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## ✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Sue Nelson      Elder: Brandt Wendland  
Ushers: Don Auel, Ole Olmanson, Adam Wales, Eli Wales,  
 Brandon Wendland, Brandt Wendland  
Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel;  
 Pat Paplow  
Hospitality Team 4: James & April Bomber; Rachelle  
 Kanneh; Heidi Nelson; Bob & Suki Vandever  
Church Cleaners: P. Radichel      School: DeBoer

## ✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

Ushers: Don Auel, Ole Olmanson, Adam Wales, Eli Wales,  
 Brandon Wendland, Brandt Wendland  
Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob  
 Vandever; Clint Welker  
Hospitality Team 5: Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick;  
 Frank & Ann Radichel  
Church Cleaners: Oman      School: None

## ✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

**Sun., Mar. 8:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service  
 11:15 am – Hospitality  
 12:00 pm – Council Meeting  
**Wed., Mar. 11:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
 6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper  
 7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship Service  
**Mar. 13, 16:** No School  
**Mar. 13-15:** CLC Grade School Basketball Tourney @ Eau Claire, WI  
**Sun., Mar. 15:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service; 11:15 am – Hospitality  
**Wed., Apr. 1:** 7:00 pm: Grace School Fair  
**Fri., Apr. 3:** 7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship w/ Lord's Supper  
**Sun., Apr. 5:** 7:30 am – Easter Breakfast; 9:00 am – Easter Worship

**Last Week's Stats:** Feb. 22, 2015    Sun.: 112    S.S.: 18    B.Cl.: 41    Wed.: 62

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,363.82	CLC:	\$788.25
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,241.05	CLC:	\$325.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,340.00	CLC:	1,060.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,264.87	CLC:	+53.25
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$28,924.14	CLC:	\$7,663.70
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	30,060.00	CLC:	9,540.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,135.86	CLC:	-1,876.30
GLC Other:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	325.00
SAF Endowment:	MDF:	115.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	65.00	IIF: 10.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot:	+4,315.00	Tuition Aid:	+174.12

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**Church Year:** Lent 3

**Phone:** 763-784-8784

**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Date:** March 8, 2015

## ✝ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✝

### Hymns:

TLH 178: We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died  
 TLH 265: Thine Honor Save, O Christ, Our Lord  
 TLH 366:1,4-7: One Thing's Needful  
 TLH 175: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalms 19, TLH p. 126

### Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Projected)  
 Psalm 8, WS p. 27

### Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
 Passion Account

### Sermon: Matthew 26:62-66

(62) And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What *is it* these men testify against You?" (63) But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" (64) Jesus said to him, "*It is as you said.* Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." (65) Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! (66) "What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## The Fine Line of Apostasy

