

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Advent 1

Date: November 29, 2020

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 56: Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring
LSB 336: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending
TLH 73: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
TLH 95:5-7: Savior of the Nations, Come

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 24, TLH p. 128

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)
Gloria: TLH 58 & 62

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:32-37

Sermon: Isaiah 64:1-8

¹ Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence— ² As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil— To make Your name known to Your adversaries, *That* the nations may tremble at Your presence! ³ When You did awesome things *for which* we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. ⁴ For since the beginning of the world *Men* have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. ⁵ You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, *Who* remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned— In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved. ⁶ But we are all like an unclean *thing*, And all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. ⁷ And *there is* no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities. ⁸ But now, O LORD, You *are* our Father; We *are* the clay, and You our potter; And all we *are* the work of Your hand. (NKJVTM)

The LORD Comes to Shake Things Up

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **COVID-19 Pre-Cautions:** 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. Due to the Governor's executive order, face coverings are required during worship at Grace. Children under the age of 2 are exempt. For 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.
- ➔ **Lord's Prayer Series:** If anyone is interested in a DVD of Pastor's series on the Lord's Prayer, please speak to him.
- ➔ **Poinsettias:** There is a signup sheet for Christmas Poinsettias by the guest book at the church entry. If anyone would like to purchase a plant for church, please indicate it by signing your name and plant information on the sheet. For questions, contact Mikey Oman.
- ➔ **Midweek Advent Worship:** This coming Wednesday, 7 pm, begins our Midweek Advent worship services. These will be held for the next three Wednesdays with our last one on Dec. 16 being our annual candlelight service. Due to restrictions, we will be unable to have our congregational Christmas meal this year.
- ➔ **Christmas Eve Worship:** This will be on Thu., Dec. 24, 6 pm. The children at Grace will be presenting the theme "God's Love Eternal," considering how His love planned the birth of Jesus, the Savior to save the world from eternal punishment, offering forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Join us during this precious time of year to ponder our Savior's coming. This year adjustments are being made in accordance with COVID protocols. To accommodate proper distancing within sanctuary and to keep our occupancy under 100, online registration is required: signup.com/go/jAJfTHA. A seating chart will then be created. Also, the children rehearsals will be on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and 13 following the worship service for about an hour, perhaps the final one being a little longer. We will still have the final rehearsal on the Sunday morning prior, on Dec. 20 at 8:45 am.
- ➔ **Christmas Day Worship:** This will be on Fri., Dec. 25, 10 am. Christ's birth is the reason for the season. May the love of this Child be the gift you open up your heart to on Christmas Day!
- ➔ **Catechism Break:** We will be having a two-week break for midweek Catechism students on Dec. 23 and 30.

- ➔ **New Tour Choir CD:** A new ILC Tour Choir CD has been released. A poster is by the mailboxes. Cost: \$12/each or \$20 for two. Pastor has copies available on consignment.
- ➔ **2021 Cleaning:** The 2021 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ➔ **Parking Reminder:** For those members who are able, please park further away to permit those with physical impairments to be able to park closer to the church.
- ➔ **Large Print Hymnals:** As a reminder, there are three copies of The Lutheran Hymnal in large print. These are by the guest book. Feel free to use these and return at the end of the worship service.
- ➔ **Sunday School Teachers:** Perhaps something to consider this Christmas is extending our Sunday School teachers an expression of gratitude for what they do for our children each week.
- ➔ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ➔ **Liberia:** To make a contribution to the work in Liberia, write in "Liberia" on one of the Project lines of your offering envelope.
- ➔ **Organ:** A key current project that the Voters determined to have as a goal is the replacement of the organ. There is a fund open for that purpose. You may designate donations as "Organ Fund."
- ➔ **Stock Donations:** In the October meeting the Voters of Grace resolved to provide a process for members to donate equities to the Congregation. The process has now been set up and anyone interested can get information on how to proceed from President Rick Nelson or Secretary Bill Rust. Such a donation spares the donor from being taxed on any capital gains.
- ➔ **Qualified Charitable Distribution:** For those over 70½ it may be beneficial for you to send your offerings directly from an IRA fund to the church. The advantage of this procedure is those amounts are NOT considered as income and your adjusted gross income is less. For more information see Phil Radichel or Benno Sydow.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL, has received the call to Living Savior Lutheran in Eden Prairie, MN. † Pastor Del Maas of Gift of God Lutheran in Mapleton, ND (Fargo area), and St. Paul Lutheran in Ponsford, MN, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran in Bowdle, SD, and Zion Lutheran in Ipswich, SD. † Recently colloquized Terry Stringer, a member of St. Stephen Lutheran in Hayward, CA (Oakland area), has been called and has accepted the call by Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA, to serve as "Assistant Vacancy Pastor" in a one year call. Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran in Spokane Valley is the vacancy pastor.
- ➔ **Sunday School & Adult Memory Work:** Christmas Eve Parts

