

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel,
Bob Vandever, Bobby Vandever, Matt Vandever

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

Church Cleaners: Hein

School: NA

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel,
Bob Vandever, Bobby Vandever, Matt Vandever

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Pat Paplow;
Phil Radichel

Hospitality Team 5: Andrea Dahl; Pat & Dawn Paplow;
Frank & Ann Radichel

Church Cleaners: Hein

School: Ecker

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Mar. 27:** **EASTER** (No S.S., Bible Class, Hospitality)
7:30 am – Easter Breakfast
9:00 am – Easter Worship
- Tue., Mar. 29:** School Resumes from Easter Break
- Wed., Mar. 30:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
- Sun., Apr. 3:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
11:15 am – Hospitality
6:30 pm – ILC Tour Choir @ Eau Claire, WI
CLC Coordinating Council @ Eau Claire, WI
- Wed., Apr. 6:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
- Thu., Apr. 7:** 7:00 pm – Student Fair (Geography/Olympics)
- Mon., Apr. 11:** 10:00 am – MN Pastoral Study Club @ Mankato, MN
- Sun., Apr. 17:** Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings
- Fri., Apr. 29:** Immanuel High School Visitors Day @ Eau Claire, WI
- April 29-30:** 7:30 pm – Immanuel Musical: Sleeping Beauty
- Sat., Apr. 30:** 9:00 am – Work Day
- Thu., May 5:** 7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship
- Fri., May 13:** Field Day (5th-8th grade, by Berea in Inver Grove Hts.)
- Fri., May 20:** 3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day; 7:30 pm – Immanuel Concert
- Sat., May 21:** 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation
- Sun., May 22:** Confirmation Sunday (Trinity Sunday)
- Thu., May 26:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program
- Fri., May 27:** 12:00 pm – School Year Dismissal
- Sun., May 29:** 9:00 am – Summer Schedule Begins (Graduation)
- Sun., June 5:** 3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conference @ Mankato, MN
- June 23-26:** CLC Convention in Eau Claire, WI
- July 25-29:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

Grace Lutheran Church & School

*Why do you look for the living
among the dead?*



LUKE 24:5

Easter

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Easter

Date: March 27, 2016

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 191: Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

WS 733: This Joyful Eastertide

TLH 200: I Know that My Redeemer Lives

TLH 199: Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!

S.S. School: Mark 16:1-8; TLH 208, st. 1, 8-10 (opening)

Choir: A Gaelic Easter Celebration (after Absolution)

Day School: LSB 479 (after Scripture readings)

Worship Prep:

Psalm 118, TLH p. 148 f.

Liturgy:

TLH 192; TLH 207

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 12:1-6

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Sermon: Luke 24:1-9

¹Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. ²But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

³Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. ⁵Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, ⁷saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

⁸And they remembered His words. ⁹Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. (NKJVTM)

PROBING QUESTIONS: A QUESTION OF HOPE

"Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

◆ **Easter Greeting:** During the Lenten season we were richly blessed by probing questions to challenge our faith. It was very therapeutic for the sins that lurk within our hearts to be exposed and to have them washed through the shed blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Today we



*Easter Message
From the Pastor*

rejoice in His resurrection from the dead! In knowing that death is a consequence to sin in this world, we can be thankful that Jesus has conquered it. May your hearts be uplifted by the Easter Gospel today! Pastor and Janelle Hein and family.

◆ **Vicar This Fall:** This past week Seminarian Sam Rodebaugh was assigned by Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in Eau Claire, WI, to be the vicar under Pastor Hein here at Grace Lutheran. Mr. Rodebaugh was married last weekend to Jessica nee Schaller, daughter of Pastor Andrew and Alice Schaller of Marquette, WI. His parents are Becky and Prof. Dave Rodebaugh at Immanuel. He is a second year student in the seminary, so will be serving here just prior to his last year of seminary this coming fall, likely in August and September. We will be working out some of the arrangements of his vicarage in the coming weeks, including housing. We look forward to him being here in our midst and pray that his time among us will be richly blessed. The other vicar assignments are Tom Naumann to Pastor Andrew Schaller of Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI, and Stefan Sonnenfeld to Pastor Paul Tiefel of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI.