## ✠ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✠

- ◆ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek services continue this Wednesday at 7 pm, with the theme “Gratitude for God’s Geographic Grace,” looking at God’s promises based on features of geography used in the Bible. A soup supper will be held at 6 pm before worship.
- ◆ **Easter Plants:** The Easter plant signup sheet is by the guest book. If you are interested in purchasing a plant for our Easter service, please indicate that on the signup sheet. For questions, see Jackie Radichel.
- ◆ **School News:** We do not have school on March 13 and 16 due to the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire. Kindergarten will be held on Wed., March 18, and Thur., March 19. A Box Tops for Education submission was recently mailed. The school will be receiving a check for \$141.30. We thank you! In case some are not aware, there is an expiration date on each box top, sometimes so small you can hardly see it. In an effort to help the coordinator, please do your best to dispose of expired box tops. Thanks!
- ◆ **Wedding Invitation:** An invitation to the Christina Hein/Tim Schaser wedding at 5:30 pm on Fri., Apr. 17 is posted on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Summer Youth Camp 2015:** Just a quick reminder that registration for Summer Youth Camp 2015 opens March 13! Camp takes place on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. Camp is for children going into grades 5-9. Cost is \$125 per camper. There are two sessions of camp: June 21-27 and July 19-25. Each session will have a maximum capacity of 80 campers. When one session fills up, registration for that session will close immediately. For more info about camp, FAQs, and a longer explanation of how the registration process will work please go to [youthcamp.clclutheran.net](http://youthcamp.clclutheran.net). Please address any specific questions to one of the camp directors: Tom Naumann (920-266-5387 [thomasnaumann@gmail.com](mailto:thomasnaumann@gmail.com)) and Jessica Sydow (952-905-9981 [jessicasydow10@gmail.com](mailto:jessicasydow10@gmail.com)).
- ◆ **Arts Camp 2015:** Immanuel, Mankato is offering Arts Camp again this year for students in grades 5-8. Camp runs April 10-12 and is an opportunity for creative fun and learning with other young Christians. We have a variety of sessions based in music, drama, crafts and more! Information/Registration forms can be found through your church or school or by emailing Kym Stelter ([kjstelter@gmail.com](mailto:kjstelter@gmail.com)). Deadline to register is March 30. We’d love to see you there!
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Mark Tiefel of Bethel in Morris, MN, has accepted the call to Redemption in Lynnwood, WA (Seattle area). ✠ Teacher Jeffry Karnitz, teacher at St. Stephen in Mountain View, CA, has returned the call to Gethsemane in Spokane Valley, WA. ✠ Missionary Edward Starkey (in India) has received the call to Resurrection in Corpus Christi, TX. ✠ Beth Sandeen will be the new girl’s dormitory supervisor and Melanie Sydow the new head cook/food service manager at Immanuel Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. ✠ Pastor Emeritus James Sandeen has been accepted to the Univ. of MN for treatment of his leukemia. He will be moving in short order from Kentucky.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #19 – Third Article

## PRECIOUS BLOOD

In Exodus we read of the Passover, “And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt” (Exodus 12:13). In another passage we read, “For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul” (Leviticus 17:11).

Confirming these words which brought blessing to God’s people in the Old Testament and foreshadowed blessing to us we read, “And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without **shedding of blood is no remission**” (Hebrews 9:22).

But not just any blood cleanses or saves from sin. The blood sacrifices of the old Testament foreshadowed the blood of another—the more perfect sacrifice! “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the **precious blood of Christ...**” (1 Peter 1:18-19). But Christ ... “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.” (Hebrews 9:12).

As the Apostle Peter wrote, it took the precious blood of Christ “as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” “Being now justified **by His blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through Him” (Romans 5:9). The shed blood of Christ, Who died for the “ungodly” (Romans 5:6) is the assurance of our salvation, our victory over Satan. “And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the **blood of the Lamb...**” (Revelation 12:10-11). The blood of Christ is precious to us, and without apology we confess, “... and the **blood of Jesus Christ** His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). Where there is forgiveness of sin there is also life and salvation.

To the unregenerate, salvation by blood is foolishness. Unbelievers have mockingly referred to this precious doctrine of Scripture as “blood theology.” So be it.

The plan for our salvation by blood was conceived in the mind of God the Father. The accomplishment of our salvation was brought to pass through our Lord Jesus Christ. No man could have conceived it, brought it about, or convinced the unbelieving. The faith to believe that we are saved from eternal death through the perfect blood sacrifice is the work of the Holy Spirit.

How blessed is each believer in Christ. He has the assurance of Scripture that the Father “delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in Whom **we have redemption through His blood**, the forgiveness of sins” (Colossians 1:14).

To God alone the glory that we live in confidence of eternal life because we have been redeemed, “not with gold or silver, but with His holy **precious blood** and with His innocent suffering and death.”

To the detractors of Jesus’ salvation blood we simply ask, “Who are they in heaven?” Scripture tells us, “These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them **white in the blood of the Lamb**” (Revelation 7:14). Without the shed blood of Jesus from His circumcision to the pouring out of His life-blood upon the cross, there would be no salvation. Believers in Christ have it; deniers don’t!

