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✠ **TODAY AT GRACE** ✠

Organist: **Sue Nelson**

Elder: **Benno Sydow**

Ushers: **Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn & Ned Sandhoefner**

Counting Team 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland; Chad Hestekin**

Hospitality Team 2: **Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Jenny Kleifgen**

Church Cleaners: ??

School: **Wales**

✠ **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** ✠

Ushers: **Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn & Ned Sandhoefner**

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

Hospitality Team 3: **Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Ryan & Mikey Oman; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan**

Church Cleaners: ??

✠ **OUR SCHEDULE** ✠

- Sun., May 17:** 9:00 am – Confirmation Examination
10:00 am – Worship with Confirmation
11:15 am – Hospitality
- Wed., May 20:** 4:30 pm – Catechism (done early, God-willing by 5 pm!)
- Thu., May 21:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program
- Fri., May 22:** 12:00 pm – School Year Dismissal
3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day @ Immanuel Fieldhouse
7:30 pm – Immanuel Concert @ Messiah Lutheran
- Sat., May 23:** 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation @ Immanuel Fieldhouse
- Sun., May 24:** Pentecost/Graduation
9:00 am – Summer Worship Schedule Begins
10:15 am – Hospitality (Last one for year, for graduates)
- Thu., June 4:** Spring Lake Park Parade
- Sun., June 7:** 3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conference @ Eagle Lake, MN
- Sun., June 14:** 9:00 am – Grace Lutheran 60th Anniversary Service
- Sun., June 21:** 4:00 pm – Pastor Rob Sauers Ordination @ Morris, MN
- June 16-18:** CLC General Pastoral Conference @ Eau Claire, WI
- August 3-7:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School
- Sat., Aug. 8:** 9:00 am – School Cleaning Day
- Mon. Aug. 10:** 7:00 pm – School Ice cream social
- Mon. Aug. 31:** 8:00 am – School Opening Service (First Day of School)

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Confirmation



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Easter 7/Confirmation

Date: May 17, 2015

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymn:..... TLH 337: Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day

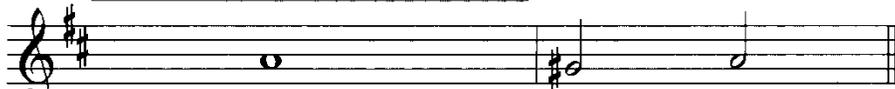
Liturgy: TLH, p. 32 ff., The Order of Matins

P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

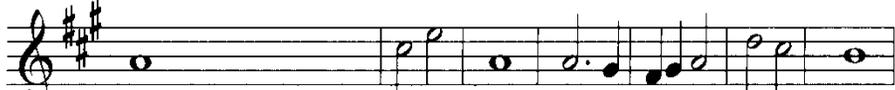


C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

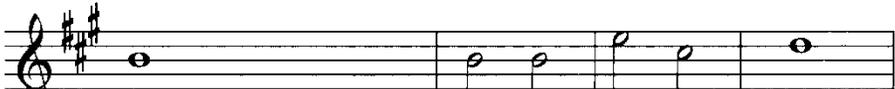
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

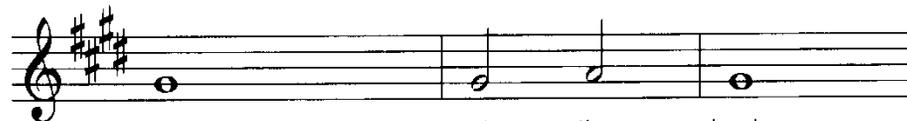


world with-out end. A - men. Hal-le - lu - jah!

P: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

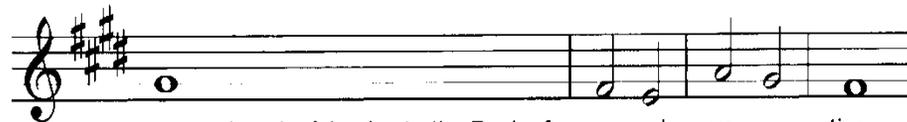


C: For He is our Mak - er.



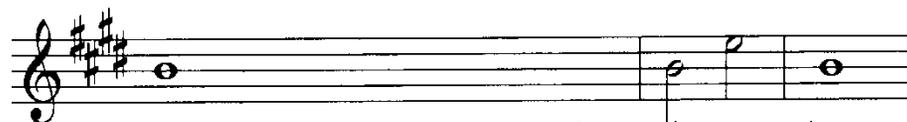
1. Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord:
2. For the Lord is a great God:
3. The sea is His, and He made it:

5. Glory be to the Father and to the Son:



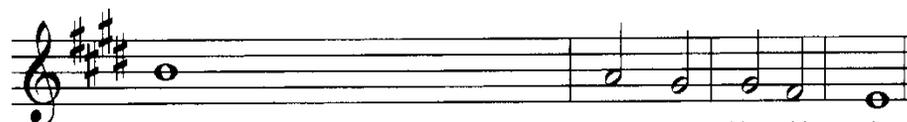
1. let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our sal - va - tion.
2. and a great King a - bove all gods.
3. and His hands form-ed the dry land.

