

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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**Church Year:** Easter 5

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**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Date:** April 28, 2024

## ✠ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✠

### **Hymns:**

TLH 53: Abide, O Dearest Jesus

TLH 342: Chief of Sinners Though I Be

TLH 411, st. 1, 4-7: From Eternity, O God

TLH 412: May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### **Worship Prep:**

Psalms 67, TLH p. 137

### **Liturgy:**

WS p. 12 (Projected)

### **Scripture Readings:**

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 3:18-24

### **Sermon: John 15:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup> "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## **Painful and Productive Pruning**

# ✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Thanks:** to all who helped with work day yesterday!
- ➔ **Divine Call:** Dear Grace Lutheran Church, I have received the divine call to serve as part-time kindergarten teacher of Grace Lutheran School. I acknowledge the solemnity of this call and intend to consider it prayerfully as I seek the Holy Spirit's leading and guidance. I welcome your comments, advice, and prayers as I discern how best to serve the Lord and do His will. In Christ, Laura Wales
- ➔ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is planning for the 2024-25 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please speak to one of the teachers for an enrollment form.
- ➔ **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 9, 7 pm.
- ➔ **Confirmation:** Confirmation for Lucas Boe, Cam Nelson, and Reagan Oman will be on Sunday, May 19. Examination will take place at 9 am followed by the worship service at 10 am. May the Lord bless their 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 2024) on the sheet by the guest book. Include the school's name and the degree. Our Graduation Sunday is May 26. Cam Nelson, Reagan Oman, Daniel Rinne, and Bella Roche will also graduate from Grace School that day.
- ➔ **Summer Worship Schedule:** On Sunday, May 26, 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 22-26, 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.

- ➔ **CLC News:** Mrs. Laura Wales received the call to be Part-Time Kindergarten Teacher at Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, her current congregation. † Mrs. Karen Swyter, a member of Peace with God Lutheran in Onalaska, WI, has accepted the call to be the 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher of Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI. † Mrs. Blair Sydow has accepted the one-year call to teach the upper grades at Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran in West Columbia, SC, her current congregation. † The ordination service for Pastor Elect Paul Agenten at Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI, is planned for July 1, 2024 (a Monday) at 7 pm. Speaker: Chad Sebyt. Liturgist: Timothy Daub. A meal is being planned as well.

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

**Last Week's Stats:** Apr. 21, 2024 Sun.: 84 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 35

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,218	CLC:	\$610
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,900	CLC:	1,135
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-682	CLC:	-525
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$76,931	CLC:	\$18,540
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	78,400	CLC:	18,160
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,469	CLC:	+380
GLC Other: 230	Living Faith: 10	Tuition Aid: 155	Sanctuary: 255	
SAF Endowment: 10	MDF: 5	Kinship: 221	EduK8: 0	
ILC Student Aid: 5	ILC Bldg. 5	IIF: 0	CEF: 0	
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$1,592	Sanctuary: \$4,430		

## **Voter Meeting Notes – April 21, 2024**

Motion opened with prayer. January voters' meeting minutes were read and approved. First quarter Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

### **Pastor's Report**

- Barb Crandall transferred to heavenly glory Jan. 15. Memorial on March 2.
- David Hein was transferred to Messiah Lutheran Church in Hales Corners, WI.
- Melvin Eichstadt has been received into membership by transfer to Grace from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Austin, MN.
- Pastor has begun premarital counseling with John Maki and Maddie Olson.
- Confirmation on May 19: Lucas Boe, Cameron Nelson, and Reagan Oman.
- Logistics might impact Pastor's work with a clinical trial in Washington, D.C., on Wednesdays for a while. Kevin Hulke has been helping with catechism.

