the new security system.
- Pat continues working on the insurance claim.

Other Business

- Discussion on a new organ. Suggestion to take a congregational poll to determine type of organ (electronic/pipe). A committee could be formed to investigate the needs. It was suggested that Frank and the 3 organists (Jan, Janelle, & Sue) be included.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Dale Enns

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; James Bomber; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells

Counting Team 4: James Bomber; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust

Church Cleaners: Ochsner

School: K. Baker

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; James Bomber; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells

Counting Team 1: Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Ryan Oman; Pat Paplow; Phil Radichel

Church Cleaners: Ochsner

School: Doucette

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Mar. 21: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 5)

Wed., Mar. 24: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship Service

Sun., Mar. 28: **PALM SUNDAY**
9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Palm Sunday)

Thu., Apr. 1: **MAUNDY THURSDAY** (no worship service)

Fri., Apr. 2: **GOOD FRIDAY**
7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship Service

Sun., Apr. 4: **EASTER**
Easter Breakfast (Cancelled for this year)
9:00 am – Easter Festival Worship Service

Sun., Apr. 11: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Easter 2)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Fri., Apr. 16: 7:00 pm – Grace Student Fair (Theme: Explorers)

Sun., Apr. 18: Voters and Dorcas Guild Meetings

Sun., May 23: Confirmation Day

Last Week's Stats: Mar. 14, 2021 Sun.: 75 Bible Cl.: 27 S.S.: 14 Wed.: 29

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,799	CLC:	\$205
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$856	CLC:	\$0
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,125	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-470	CLC:	-795
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$44,046	CLC:	\$10,460
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	45,375	CLC:	11,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,329	CLC:	-540
GLC Other: 50	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	10
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 10	CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$153			