5. and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



1. Let us come before His presence with thanks - giv - ing:
2. In His hand are the deep places of the earth:
3. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:

4. For He is our God:
5. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,



1. and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.
2. the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3. let us kneel before the Lord, our Mak - er.
4. and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5. world with - out end. A - men.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 78:1-7

P: Give ear, O my people, to my law;

C: Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

P: I will open my mouth in a parable;

C: I will utter dark sayings of old,

P: Which we have heard and known,

C: And our fathers have told us.

P: We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD,

C: And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

P: For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers,

C: That they should make them known to their children;

P: That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born,

C: That they may arise and declare them to their children,

P: That they may set their hope in God,

C: And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments.

SS Children: TLH 657: Beautiful Savior

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3:1-16

Paul encourages young Timothy to stand firm in the inspired Word.

Choir:..... I Will Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills – Psalm 121

Confession of Faith:..... Luther’s Explanation to the 3rd Article

C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the last day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

Hymn:..... TLH 288: Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

Sermonette #1:..... John 14:1-2 (Julianna Hein)

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 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.”

Hymn:..... LSB 686, st. 1,3-4: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Sermonette #2:..... Ephesians 6:1-2 (Olivia Lentz)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Hymn:..... TLH 341, st. 1,4-5: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Sermonette #3:..... Psalm 61:3-4 (Jack Maki)

For You have been a shelter for me, a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.

Hymn:..... WS 769: Lift High the Cross

Offering & Prayer:

Rite of Confirmation:

Note: These vows are included so that our communicants may be able to privately reaffirm their own vows made on their confirmation day.

- 1) Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this Christian congregation, confirm the solemn covenant which the Triune God made with you at your Baptism? *Answer: I do.*
- 2) Do you, then, renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways? *Answer: I do.*
- 3) Do you believe in God the Father? *Answer: Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*
- 4) Do you believe in God the Son? *Answer: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*
- 5) Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost? *Answer: Yes, I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.*
- 6) Do you desire to be a member of Grace Lutheran Church and of the Church of the Lutheran Confession? *Answer: I do.*
- 7) Do you hold all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of Grace Lutheran Church, drawn from the Bible, as you have learned to know it from Luther’s Small Catechism, to be the true and correct one? *Answer: I do.*
- 8) Do you also, as a member of Grace Lutheran Church, intend to continue steadfast in the confession of this Church and suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it? *Answer: I do so intend, with the help of God.*
- 9) Finally, do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the rule of the divine Word, to be diligent in the use of the Means of Grace (the Gospel in Word and Sacrament), to walk as it becomes the Gospel of Christ, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to the Triune God, even unto death? *Answer: I do so intend, by the grace of God.*

CDS Children:..... TLH 54: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Benediction:

Hymn:..... TLH 658: Onward, Christian Soldiers

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Confirmation:** We congratulate Julianna, Olivia, and Jack for completing their catechetical instruction so that they understand all the foundational doctrines revealed in Scripture about our Triune God. We also welcome them as communicant members at Grace. May the Lord continue to faithfully guide and direct them during their time of grace as they have promised to make faithful use of the Means of Grace. After worship there will be cake in the fellowship hall to which everyone is invited.
- ◆ **Among Us:** James and April Bomber were blessed this past Friday, May 15, with a baby girl, Chloe May, 21 ½ inches, 9 lbs. We praise the Lord for this wonderful and precious blessing!
- ◆ **Summer Schedule:** Today is the last time this season that worship will be held at 10 am. Next Sunday, May 24, the summer schedule will begin with worship service held at 9 am. Bible Class and Sunday School will be suspended for the summer. Hospitality hour will also be suspended after honoring the graduates next week. If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, they may sign up on the list located on the fellowship hall's bulletin board.
- ◆ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is beginning to plan for the 2015-16 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please speak to one of the teachers for an enrollment form.
- ◆ **School Program:** This Thursday, May 21, 7 pm, the children of our day school will be putting on their play, "Queen Arithmetic." All members and friends of Grace are invited to show support of the children's efforts and of our school. Refreshments will follow.
- ◆ **Graduation Recognition:** Next Sunday, May 24, 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.
- ◆ **Graduation Invitations:** The bulletin board by Pastor's office includes some invitations from this year's graduates.
- ◆ **Grace Anniversary Service:** Save the date! Sunday, June 14, 9 am. Pastor Neal Radichel will be our guest speaker and there will be a potluck meal following the worship service.
- ◆ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The Lutheran Spokesman is a publication by the CLC which is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. Those who currently receive the publication are listed on a sheet by the guestbook. If you no longer wish to receive it, please cross out your name. If you don't receive it and would like to, please sign up. The congregation covers the cost.



