

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Easter 5

Date: May 7, 2023

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

WS 733: This Joyful Eastertide

WS 784: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

TLH 428: I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

Communion: WS 755

TLH 649: Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 33, TLH p. 131

Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Communion)

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 33:1-9

1 Peter 2:4-10

Sermon: Psalm 33:10-22

¹⁰ The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. ¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations. ¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance. ¹³ The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. ¹⁴ From the place of His dwelling He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth; ¹⁵ He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works. ¹⁶ No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not delivered by great strength. ¹⁷ A horse is a vain hope for safety; Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength. ¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy, ¹⁹ To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine. ²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. ²¹ For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name. ²² Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, Just as we hope in You. (NKJVTM)

JEHOVAH'S COUNSEL STANDS FOREVER

1. It's what we trust in as His people

2. It's based on His gracious lovingkindness

CLC E-Devotion – June 14, 2021

Proverbs 4:2 I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching.

EDUCATION FOR THE REAL WORLD

“I don’t want to go to school!” Sooner or later nearly every child says that to Mom and Dad. There may be tears and tantrums as the parents try to convince the son or daughter that school is good and learning is important. In our complicated, technology driven world, education is essential. Learning to read and grasping the basics of computers, along with the math involved in budgeting a paycheck are vital to being a part of our society. And it’s not just for children. You never outgrow the need for learning in order to stay current with new advances in one’s career field and ever-changing means of communication and doing business. No one is going to deny that we need education for the real world in which we live.

Yet some use “education for the real world” as justification for ignoring God’s Word. They don’t see it as having any application for daily life. Nothing could be further from the truth. No one can understand the origins of the real world apart from what the Creator tells us. “By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth” (Psalm 33:6). No one can possibly understand the root cause of all the suffering, trouble, and death in the world without taking to heart what God tells us. “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned” (Romans 5:12). Only the education provided by the Holy Spirit in the Word enables us to grasp the “big picture,” and understand that this life is less than a micro-second in comparison with eternity. Human genius could never discover the salvation God has given sinners through Jesus’ blood shed on the cross. “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9). A diploma from the most prestigious university cannot give a person the peace and certainty of God’s peace and blessing here in time and the joy of glory hereafter.

So never stop learning the truths of God’s Word. Don’t let a day go by without “searching the Scriptures.” Read the Word with the confidence that the Lord has something important to teach you. You won’t be disappointed. Look forward to growing in understanding and faith with fellow believers in church and Bible class. Be eager to share the message of Christ crucified with everyone you can.

The Lord's Supper Preparation

As a reminder, communicants are to examine themselves prior to communing. 1 Corinthians 11:27: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup."

Prayer before the Lord's Supper:

Lord God, You invite all who are burdened with sin to come to You for rest. In the sacrament of Holy Baptism You called me to be Your child by the Holy Spirit. I now come at Your invitation to receive the holy body and blood of my Savior, Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Prepare my heart, Lord, to receive this precious meal with a repentant heart: sorry for my sins and recognizing they deserve punishment, but also rejoicing in the full forgiveness You have granted me by grace through Jesus' holy and precious blood shed for me at the cross. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope in You, and assure me of Your blessed peace. Hear me for the sake of Jesus, my dear Savior. Amen.

Prayer after the Lord's Supper:

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to me in this holy sacrament. Thanks and praise be to You for Your divine tenderness and love shown to me, Your child. I humbly ask you, now that I've received Your body and blood in the Sacrament, continue to fill me with the power of Your Holy Spirit. May I be led to ever embrace by faith the treasures of Your grace imparted to me, especially the forgiveness of sins and fellowship with You. Keep me in Your faith and favor that I may live in You and You may live in me. Let the love that You have shown me enable me, with a forgiven and tender heart, to love You and my neighbor. Preserve me in the true faith until everlasting life. Hear me, O Jesus, for the sake of Your dear name. Amen.

TLH 306

1. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast prepared
A feast for our salvation,
It is Thy body and Thy blood;
And at Thy invitation
As weary souls, with sin opprest,
We come to Thee for needed rest,
For comfort and for pardon.

4. We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Thy precious Word believing
That Thy true body and Thy blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This word remains forever true,
And there is naught Thou canst not do;
For Thou, Lord, art almighty.