◆ **Liberia Video:** Pastor has put together an uninterrupted video of the Liberia trip at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9hbAYIoF4I

◆ **New Student Sponsorships Available.** Our CLC Board of Missions has recently shared the exciting news of the establishment of the Himalayan Bible Institute (HBI) in Nepal for the training of Lutheran pastors—both those who aspire to the ministry, and those who are already serving established congregations but require further training before ordination. The HBI will hold classes and provide room and board for ten students for one week every month. During the rest of the month they will receive on-the-job training in our HCLCN churches. The cost to support an HBI student through Project KINSHIP is \$40 per month, which goes to provide books, meals and transportation. If you would like to sponsor a student, please contact KINSHIP Committee member Rev. David Fuerstenau at (907) 225-2842, or e-mail djfuerstenau@kpunet.net.

◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew in Dallas, TX, has returned the call to Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC. ✠ Teacher Sara Pfeiffer of St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area), has returned the teaching call to Gethsemane Lutheran in Spokane Valley WA.

Even as I write this, no doubt there are those among us who may be facing similar challenges with their own or family health, or with challenges & burdens in the public or private ministry of our Lord, or with other trials in this troubled world. Be assured, wherever your clergy brothers become aware of such, I know you will be in our prayers, as I have been in yours. And I can assure you from personal experience the truth of God's promise through the Bible James: *"Pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."* (James 5:16 NKJ)

Whatever your present circumstances may be at this time, Carol & I wish you & yours a joyous Easter, as you celebrate with God's people all the blessings that come to us & are ours because of His death and resurrection:

³ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,* ⁴ *to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,* ⁵ *who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.* ⁶ *In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,* ⁷ *that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,* ⁸ *whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,* ⁹ *receiving the end of your faith-- the salvation of your souls.* (1Peter 1:3-9 NKJ)

Rejoicing with you with joy inexpressible and full of glory!

With Christian love & affection in Christ Jesus, our Savior,

Who was dead, but see, He lives, and is alive forevermore. Hallelujah!

Jim & Carol

Last Week's Stats: Mar. 20, 2016 Sun.: 115 S.S.: 29 B.Cl.: 40 Fri.: 103

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,537.65	CLC:	\$887.20	
Fri. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,032.10	CLC:	\$200.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,269.75	CLC:	+87.20	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$39,748.21	CLC:	\$11,779.15	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	39,600.00	CLC:	12,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+148.21	CLC:	-220.85	
GLC Other:	241.05	Living Faith:	10.00	Tuition Aid:	110.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	50.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	20.00	ILC Bldg.	250.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	12,057.50	Tuition Aid:	1,004.12

HAVE AN EXTREMELY HAPPY EASTER

The general meaning of the word *happy* is showing *pleasure or contentment*. In the King James Version of the Bible, three different words in the Old Testament are translated with happy or a similar word, and two in the New Testament. In the New Testament the word is frequently translated *bless-ed* as in the beatitudes, the sense being extremely *blessed*.

Following the solemn season of Lent when concentration has been placed on the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, the Christian Church turns its attention to the third day when the Lord Jesus Christ arose from death. Matthew, Mark, and Luke record: "He is risen." John records the reaction of Peter and himself, and Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb. Luke records the appearance of Jesus to the Emmaus disciples, and John to the eleven on the evening of resurrection day, and again a week later. Beside other recorded occurrences of the Lord after His resurrection, the apostle Paul tells us that among His many appearances, Jesus appeared to over 500 brethren at once and finally to Paul himself on the road to Damascus. Peter testified on Pentecost: "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we all are witnesses" (Acts 2:32).

Scripture has preserved to us unforgettable historical events related to Jesus' resurrection—the women seeing that the stone had been removed from the front of the tomb, and their hasty return to tell the disciples after they heard the angel say He was risen; Peter, the former denier of His Lord, *running* to investigate the empty tomb; the risen Christ calling Mary by name as she sat weeping at the empty tomb, and her recognition of her Lord; Jesus appearing on the seashore as the disciples were fishing, and finally His restoration of Peter for service to the Lord and the cause of the Gospel.