Lord Jesus, we give thanks to Thee That Thou hast died to set us free: Made righteous through Thy precious blood, We now are reconciled to God (TLH-173)

*Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 3/2015*

## NECESSARY EDUCATION

In 1946, Rev. M. N. Carter was a Synodical Conference missionary serving among “Negroes” in Chicago. He was a black pastor serving a black congregation. In addressing different subjects in a pamphlet, he wrote a chapter on “Education.” He said, “Every American will agree that education is a good thing, and a very necessary thing.” But he posed the question of what people meant when they spoke of “education.” Some, he said, defined education as “the preparation for life.” He also wondered what they meant by “life.”

This is a common manner of expression. Surely, as Christian parents we are concerned about the education of our children on two levels, the secular as well as the spiritual. As Christians we want to see that children are prepared to function in the world in which we live. We want them to be productive and contributory citizens. We want them to be able to make their way financially, culturally, and socially. The core subjects—the three r’s—are important. Any school worth its salt will concentrate on them as well as on science and history.

Unfortunately in our day, public (government) schools are becoming more and more political tools for social engineering. Martin Luther was right on when he said, “I am afraid that the schools will prove the very gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures and engraving them in the heart of the youth.”

To the Christian parent, education for life involves an education that reaches beyond the here and now. Rev. Carter wrote: “*Education is the preparation for life in this world and for the life in the world prepared for God's people ... The education that prepares for this world only is not enough.*”

There should not even be a question, however, that the education that prepares for the world to come also serves the student now. Where is such education found? It is found in the home where God's Word is a staple of parental care and guidance. It is found in a Christian church and school where the foundation of all instruction is the Holy Word of God taught in its truth and purity.

The student who is educated for the world to come through the Word grows in appreciation for the blessings he has in this world as he lives in and observes God's wonderful creation. He receives his daily blessings as gifts of a gracious God, with thanksgiving. From the Bible the student is made wise to discern between good and evil. He learns that when trials, difficulties, and afflictions come as they inevitably will the kingdom of God remains his. Luther said, “I have held many things in my hands, and have lost them all, but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.” What the penitent sinner needs now is daily assurance of forgiveness today, and renewed hope for tomorrow. These he finds in the words and promises of God by reason of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. In Christ he may see every day as a day the Lord has made. Luther said, “Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf of springtime.”

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The pastor wrote, “*With us Christian education is a system of training of which Jesus Christ is the center. And when we say “Jesus Christ” we do not mean that Jesus whom the world knows only as a great teacher, and the most noble example ever set before mankind. We mean the Christ of Scripture, the Son of God and Son of Man, God and Man in one person, the Sin-bearer for mankind, the crucified and risen Redeemer and Savior of the world—that Jesus who has rendered perfect satisfaction to God for man's sins, Who has redeemed us to God by his blood. Christian education is the kind that brings those to be educated to see themselves as God sees them, before and after the treatment of divine grace has been given them. Law and Gospel; sin and grace must stand out. The fundamentals of the Christian religion must be imparted to the learner. Not a mere ‘honesty is the best policy,’ because you thus keep out of prison, but because it is pleasing to our God and Savior to be honest and do the other things inculcated.*”

The kind of education parents give to their children, and the church gives to those entrusted to its care, is the most timely and the best of all, bar none, as it directs the thoughts of children heavenward. We can give them no better education than that! Education for the world to come is imparted in this time of grace so that when this time of grace is ended they having grasped the Savior through faith may hear the blessed invitation, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world (Matthew 25:34).

That no child should lose that eternal inheritance the Savior said with indignation, “Let the little children come to Me, **and do not forbid them**; for of such is the kingdom of God” (Mark 10:14). That divine injunction was no more meaningful then than it was in the “dark ages” of 1946, or in this high tech age. To borrow a phrase, the Savior has a policy of “no child left behind.” But inclusion into heaven comes only through faith in Christ Jesus. To that blessed end the kind education children receive is important!

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