- ◆ **Book:** "Steeple in the Distance," a novel by Deborah Ude, is now available. It may be purchased either directly from Deborah Ude at deborahude.com, through the CLC Book House at clcbookhouse.org, or through Michael and Jess Ude. The cost is \$20.00 per book.
- ◆ **Parade:** On Thu., June 4, our school will be walking in the Spring Lake Park Tower Days Parade. All members are invited to participate to help let the community know about the treasure of our Christian school! We are hoping that all our students and parents will be able to participate in this. More details will be available soon.
- ◆ **Youth Conference:** Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato is sponsoring a Youth Conference this summer (July 28-August 2) in Como, CO. The conference features sessions of Bible Study, outdoor recreation, Colorado River rafting and more. Brochures for the conference are available by the guest book. See www.youthconference.info.
- ◆ **Traveling Vacation Bible School (TVBS):** If you can help, please register at www.clctvbs.org or contact Ross Roehl at ross.roehl@ilc.edu.
- ◆ **Women's Seminar:** The Southeast churches of the CLC are hosting a Women's Retreat on Sept. 25-27 in Savannah, GA. Details are available on the bulletin board. For questions please contact: Amy Osborne (651-329-3662 /newyorker13@hotmail.com) or Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (404-729-4602/ndmayhew@juno.com).
- ◆ **Sauers Ordination:** Our vicar, Rob Sauers, will be installed and ordained on Sun., June 21, 4 pm, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN. A fellowship meal will follow. Pastor John Hein will serve as Liturgist and Pastor Peter Evensen will be the Preacher. Please let Pastor know if you are attending so the congregation can prepare.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Paul Krause of Faith in Markesan, WI, has accepted the call to Trinity in Watertown and Zion in Hidewood Twp., SD. ✠ Teacher Collette Krause has resigned (effective at the end of this school year) as upper grade teacher at Faith in Markesan, WI. ✠ Pastor Andrew Schaller will be installed at Calvary in Marquette, MI, on June 14 in a special 3:00 p.m. service.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** This is scheduled for August 3-7.

Last Week's Stats: May 10, 2015 Sun.: 107 S.S.: 21 B.Cl.: 48 Thu: 56

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,480.69	CLC:	\$990.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,340.00	CLC:	1,060.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+140.69	CLC:	-70.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$59,021.34	CLC:	\$16,375.55	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	63,460.00	CLC:	20,140.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-4,438.66	CLC:	-3,764.45	
GLC Other:	301.35	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	25.00
SAF Endowment:	50.00	MDF:	35.00	Kinship:	110.00
ILC Student Aid:	30.00	ILC Bldg.	100.00	IIF: 10.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	6,150.00	Tuition Aid:	1,320.37

CLC FINANCIAL REPORT
April 2015

LSB 686: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

<i>CLC Financial Report</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>FY 2015 Budget</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Operating Funds	7/1/2014	Revenue	Disbursed	10 Months	4/30/2015
General Fund	0	754,686	731,800	\$753,333	22,886
ILC Operations	0	1,180,401	1,076,130	\$1,122,500	104,271
Total	\$0	\$1,935,087	\$1,807,930	\$1,875,833	\$127,157
Auxiliary Funds					
IIF - ILC Improvement	67,647	55,195	64,245		58,597
ILC Building	14,168	134,364	79,840		68,692
MDF - Mission Development	190,077	162,496	270,942		81,631
Kinship	59,320	73,812	69,292		63,840
CEF - Church Extension Fund	1,624,476	877,448	1,119,930		1,381,994
SAF - Student Aid	19,672	127,576	155,499		(8,251)
Reserve Account	89,769	0	0		89,769

<u>ILC Academic Center Mortgage</u>		
Beginning Balance:	January 1, 2010	\$1,751,804
Current Balance:	March 31, 2015	\$1,418,407
Principal Paid to Date:		\$333,397

Comments:

- General Fund offerings in April were \$85,573.
- The General Fund disbursements were \$64,998 leaving a balance of \$22,886.
- ILC is underspent \$46,370 year-to-date and has a balance of \$104,271.
- Congregation offerings for the ILC Academic Center were \$3,651, the monthly payment is \$7,984. A large gift of \$50,000 was received which increased the balance to \$68,692.
- MDF expenditures included \$1,950 for Appleton, WI mission, \$2,759 for church buildings and \$550 for foreign outreach actions, also received and disbursed were the mission helper travel expenses for the upcoming visit.
- The Student Aid fund balance is a negative \$8,251 with one more month of student loans to fund for the school year.
- There were no expenditures from the IIF in April.