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus was foretold in the Old Testament. Job testified to his faith when he said before the fact, "Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! That they were engraved on a rock with an iron pen and lead, forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me" (Job 19: 23-29). His faith was not in vain. "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Jesus confirmed the prophecy of the resurrection found in the book of Jonah when He said, "As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matthew 12:40) And so it was, as Peter declared, "Him God raised up on the third day ..." (Acts 10:40).

EASTERTIDE GREETINGS 2016

From Pastor Emeritus James Sandeen, 3/24/2016

Those and many other passages of Scripture are the answer to Job's question, "If a man dies, will he live again" (Job 14:14). The resurrection is the great exclamation mark of the Heavenly Father confirming the "It is finished" (John 19:30) that Jesus spoke from the cross. The redemption of mankind is complete. Salvation has been won. Nothing more needs to be done, nor can be done. When Jesus said, "It is finished," it was finished! How supremely happy we can be, how blessed are all who believe the words of the Lord himself, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die" (John 11:25-26).

In testimony to the resurrection, the apostle Paul wrote: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law, but thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:55-57). Our Savior having fully paid the price to gain our salvation, "has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel" (2 Timothy 1:10).

The full grasp of the resurrection will come to pass ultimately for Christ-believers as the apostle wrote: "When Christ Who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory" (Colossians 3:4). Then shall we ever be with the Lord! As we think on these things and believe them our celebration of the Lord's resurrection gives meaning to the common expression Happy Easter. More than that: Have an extremely *happy Easter—a most bless-ed Easter*.

There would have been no resurrection without the death of Jesus. There would have been no salvation without the death and resurrection of Jesus. There would have been no celebration of life without the resurrection. We would have been without hope in a sin-cursed world.

This leads to the question. What do people who believe that every god is the same as the next, who worship dead idols, who reject Christ, who think that life on earth is the end all, who believe the preaching of the cross is foolishness, and the resurrection hope of Christ-believers a self-induced delusion—*what do they celebrate at Easter?* What is their Easter without Christ at the center of it? What do they mean when they wish you or each other "Happy Easter?"

"Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit" (Galatians 6:18), Inasmuch as Jesus rose on the third day, and by our reckoning the third day is Sunday, each Sunday worship is a celebration of the resurrection. Extremely happy and blessed are the people whose God is the risen Lord Who says, "Because I live, you will live also" (John 14:19).

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 3/2016

My dear fellow CLC clergy brothers, whether active or retired,

Last year about this time of the church year I was just about 50 days into my treatment for leukemia, stuck in the hospital and not able to join my fellow believers in the public celebration of our Lord's death & resurrection. Of course I enjoyed and was grateful for & strengthened by the private use of Word & Sacrament and fellowship through the visits of faithful pastors, and of all of your and our people's prayers & contacts. But I freely admit, it was a bummer to have to miss the public worship & use of the Means of Grace with fellow believers, especially on Festival occasions, as well as the various other fellowship activities with believers.

And now a year later by God's grace, I have pretty well completed all of my cancer treatment & have been living at home for 4 months, free to come & go with minimal restrictions. I have recently been confirmed still cancer free and have almost fully recovered my strength & immune system, and have enjoyed regular public worship at church & ILC events, including the ILC Tour Choir concert.

I just wanted to share my joy of heart with you now, as I am about to join my fellow believers this week in the public celebration of our Lord's death & resurrection, and the facts that He was delivered for our offenses and was raised again for our justification. The words of the Psalmist that will be on the lips of many of us again this Easter to praise the Lord for His salvation, will be cause for extra joy & appreciation in my heart and have special meaning & comfort for me this Easter in view of my past year:

¹⁴ *The LORD is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.* ¹⁵ *The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.* ¹⁶ *The right hand of the LORD is exalted; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.* ¹⁷ *I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.* ¹⁸ *The LORD has chastened me severely, but He has not given me over to death.* ¹⁹ *Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, and I will praise the LORD.* ²⁰ *This is the gate of the LORD, through which the righteous shall enter.* ²¹ *I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation.* ²² *The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.* ²³ *This was the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.* ²⁴ *This is the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.* ²⁵ *Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.* ²⁶ *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.* (Psalms 118:14-26 NKJ)