

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 20

Date: October 18, 2020

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 17: Oh, Worship the King
TLH 485 st. 1-5: Lord Jesus, Who Art Come
TLH 458, st. 3: Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above
TLH 511: Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
TLH 341, st. 1,4-5: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 145, TLH p. 155

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)
Gloria: TLH 244:1,4

Scripture Readings:

Psalms 45:1-8
Romans 14:16-19

Sermon: Luke 17:20-21

²⁰ Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; ²¹ "nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you." (NKJVTM)

Lord's Prayer – 2nd Petition: Thy Kingdom Come

1. What God's kingdom is
2. How God's kingdom comes to us



God, the blessed
and only **Ruler**,
the **King** of kings
and **Lord** of lords.

✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Today:** Voters and Dorcas guild will meet following worship.
- ➔ **Work Day:** This coming Sat. at 9 am there will be a work day. Donuts will be provided.
- ➔ **Caution:** If anyone is high risk, vulnerable, recently exposed to a COVID-19 patient, or has symptoms of illness (especially high temperature and cough), the individual along with any others in that person's household are strongly urged to stay home for one's own well-being and the well-being of others. Online worship is still available at FridleyLutheran.org.
- ➔ **Masks:** Due to the Governor's executive order, face coverings or masks are now required during worship at Grace. Children under the age of 2 are exempt. Ages 2-5 "are encouraged to wear a face covering when in public if they can do so reliably ..."
- ➔ **Physical Distancing:** Post-its are on the pews that are to be used. Please remember to not block areas of foot traffic. Thank you for being mindful of your fellow Christians.
- ➔ **Box Tops:** If you have any clipped box tops at home, please send those to school by next Sunday. Our Box Tops for Education submission is due November 2.
- ➔ **Thanks:** to Duane Enns for making a new bookshelf for our fellowship hall. It pairs with the one he already made.
- ➔ **Church Cleaning:** The rest of the year is open for cleaning volunteers.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Bethany Gurgel has returned the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus female mentor.
- ➔ **Sunday School & Adult Memory Work:** 2nd Petition

Lord's Prayer: Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

God's kingdom certainly comes all by itself, even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it also come to us.

How does the kingdom of God come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy word and live a godly life here in time and hereafter in eternity.

Council Meeting Notes – October 11, 2020

Meeting opened with prayer. Sept. Council meeting minutes read and approved. Sept. Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Instruction classes with Grant Wells continue. 3-4 lessons remain.
- Frank has updated some projection capabilities with chromecast in the fellowship hall and church, including the purchase of a new tablet.
- Motion approved to recommend the 2021 annual calendar to the Voters.

Board of Elders Report

- Rick mentioned that background checks have been done and all checks have come back without any issues.

Board of Ed Report

- School is going well with 23 students. No illnesses so far.
- Tuition aid disbursements for the students at ILC will be made soon.

Board of Trustees Report

- New carpet will be installed in the parsonage and school this week.
- Work on the garage continues and is nearing completion. Remaining work includes the soffits, electrical work, and door installation.
- Church workday is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 24.

Other Business

- AED training took place on Sun., Sept. 27 and went well.
- Council open items list was reviewed. The following items have been completed and can be removed: secure background checks, curriculum to improve computer skills, replace 2 classroom doors, pursue an AED, parsonage repair. Notes on other items:
 - Abuse prevention policy – annual review to be added to the handbook.
 - Permanent record retention –Pastor has been adding some reports to the Google drive. He continues accumulating member data that can be uploaded at some point but notes that some work needs to be done.
 - Organ repair/replacement - An organ fund now exists.
 - Contribute stock to a church brokerage account – Phil mentioned that an account at Wells Fargo would need to be set up to accept contributions.
- Discussion on the options to make contributions to the church electronically. Benno plans to put a short presentation together for the Voters meeting.
- Snow plowing arrangements need to be finalized for the upcoming winter.
- Motion approved to recommend the 2021 budget to the Voters:

Budget				
	2021	2020	2019	2018
Board of Elders	\$82,000	\$82,000	\$82,000	\$80,500
Board of Education	\$99,500	\$89,000	\$91,000	\$75,000
Board of Trustees	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000
Total	\$218,500	\$208,000	\$210,000	\$192,500

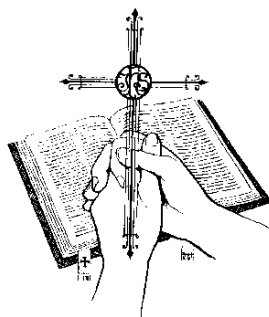
Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

2ND PETITION

"Thy kingdom come"

In the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Thy kingdom come." We are praying that the kingdom of God will come to us, that God will rule in our heart, and also that His kingdom rule will be expanded everywhere. It is the Christian's confidence that one day he will be translated from this earth to the kingdom of heaven. The Christian is confident because the Lord Himself gives promise that all in whose heart He now rules will be with Him in heaven.

