

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Christmas 1

Date: December 27, 2020

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

WS 710: Once in Royal David's City
TLH 108: We Sing, Immanuel, Thy Praise
TLH 94: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
TLH 97: Let Us All With Gladsome Voice

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 111, TLH p. 147

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)
Gloria: TLH 106:4,7

Scripture Readings:

Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:25-40

Sermon: Isaiah 45:20-25

²⁰ "Assemble yourselves and come; Draw near together, You *who have* escaped from the nations. They have no knowledge, Who carry the wood of their carved image, And pray to a god *that* cannot save. ²¹ Tell and bring forth *your case*; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? *Who* has told it from that time? *Have* not I, the LORD? And *there is* no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; *There is* none besides Me. ²² "Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For *I am* God, and *there is* no other. ²³ I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth *in* righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath. ²⁴ He shall say, 'Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength. To Him *men* shall come, And all shall be ashamed Who are incensed against Him. ²⁵ In the LORD all the descendants of Israel Shall be justified, and shall glory.'" (NKJVTM)

IN THE LORD I HAVE
RIGHTEOUSNESS AND STRENGTH

✝ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✝

COVID-19 Pre-Cautions: If anyone is high risk, vulnerable, recently exposed to a COVID-19 patient, or has symptoms of illness (esp. high temp. and cough), the individual along with any others in that person's household are 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 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.

- ➔ **New Year's Eve:** On New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, we will be having a 7:00 pm worship service with the Lord's Supper.
- ➔ **Gratitude:** While 2020 has been a challenging year for all of us, the Lord in His grace has nourished our souls through His authoritative and powerful Word. In spite of the pandemic and political turmoil, the members of Grace have been eager to hear the Good News of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. As your Pastor, I'm very grateful to see this attitude flourish among us, also observing the warm Christian love that is evident in the support you each provide one another. May the Lord continue to bless our family in Christ as we move ahead into the coming year. My family and I are truly thankful for the generosity of the members of Grace in sharing their prayers, cards, gifts, and encouragement this Christmas season. We pray that the Lord Himself will continue to shepherd us along the path He has before us in 2021. In Christ, Pastor Hein
- ➔ **Directory:** We are preparing for the annual Grace directory. Please check your contact information in the draft copy located in the narthex. Place a check mark by your entry if it is correct. If it is not, please edit as necessary. Your cooperation is appreciated as we attempt to produce an accurate directory. Also, please ensure your birthday and/or anniversary information is correct. Also, please indicate how you would like to be contacted via the contact tree.
- ➔ **2021 Cleaning:** The 2021 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ➔ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Teacher Paul Tiefel III at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to serve as principal and upper grade teacher at Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners, WI (Milwaukee area).
✝ Teacher Neil Bernthal at Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL, has received the call to be principal and upper grade teacher at Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI. ✝ Teacher Joshua Ohlmann at Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN, has received the call to be upper grade teacher and principal at Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC.

Grace Funds

GENERAL FUND: Contributions to this fund are used for budgeted expenses that normally are incurred in operating our church and Christian Day School. This includes such things as the pastor's and teacher's compensations, utilities, church operations, school supplies, pastor's mileage, etc.

TUITION FUND: Offerings are used to assist Grace students at Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI.

LIVING FAITH: This program offers opportunities for members to help those of the congregation who are in need of food, clothing, necessary medical supplies, etc. Your offerings to this fund serve the physical welfare of your brethren.

DORCAS GUILD FUND: This supports the projects of our women's group.

LIBERIA FUND: This is for projects Grace undertakes for Liberia.

PROJECT FUND: This is for any special projects the congregation decides to do.

CLC Funds

CLC GENERAL FUND (SOMETIMES CALLED "MISSIONS"): Contributions to this fund support the General Budget of the CLC. They are used to subsidize U.S. and foreign missions and to subsidize operating expenses at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI.

MISSION DEVELOPMENT FUND (MDF): This fund provides support for mission projects both at home and abroad. Funds are used for such things as missionary exploratory efforts, instruction materials, self-help projects in foreign mission fields, storm relief in India and Africa, etc.

PROJECT KINSHIP: Contributions are used for the support of orphanages in the foreign missions affiliated with the CLC. At times sponsorship is requested for specific orphans or seminary students in foreign mission fields.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND (CEF): This Fund is maintained for the purpose of providing loans to build or buy churches and/or parsonages within the CLC.

ILC BUILDING FUND: Contributions are used for the financing of any new building projects at ILC. At this time the Academic Center is being financed.

ILC IMPROVEMENT FUND (IIF): This fund has been used for various capital expenditures or special projects at ILC, including such items as remodeling, updating blacktop, professorage upgrades, larger HVAC projects, etc.

ILC STUDENT AID: This Fund provides scholarships, grants, and loans to students attending the high school, college, and seminary. Contributions may allow students to prepare for the preaching and teaching ministries who otherwise might be unable to attend ILC. Eventually this fund is expected to be self-supporting because of an endowment element and the repayment of student loans after graduation.

ILC STUDENT AID ENDOWMENT: This Fund accumulates in principle as donations are made with the annual investment gains funneled into the ILC Student Aid Fund.

✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Dave Rust

Ushers: Gary Gunther; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; Jeff Stifter; Bob Vandever

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

Church Cleaners: Ochsner

✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

Ushers: Gary Gunther; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; Jeff Stifter; Bob Vandever

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

Sun., Dec. 27: No Bible Class or Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service (Christmas 1)

Thu., Dec. 31: **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper

Sun., Jan. 3: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper

Wed., Jan. 6: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Sun., Jan. 10: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service

12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Sun., Jan. 17: Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

Last Week's Stats: Dec. 20, 2020 Sun.: 68 S.S.: 15 Thu.: 81 Fri.: 38

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,254	CLC:	\$715
Thu. & Fri. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,755	CLC:	\$950
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,009	CLC:	+715
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$199,437	CLC:	\$48,447
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	204,000	CLC:	48,450
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-4,563	CLC:	-3
Total Budget for Year:	Grace:	208,000	CLC:	49,400
Difference from budget (+/-)	Grace:	-8,563	CLC:	-953
GLC Other: 1,208	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	625
SAF Endowment: 100	MDF:	100	Kinship:	70
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$1,293			

