

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Easter 2

Date: April 11, 2010

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 16, TLH p. 125*

Hymn: *TLH 195: Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*

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

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

P: Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name;

C: Make known among the nations what He has done.

P: Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts.

C: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

P: Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always.

C: Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles and judgments. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 193, st. 1,6*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Sons of men and angels say.

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heavens, and, earth, reply.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to Thee by both be given!

Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

First Reading: *Acts 5:12, 17-32*

The disciples are released from prison, emboldened to preach Christ.

Gradual:

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

P: He has made Him ruler over the works of His hands;

C: He has put everything under His feet.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again;

C: Death no longer has mastery over Him. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Revelation 1:4-18*

Jesus, as the eternal and all-powerful Lord over all things, has the keys to unlock the gates to Hades and death.

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

Hymn: *TLH 190: Christ the Lord is Risen Again*

Sermon: *Psalm 107:10-16*

(10) Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, Bound in affliction and irons; (11) Because they rebelled against the words of God, And despised the counsel of the Most High, (12) Therefore He brought down their heart with labor; They fell down, and *there was none to help.* (13) Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, *And He saved them out of their distresses.* (14) He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, And broke their chains in pieces. (15) Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for His goodness,* And *for His wonderful works to the children of men!* (16) For He has broken the gates of bronze, And cut the bars of iron in two. (NKJVTM)

THE GATES OF PRISON ARE NOW OPEN!

Offertory: *TLH p. 22 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 210: The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

Offering & Prayer:

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

Distribution: *TLH 206: Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*

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 189: He Is Risen! Glorious Word!*

Silent Prayer:

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!

A LESSON FROM MOVING:

Living in a mobile society, it is not uncommon that people move and establish new residence. Such movement may be precipitated by family considerations, job requirements, or simple “wanderlust.” Frequently moves are the consequence of retirement, something with which we are now acquainted.

For a minister of the Word, retirement means—at least for some—leaving the home provided by the congregation. This may be a bit traumatic for a pastor and wife who for the first time have to seek their own living quarters. As moving means frequently going into an apartment, duplex, or smaller home (one they can afford) retirees are faced with downsizing. Downsizing itself can be traumatic, especially if things unloaded must include heirlooms, or items to which there is some emotional attachment—like the “stuff” that has been handed down because their parents took the easy way out and passed it on. Add to that things which pastor and wife saved because they felt that some day “we may want this”—but in fact forgot whatever it was and/or never found again until they had to pack to move.

This pastor and wife left behind many things in the move. When they arrived at the new home, they found that they had to give up even more (we still have too much)! As we thought about it, we were reminded of how useless it is to be obsessed with getting things, or becoming attached to them. Yes we appreciate the blessing to be able to have the things we have, or had. But the fact is that we find that we can get along quite nicely without many of the things we treasured. Downsizing reminds us “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth ... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven” (Matthew 7:10,20).

Life itself is a pilgrimage. Whenever one leaves the earthly tent of the body as all must, believers in Christ move on with no decision to make about where to live, or the cost—there is none! In a sense we will downsize—we leave everything behind—yet it will not be traumatic, for the worth of what we shall gain is greater than that which we leave behind. Our heavenly home and the greater gain is a consequence of the Savior’s resurrection. Further He has promised, “In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14: 2,3), and so shall we ever be with the Lord. We who with others of like faith in Christ shall have come out of great tribulation and sorrow, and who have fretted over trifles (stuff) on earth shall hunger and thirst no more, shall need nothing and shall suffer no more pain or loss for the former things will have passed away (cf. Revelation 7 and 21). From an eternal perspective, former things are valueless.

Praise the Lord for the ability He gives to you, and appreciate the blessings (stuff?) from His hand. Use them wisely with thanksgiving. But above all, for the grace He has shown you, seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. The wealth and possession that your Savior has laid up for you is greater than anything you can accumulate on earth.

In Christ and by the power of His grace let your expectation of that which is to come be greater than that which when you must downsize is proven to have been nothing more than a distraction and of little value. And remember the word which says, “Where your treasure is there will your heart be also” (Matthew 7:21). Blessed are they whose heart is set on heaven! Treasure and guard the inheritance the Lord has given to you!

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 4/11/2010

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Among Us:** Pal Dauer was hospitalized earlier this week for pneumonia. She had been in ICU on a ventilator. Her lungs have now cleared up and she is in a regular hospital room at North Memorial in Robbinsdale. May the Lord strengthen her.
- ◆ **CLC History Book:** Those who pre-ordered a CLC 50th Anniversary book can pick it up in the fellowship hall. If you did not order one, but would like to see it and order now, please speak to Jackie Radichel today. There are also ILC Tour Choir tapes available for \$14. They will be available by the Anniversary books.
- ◆ **ILHS Visitors Day:** Visitors Day for Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI, is slated for April 23. This lasts the entire day as there are activities scheduled to familiarize students with the campus, classes, and activities. The end of the day will be capped off with the 7:30 pm performance of the ILC musical, “The Wizard of Oz.” Current 7th and 8th grade students are invited to attend. Please speak with Pastor Hein if interested.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #28, Office of the Keys

Last Week’s Stats: Apr. 4, 2010 Sun.: 147

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,903.00	CLC:	\$936.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,015.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-112.00	CLC:	-24.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$45,380.58	CLC:	\$13,111.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	42,210.00	CLC:	13,440.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+3,170.58	CLC:	-329.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	77.00	Tuition:	32.00
GLC Other: 0.00	MDF:	5.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid: 9.00	ILC Bldg.	150.00	IIF: 4.00	CEF: 2.00

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Ed Lentz

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

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

Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Peter Fleischer; Jeff & Sarah Radichel, Jenny Kleifgen

Church Cleaners: E & L Wales School Cleaners: Flesner

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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: B. Rust School Cleaners: Hein

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Easter 2)
11:15 am – Hospitality
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Wed., Apr. 14: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class Resumes

Sun., Apr. 18: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 3)
11:15 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Quarterly Voters Meeting and Dorcas Guild

April 23-25: Women's Retreat @ LaCrosse, WI

Fri., Apr. 23: Immanuel Lutheran H.S. Visitors' Day
7:30 pm – ILC Musical "The Wizard of Oz"

Sat., Apr. 24: 9:00 am – Work Day @ Grace
7:30 pm – ILC Musical "The Wizard of Oz"

Wed., May 12: 7:30 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital

Thu., May 13: 7:00 pm – Ascension Worship Service

Sun., May 16: 10:00 am – Worship Service (CLC 50th Anniversary)

Thu., May 20: 7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program

Fri., May 21: Last Day of School @ Grace and ILC
3:00 pm – ILC Class Day; 7:30 pm – Spring Concert

Sat., May 22: 10:00 am – ILC Graduation

Sun., May 23: Confirmation Sunday

Sun. May 30: Summer Schedule Begins (9 am Worship)

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