7. Grant that we worthily receive
Thy Supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving o'er our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Thy grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8. For Thy consoling Supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in every place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this Sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

✠ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✠

- ➔ **Among Us:** Lynn Sandhoefner has been experiencing back pain as he recovers from a successful hip replacement surgery. He is now recovering at home. Thomas Graham has been battling a bronchial infection this week. Pastor will begin daily radiation treatment (other than weekends) this coming Thursday, lasting until June 1. "Jesus, in Your mercy heal according to your gracious and good will."
- ➔ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is planning for the 2023-24 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please speak to one of the teachers for an enrollment form.
- ➔ **Sanctuary Improvement:** The Voters recently established a new project called the Sanctuary Improvement Fund. Members may now contribute offerings to this fund for this future project.
- ➔ **Spring Planting:** Heidi Nelson and Bonnie Baker will be planting flowers around the church property on Saturday, May 13, at 9 am. Anyone willing to help would be appreciated.
- ➔ **Ascension Worship:** 40 days after Jesus' resurrection He ascended into heaven visibly from His disciples. Knowing that He was now seated at the right hand of the Father in full glory and ruling over all things, they worshipped Him with great joy. Our opportunity to worship Him is Thursday, May 18, 7 pm.
- ➔ **Confirmation:** Confirmation for Uriah Wales will be on Sunday, May 21. Examination will take place at 9 am followed by the worship service at 10 am. May the Lord bless his preparation! Following the worship service during our regular hospitality hour there will be a reception in the fellowship hall in which a light luncheon will be served. A congregational invitation is on the bulletin board.
- ➔ **Graduates:** Please list any member of Grace that is graduating this year (Jan-Dec 2023) on the sheet by the guest book. Include the school's name and the degree. Our Graduation Sunday is May 28. S. Conway and U. Wales will also graduate from Grace School that day.



➔ **Summer Worship Schedule:** On Sunday, May 28, the summer schedule will begin with worship service held at 9 am. Bible Class and Sunday School will be suspended for the summer.



➔ **Vacation Bible School:** On July 24-28, 9:00-11:30 am, we will be having our VBS. This includes children age 4 years, to children going into eighth grade. Please register your children on the sheet by the guest book. In preparing for VBS, we will need to put together a staff, including teachers and coordinators for crafts and music. Please consider this labor of love and let Pastor know of your willingness.



➔ **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.

➔ **Daily Rest:** *Daily Rest* is a daily devotion book printed quarterly by the CLC. It is time to renew subscriptions or get a new subscription if you would like to receive this edifying material. The deadline to subscribe is June 1. Jan Davis has graciously offered to collect the \$15 payments. You may give this payment to her directly or mail your payment in her name to her address: Jan Davis, 7986 Van Buren Street NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. Please contact her (davis7986@gmail.com/612-590-5354) for instructions if you wish to submit your payment electronically through Zelle® or Venmo®.



➔ **The Branches:** If you would like to start receiving *The Branches* magazine, please contact Sandy Hulke at thebranchesmagazine@gmail.com. All other subscriptions will automatically be renewed. Any changes, please let Sandy know.

➔ **Concluding Activities at Immanuel:** Friday, May 19, will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the LORD God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 3 pm. The band will play during this event. At 7:30 pm, there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Mass Choir and Tour Choir at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday, May 20, there will be the concluding graduation worship service at 10 am at the ILC Fieldhouse. We pray that the students will take what they have learned from the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the LORD Immanuel in their daily walk with Him.



➔ **Women's Retreat:** Pacific Coast Women's Retreat -- Grow in Grace; Oct. 6-8, 2023, at Cusick, WA. We welcome all girls and women to our retreat in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Planes, trains, and automobiles will bring you to Spokane, and then we'll lead you an hour-ish north to the Ponderosa Lodge. "Stay in the Know" by signing up on the Gethsemane Lutheran Church website for periodic updates: gethsemaneclc.org/events/pacific-coast-womens-retreat/. Questions? Contact Tina Eichstadt, teichstadt@gmail.com/651-398-2386.