Dr. James A. Sydow, CLC Treasurer
Philip E. Radichel, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

CONFIRMATION

Two highlights in the life of a Christian young person are confirmation and graduation. They are different in their significance, but both are milestones and stepping stones in the pilgrimage of life from youth to adulthood.

In the Lutheran Church confirmation is tied to the Sacrament of Baptism. When the Lord blesses Christian parents with the gift of a child, faithful parents bring the child to baptism. Baptism is a means of grace through which by water and the Word of God, the Spirit creates faith in the heart of a child and brings the child into a relationship with Christ and the heavenly Father. Through faith the child is adopted into the family of God, and his/her name is written in the Book of Life.

Faithful parents who appreciate that their child is a gift from God will recognize that they have a responsibility to care for the child placed in their home by the Heavenly Father. They take the charge seriously to bring up the child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, in keeping with the Lord's charge to "Let the little children come unto Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14).

In the exercise of their responsibility they will set the child a good example of faithfulness in worship, in confession of the Savior, Jesus Christ and in Christian life. Such parents will teach the child the truths of Scripture and utilize the agencies of the church—worship services, Sunday School, Christian Day School—to assist them in fulfilling their responsibility.

After instruction in the Word and growth in understanding of the Word of God, the doctrines of Scripture, and of the blessings of the Lord inherent in the Word, the child comes before the altar of God to promise faithfulness to the Lord, and to confirm his/her baptismal vow. At baptism sponsors answered questions "signifying what God in and through baptism works in the child." "_____, do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways." In baptism the Spirit through the washing of regeneration (Titus 3:5) works the faith that confesses the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is serious child soul-neglect when parents fail to bring up their child in the faith into which he/she was baptized, or when they are indifferent, if not neglectful, to giving instruction in the Word of God to the child entrusted to them. The greatest gift that loving parents can give their child is the treasure of the Gospel through which the child is made wise unto salvation.

Whatever else is given to a child as an expression of parental love while on this earth will ultimately pass away, as will the child when God calls. But one thing is needful as Jesus told Martha concerning Mary: "... and Mary has chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:39). One of the most poignant words of Scripture in this regard is the word of Paul who, writing to Timothy, rejoiced at the "remembrance of the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice" (2 Timothy 1:5). Mother and grandmother imparted the word to child Timothy so that Paul could say, "from *childhood* you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15).

In Confirmation the child who has been instructed in Scripture gives personal witness to the faith which he/she believes. The child who has grown in the understanding of the Word of God, the meaning of baptism, and the meaning and blessing of the Lord's Supper comes before the altar to promise before God, and the Christian congregation faithfulness to the Lord. The vows of confirmation are not to be made lightly. Having confessed faith in the Triune God, and faithfulness to the divine Word, the confirmand is asked: "Do you also as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, intend to continue steadfast in the confession of this Church, and *suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?* Finally do you *intend faithfully to conform all your life to the rule of the divine Word, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace, to walk in keeping with the Gospel of Christ, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to the Triune God, even unto death?*"

We thank the Lord for every confirmand who by the grace of God has remained true to the Lord and to the faith, and who in word and deed bears witness to their Lord. Just as surely as we thank the Lord for those, we sorrow over those who by indifference or neglect seem to have treated confirmation as a graduation from study in the Word, from active worship, as well as from steadfast confession of the faith concerning which they promised faithfulness before God. We pray that they have not lost the faith entirely, and further pray that by the grace of God they will find their way back if they have forsaken it, and also that they will learn to appreciate the fellowship of fellow believers around Word and Sacrament.

Scripture tells us that the devil never takes a a break from his goal to destroy the lambs and the flock of the Good Shepherd. Peter knew whereof he spoke when he wrote, "Be sober (self-controlled), be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him steadfast in the faith..." (1 Peter 5:8-9).

It is the Lord who fits the youth for the battle against Satan, sin, and the world, and who clothes them in the garment of righteousness unto salvation. But it is the responsibility of the parents in whose home the children are placed to see that children are brought for the fitting (Ephesians 6:11-16), as it were. That fitting takes place when children are brought regularly and faithfully to sit on the lap of the Savior so that He might "touch them" (Mark 10:13). He not only fits them for battle, but clothes them in the garment of righteousness that avails before God on the day of judgment.

Oh, blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost!
May none to them and heaven be lost (TLH- 625:3).

Every member of a confessional Lutheran Church regardless of age, has at one point in time made a vow before the Lord, a vow recorded in His memory bank. Whether then we are observing another's confirmation, or are being being confirmed, may we thankfully say, and with conviction of heart declare:

Blessed Savior, Who has taught me I should live to Thee alone,
All these years Thy hand hath brought me Since I first was made Thine own.
At the font my vows were spoken By my parents in the Lord;
That my vows shall be unbroken At the altar I record (TLH- 333:1).