To "hold an office" does not mean to sit in a room behind a desk. To hold an office implies activity! Similarly, when we speak of the kingdom of God in the second petition, we are speaking first of all of the activity of the King. What is the King's activity? He rules. Where does He rule? In that He is Creator and Lord He rules over all things in heaven and on earth. The earth is His footstool. But most specifically, He rules on this earth in a special way in the heart of each believer in Christ. With what does He rule? He rules with His Word. For what purpose does He rule? He rules to save. So the Kingdom of God is "God's gracious rule to save."

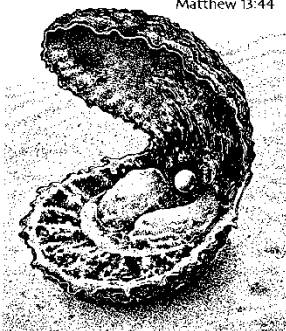


The kingdom of God comes without our asking, but we pray that it may come to us. Martin Luther summed it up very succinctly. "The Kingdom of God comes to us when our Heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit so that by His grace we believe His holy Word ..." The King does not set up His throne in one's heart by threat or by intimidation. He does not use force of arms to bring us into His kingdom. He does not use political pressure and deceit as in our political society. He establishes His rule through the preaching of the Gospel. The Gospel is the message of salvation. It creates faith. It makes of those who were not subjects of the King, subjects. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation for all those who believe. Furthermore, we are told in 1 Peter 1:5 "Ye are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." The royal rule of Christ within the heart of His children is preserved by

the same means through which it was established! They who have been brought into the kingdom of God pray that they might be preserved unto salvation and as well that through His holy Word they may "lead a godly life, here in time and hereafter in eternity."

The kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure hidden.

Matthew 13:44



We also speak of the second petition as the "mission petition," because it is our prayer that the gracious rule of the Lord to save will also be extended to others. We pray that the Spirit will through the Gospel bring others to the knowledge and confidence of salvation.

We who pray this petition also are called to speak the Word of God. The Lord has commissioned those in whose heart He rules to share the blessed word of salvation. He has told them to go into the world and preach the Gospel. So when we pray, "Thy kingdom come," we are praying that it might prevail in and among us to whom it has come, and that it will come to others. To remain in this kingdom is the first priority of those who are under His rule. Lest we forget we are reminded in Matthew 6, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." "Lord, let Thy kingdom come, and preserve us under its rule until the day of Thy heavenly kingdom!"

"Thy Kingdom Come."

All this is nothing else than saying: Dear Father, we pray, give us first Thy Word, that the Gospel be preached properly throughout the world; and secondly, that it be received in faith, and work and live in us, so that through the Word and the power of the Holy Ghost Thy kingdom may prevail among us, and the kingdom of the devil be put down, that he may be utterly destroyed, and sin, death, and hell be exterminated, that we may live forever in perfect righteousness and blessedness."

(Luther's Large Catechism)

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Jan Davis**

Elder: **Frank Radichel**

Ushers: **Roger Ochsner; James Bomber; Jack Maki; John Maki; Ryan Oman**

Counting Team 2: **Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker**

Church Cleaners: **Ochsner**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Roger Ochsner; James Bomber; Jack Maki; John Maki; Ryan Oman**

Counting Team 3: **Brian Eichstadt; Duane Enns; David Hein; Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow**

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?** School: **Doucette**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Oct. 18: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service

11:15 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

Wed., Oct. 21: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sat., Oct. 24: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Sun., Oct. 25: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service

Sat., Oct. 31: Reformation Day – 503rd Anniversary

Sun., Nov. 1: Return to Standard Time (Clocks back 1 hour)

9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service

Wed., Nov. 25: 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 11, 2020 Sun.: 71 Bible Cl.: 33 S.S.: 12 Wed.: 16

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,339	CLC:	\$1,325
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+339	CLC:	+375
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$163,170	CLC:	\$37,287
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	164,000	CLC:	38,950
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-830	CLC:	-1,663
GLC Other: 501	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	50	Kinship:	375
ILC Student Aid: 100	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid: \$167*		

* This week a distribution of \$1,800 each (\$3,600 total) was made to our two students attending Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI. This nearly covered their entire tuition of \$1,900 each for this fall semester.