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1. Lo! - He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 3. Those dear to - kens of His Pas - sion
 4. Yea, A - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who rid - i - culed and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Ev - 'ry knee shall bow be - fore Thee;



Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 Come and take Thy peo - ple home!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what won - der with what won - der with what won - der,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Christ re - veals His end - less reign.
 Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

Our Confessional Position as a church is becoming more and more unique and more and more isolated from that with which most people are acquainted. It is unique. Not because it is different from the revealed Word of God, but just because it is drawn from the Word. It is an isolated position because more and more are forsaking the old paths of sound doctrine. We sometimes get the reputation of being negative because we are “against everything.” That overstatement is just that, an overstatement. Yet a certain element of truth is found in the “against,” because what we are “against” emphasizes the positive, what we are “for.” We are against the evil that destroys the soul; against compromise that robs of the Gospel; against anything and everything that diminishes the glory of God. We maintain among us that the Bible is that which the Lord says it is, namely His inspired and inerrant Word. All of it! One cannot make that confession without being against the contrary teaching that says only part (and possibly none) of the Bible is God’s Word, or that at very least it is subject to human interpretation. Why are we against diminishing the Word? As a child may say, “Because God said so.” But our respect for the Word is deeper than that. The Word itself is that which has worked the conviction of faith in our heart, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior. As we come into the season of Advent, move on to Christmas, meditate in Lent, and rejoice at Easter we do so in the confidence that the birth of our Lord, the suffering of our Lord, and the resurrection of our Lord from the dead glorifies our Heavenly Father, and is the life and the breath of our existence here, as well as the foundation of our confident hope of heaven. We are either for that or against that confession of faith. We cannot be both. Jesus said, “He who is not with Me is against Me” (Matt. 12:30). We are therefore “against” because we are “for.” We cannot be “for” without being “against” because such a balancing act that cannot be sure on which side of the fence it stands is a denial of Christ.

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer

The following is the nomination slate for 2021:

- Treasurer: Phil Radichel
- Elder: Dale Enns; Al Rosendahl
- Education: Dale Enns; Roger Ochsner; Bob Vandever
- Trustee: Al Rosendahl; Bob Vandever
- Delegates: Dale Enns; Dave Rust; Al Rosendahl; Benno Sydow; Frank Radichel; Rick Nelson
- Key Executives: Rick Nelson; William Rust

Last Week’s Stats: Nov. 22, 2020 Sun.: 71 Bible Cl.: 38 S.S.: 15 Wed.: 39

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,173*	CLC:	\$2,150
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,061	CLC:	\$160
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,234	CLC:	+1,360
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$182,554	CLC:	\$44,257
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	188,000	CLC:	44,650
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-5,446	CLC:	-393
GLC Other: 77	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	111
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	100	Kinship:	260
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid: \$403 * \$550 in non-member school tuition		

✝ **TODAY AT GRACE** ✝

Organist: **Sue Nelson**

Elder: **Eli Wales**

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; Keith Radichel; David Stifter; Joel Stifter; Eli Wales**

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

Church Cleaners: **Hein**

School: **Rust**

✝ **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** ✝

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; Keith Radichel; David Stifter; Joel Stifter; Eli Wales**

Counting Team 1: **Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Ryan Oman; Pat Paplow; Phil Radichel**

Church Cleaners: **Sydow**

School: **Nelson**

✝ **OUR SCHEDULE** ✝

- Sun., Nov. 29:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 1)
11:00 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- Mon., Nov. 30:** Grace School Resumes after Thanksgiving Break
- Wed., Dec. 2:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship
- Sun., Dec. 6:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Advent 2)
11:00-12:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- Wed., Dec. 9:** 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship
- Sun., Dec. 13:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 3)
11:00-12:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital
- Wed., Dec. 16:** Congregational Christmas Dinner (cancelled)
7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship
- Fri., Dec. 18:** 7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert (tentative)
- Sun., Dec. 20:** 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 4)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Wed., Dec. 23:** Grace School's Christmas Party & Christmas Break Begins
- Thu., Dec. 24:** **CHRISTMAS EVE**
6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship
- Fri., Dec. 25:** **CHRISTMAS DAY**
10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship
- Sun., Dec. 27:** 10:00 am – Worship Service (No Bible Class/Sunday School)
- Thu., Dec. 31:** **NEW YEAR'S EVE**
7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper