

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Easter 4

Date: April 25, 2010

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 23, TLH p. 128*

Hymn: *TLH 436: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

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

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

P: The LORD is my shepherd;

C: I shall not want.

P: He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

C: He leads me beside the still waters.

P: He restores my soul;

C: He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

P: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

C: For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C: You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;

C: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.



Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 199, st. 4*

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!

Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

First Reading: *Revelation 7:9-17*

John tells of his heavenly vision, people lifting praise to the Lamb of God.

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. Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd;"

C: "I know My sheep and My sheep know Me." Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Acts 13:26-33*

Paul's sermon identifies Jesus as the living Savior.

Confession of Faith: *Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12*

Hymn: *WS 783: Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep*

Sermon: *John 10:22-30*

(22) Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. (23) And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. (24) Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." (25) Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. (26) "But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. (27) "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. (28) "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. (29) "My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. (30) "I and My Father are one." (NKJV™)

"The Sheep that Will Never be Snatched out of Jesus' Hand"

1. Sheep that Hear Him
2. Sheep that are Known by Him
3. Sheep that Follow Him
4. Sheep that Receive Care from Him

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 200: I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

Offering, Prayers, & Benediction: *TLH p. 14*

Hymn: *TLH 51: Now May He Who from the Dead*

A LIVING HOPE:

How far can one fall before he has fallen too far? Apart from the sin against the Holy Spirit—the malicious, blasphemous, and deliberate denial of the Lord Who bought them, and whom they once confessed, from which there is no return (Hebrews 6:4-6)—every sin, even the most heinous, is forgiven through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. “While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 8:5). This is the love of God manifest to and for all. This love of God the Father comforts the heart of those repent of their sin and who believe on the Lord Jesus. Believers in Christ are saved from sin and death as Scripture teaches—“By grace you are saved through faith ... it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8). The certainty of faith unto salvation promised in the Word has been confirmed, ratified, and assured through the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

Our initial question is asked in face of the denial of Peter at the trial of Jesus, when he denied with an oath that he even knew the Lord, much less was with Him. That is a most serious sin! The consequences are dreadful. Who denies Christ before men, the same “will be denied before the angels of God” (Luke 12:9). There was a reason why Peter went with haste to the empty tomb at the word at the word of Mary (John 20: 1-10). But even then he did not comprehend, “For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead” (v.10). Yet where there is repentance there is hope. “And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him” (v.10). And so we see after the resurrection that after a time of testing—“Do you love Me?” spoken three times to Peter—the Lord restored Peter to his apostleship. Implicit in that restoration is the fact that Peter repented and Jesus forgave him, for the Lord would not have restored him had he committed the sin against the Holy Ghost.

It is significant then that in his epistle the apostle wrote these words from the heart as the Spirit gave him utterance: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls” (1Peter 13 – 9).

Day by day we struggle against sin. Just as often we need to go in repentance and seek the Lord's forgiveness for denying Him for ultimately every sin is a denial of our Lord. As we go to Him in sorrow over sin, we have evidence that the Spirit is at work in us; we have not fallen too far. The greatest evidence is the grace of forgiveness which comes to us from our Lord, "Son (Daughter) be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you" (Matthew 9:2). It is that message in turn which works hatred of sin and the will to fight mightily against sin, and which makes us ready and faithful witnesses of our Lord Jesus with the same confidence which Peter--redeemed, restored, forgiven-- expressed in his first epistle!