➔ **New Opportunity in Uganda:** The Kinship Committee and CLC Board of Missions has taken on a new and exciting opportunity--supporting a group of twenty orphans in Iganga, Uganda. Pastor Daniel Mugeni and his wife, Aidah, have taken on the task of caring for these orphans, and the financial burden on them is substantial. Pastors Gurath and Bernthal were able to spend time with the Mugeni family in July of 2022 and saw firsthand both their genuine love for these children and their genuine need for financial assistance. Please consider becoming a sponsor of one of these children. The commitment is \$45/mo. Kinship is also in need of sponsors for seminary students throughout the world. The financial commitment required to support overseas seminary students is similar, ranging from \$30 to \$50/mo. To become a sponsor or for more information, please contact Dan Roehl at 507-381-2042 or danroehl@hotmail.com.

➔ **Funeral:** About a month ago I was able to visit an unchurched woman with stage IV breast cancer named Marcia McCabe who had recently begun hospice care. She had learned that she had cancer when she was nearly two months pregnant with her fifth child. Health care professionals urged her many times to abort her baby, something she and her husband, Josh, both found disturbing. Marcia was determined to deliver her baby, also withholding herself from critical cancer treatment so that her baby would be healthy. I have since learned that they had been attending a "church growth" church which is popular in the Twin Cities with many different campuses. But her cancer experience revealed the emptiness and shallowness of what that kind of secular church provided for something as serious as she faced, included her mortality. My visit with Marcia was mutually comforting and uplifting as we shared many similar circumstances with regard to cancer, but also given the Word of God I shared with her on her deathbed with her healthy baby at her side. It was truly a heart-to-heart discussion about salvation and facing death. I also shared various passages with her following our visit. This past Thursday the LORD called Marcia to her eternal home. Given how much Marcia appreciated me bringing the Word to her, Josh has now asked me to conduct her funeral service. Given her being unchurched and allowing me to care for her soul, I reached out to the Elders. We all agreed that I could do this with the stipulation that the service be in accordance with God's Word. Josh readily agreed to this. The funeral will be this Wednesday, May 10, 11 am at Strike Life Tributes in Isanti (409 Broadway St SE). While the capacity of the venue will be tight, I urge some of us to attend in order to show support to the family (and to help with some of the singing!).

<https://www.strikelifetributes.com/2023/05/in-memory-of-marcia-mccabe/>

➔ **CLC News:** Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call to be Upper Grade Teacher at Valley Bible Academy in Clarkston, WA.

➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #26 – Sacrament of the Altar 3 & 4

Last Week's Stats: Apr. 30, 2023 Sun.: 87 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 38

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,481	CLC:	\$580		
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,500	CLC:	1,080		
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,019	CLC:	-500		
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$80,061	CLC:	\$20,810		
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	81,000	CLC:	19,440		
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-939	CLC:	+1,370		
GLC Other:	8	Living Faith:	50	Tuition Aid:	50	
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	25	Kinship:	160	EduK8: 0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	\$850			

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Janelle Hein

Elder: Benno Sydow

Ushers: Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; James Bomber; Dan Degnan; David Hein; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever

Counting Team 3: Duane Enns; Tom Graham; Kevin Hulke; Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow

Hospitality Team 2: James & April Bomber; Rachelle Kanneh; Heidi Nelson; Bob & Suki Vandever

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

School: Bomber

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: El Al Rosendahl; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells

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

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School: Volunteers?

† OUR SCHEDULE †

- Sun., May 7:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Easter 5)
11:00 am - Hospitality
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Wed., May 10:** 11:00 am – Marcia McCabe Funeral (Isanti, MN)
4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
- Fri., May 12:** Field Day @ Inver Grove Hts. (Grades 5-8) (K-4 No School)
- Sat., May 13:** 9:00 am – Spring Planting
- Sun., May 14:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 6)
- Thu., May 18:** **ASCENSION DAY**
7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship
- Fri., May 19:** 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal
3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day @ ILC Fieldhouse
7:30 pm – Immanuel Spring Concert @ Messiah Lutheran
- Sat., May 20:** 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation @ ILC Fieldhouse
- Sun., May 21:** **CONFIRMATION DAY**
9:00 am – Confirmation Examination
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 7/Confirmation)
11:00 am – Confirmation Reception
- Thu., May 25:** 7:00 pm – Grace School's Spring Program
- Fri., May 26:** 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer
- Sun., May 28:** **PENTECOST DAY (Summer Schedule Begins)**
9:00 am – Worship w/Grace Graduation (Pentecost)
- Sat., June 10:** 10:00 am – MN Delegate Conference (Inver Grove Hts., MN)
- June 20-22:** CLC General Pastoral Conference (Eau Claire, WI)
- July 24-28:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School