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 4/25/2010

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Call Meeting:** Following hospitality today, around 11:30 am, the voters will reconvene for the recessed call meeting.
- ◆ **Thanks** to all those who participated in work day yesterday!
- ◆ **CLC 50th Anniversary Service:** On May 16th there will be a special service commemorating the 50th Anniversary of our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession. Pastor Daniel Fleischer will be our guest speaker, Grace's former pastor who served for 20 years. Pastor Fleischer was a seminary student at the time that the CLC was formed. Following the worship service a congregational potluck will be held. Please bring a dish to share.
- ◆ **50th Anniversary Thank Offering:** An insert today explains the use of the CLC's 50th Anniversary Thank Offering, a focus on the ILC Student Aid Endowment. While a few envelopes were provided some time ago, it is easiest to donate using your regular offering envelope by designating "CLC 50th" on the front of the envelope.
- ◆ **Field Day 2010:** will be held at Rich Valley Park in Inver Grove Heights on Friday, May 7th. At 11:30 a.m., events will begin. Anyone who would like to volunteer for Field Day can speak to Mr. Libby and would be appreciated. The following are directions for those intending to drive: take Hwy 3 south from 494. Follow Hwy 3 to Rich Valley Blvd (Cty. 71). Take a left on Rich Valley. Follow Rich Valley Blvd. to the park. The parking lot is to the left near several soccer fields.
- ◆ **School Program:** On May 20, 7 pm, the children of our day school will be putting on their play, Porky Pies. All members and friends of Grace are invited to show support of the children's efforts and of our school. Refreshments will follow the program.
- ◆ **Confirmation:** Confirmation will be Sunday, May 23. Examination will take place at 9 am followed by the worship service. The students are Rachel Eichstadt, Jacob Rhinesmith, Adam Wales, and Brandon Wendland. May the Lord bless their preparations.

◆ **Graduation Recognition:** On May 30 we will be recognizing the graduates from the congregation. If you are graduating from high school or college, please list your name (and degree if in college) on the sheet by the guest book.

◆ **CLC News:** Teacher Sara Pfeiffer of St. Stephen in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area), has returned the call to teach at Grace in Fridley, MN. † President John Schierenbeck reports: "This is to notify you that Richard N. Kanzenbach passed his second part of the colloquy process. Upon recommendation of the Board of Doctrine, I hereby certify that Richard Kanzenbach is eligible for a call into the public ministry of the CLC." † Pastor Timothy Wheaton of Mt. Olive in Lamar, CO, has returned the call to Morning Star in Fairchild, WI. The congregation has now called the newly colloquized Richard Kanzenbach, member at Watertown, SD. † Pastor Frank Gantt of St. Luke's in Lemmon, SD, has returned the call to St. John's in Clarkston, WA, and Peace in Orofino, ID. † Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Prince of Peace in Hecla, SD, has received the call to serve at Grace in Valentine, NE, St. Paul's in White River, SD, and Peace in Mission, SD. † Pastor Mark Gurath of Berea in Sioux Falls, SD, has received the call to Our Redeemer's in Red Wing, MN.

◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #32, The Lord's Prayer

Last Week's Stats: Apr. 18, 2010 Sun.: 122 S.S.: 19 B.Cl.: 48

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,657.01	CLC:	\$662.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,015.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-357.99	CLC:	+173.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$51207.75	CLC:	\$14,906.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	48,240.00	CLC:	15,360.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+2,967.75	CLC:	-454.00
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	1.00	Tuition:	27.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	2.00	Kinship:	53.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	380.00	IIF: 1.00	CEF: 0.00

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!

ANNIVERSARY HISTORICAL FACT: The treasurer reported to the recessed Sleepy Eye convention in January 1961 that mission receipts for the 3rd quarter of 1960 were \$5,856.79 and for the 4th quarter \$9,218.75. Allocations were made to 11 congregations as well as to Immanuel Lutheran College and Seminary, and the Japan Lutheran Mission.

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Ed Lentz

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

Counting Team 4: Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner; Jeff Radichel

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

Church Cleaners: B. Rust School Cleaners: Maki

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

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

Counting Team 5: Mike Dick; Brad Kitzman; Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner

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

Church Cleaners: Sandhoefner School Cleaners: Sandhoefner

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

- Today:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 4)
11:15 am – Hospitality; 11:30 am – Call Meeting
- Wed., Apr. 28:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
6:30-8:00 pm – Confirmation Prep for Confirmands
- Sun., Apr. 25:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 5)
11:15 am – Hospitality
- Fri., May 7:** 11:30 am – Field Day at Rich Valley in Inver Grove Hts., MN
- 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)
11:15 am – Potluck Meal
- 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:** 9:00 am – Confirmation Examination
10:00 am – Worship Service (Confirmation)
- Sun. May 30:** Summer Schedule Begins (9 am Worship)

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good shepherd.”*

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