### **Board of Education Report**

- Levi Schaller has accepted another call, leaving Grace effective at the end of this school year. We thank him for his service. The teachers thank the voters for calling him as a dedicated kindergarten teacher who was helpful to spread students between the classrooms. The board met with the joint principals and decided to recommend to the voters the continuation of a part-time kindergarten teacher by extending that call to Laura Wales. A 4-year-old kindergarten would be added so that Laura could bring her 4-year-old to school. There is no intent to offer 4-year-old kindergarten after 2024-25. Motion carried to call Mrs. Laura Wales to be our part-time kindergarten teacher beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> with the same compensation.
- There was an accident on the playground when a student was hit with a hockey stick. It is being determined if there will be any insurance coverage.
- Heidi's laptop failed and was replaced.
- Spring Lake Park Tower Days Parade is in June. Everyone is invited to participate.
- \$1500 tuition aid has been distributed for each of the two ILHS students.
- Iowa Basics tests will be administered in April.
- Rick will be taking 6 students to ILHS Visitors Day April 26.
- Kindergarten Round Up will be held April 26.
- Field day held at Berea for grades 5-8 and grades K-4 will have that day off.
- Nine students have signed up for summer camp at ILC.

### **Board of Trustees' Report**

- Work day is planned on April 27. General clean-up is planned on that day.
- A project is planned to cut the lilacs to a manageable level after they bloom.
- There have been general maintenance items and minor improvements in the past few months.
- The treasure's books were audited April 20 and found to be in good order.
- The trustees recommend the following:
  1. The treasurer should not have rights to edit contribution records. He should have read only access.
  2. The treasurer should not be a counter.
  3. Counters should have passwords to enter contributions. Benno is the acting financial secretary. He has rights to give passwords.
  4. It was suggested that it would be good to have a paper process as backup for recording contributions.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

# CLC E-Devotion – July 1, 2023

John 15:1, 5 “I am the true vine . I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

## **The True Vine**

Not just “I am the vine” (v. 5), but “I am the true vine” (v. 1). Jesus is the real vine. All vines in nature that grow branches and produce grapes are only pictures of this true vine. He alone is the source of life for us who apart from Him are dead in trespasses and sins.



We learn this same great truth about Jesus from other statements of His that He is “the true Light” (John 1:9; 1 John 2:8) and “the true bread” (John 6:32). The light of day that enables us to move about and the bread that gives us daily strength are pictures of the life that Christ alone can give.

We draw our life and strength from Christ. He is the vine, we are the branches. Our faith in Him is our connection to Him from which His life flows to us. And as branches connected to a vine are able to bear fruit, disciples of Jesus draw from Him the strength and ability to do God-pleasing works. Without Him we can do nothing that is pleasing to God.

If faith in Jesus ceases, the vine-branch connection is broken. Then the disciple becomes like a branch cut off from a vine, dry and withered. Nothing remains but the certain prospect of divine judgment.

There is no substitute for Him who is the true vine. When Jesus calls Himself the true vine He warns us against trying to draw life from any source other than Himself. Recreation, hobbies, and work are all good and useful things, but when we neglect worship and Bible study in favor of them, are we not trying to get life out of some vine other than Christ?

By His word and sacrament alone Christ nourishes and strengthens our vital faith connection to Him. The result: abundant good fruits of joy and peace in ourselves and good works of love toward others that glorify God.

## ✝ **TODAY AT GRACE** ✝

Organist: **Sue Nelson**

Elder: **Benno Sydow**

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; Kyle Aymond; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki;  
John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells**

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

Church Cleaners: **Nelson**

School: **Snyder**

## ✝ **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** ✝

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; Kyle Aymond; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki;  
John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells**

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

Hospitality Team 3: **Jan Davis, Ryan & Mikey Oman; Laura  
Wales; Janelle Hein**

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

School: **Vandever**



## ✝ **OUR SCHEDULE** ✝

- Sun., Apr. 28:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship (Easter 5)  
11:00-12:30 pm – Confirmation Prep  
Grace School Field Trip to Stages Theater
- Wed., May 1:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
- Thu., May 2:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship w/Lord's Supper (Easter 6)  
11:00 am – Hospitality  
12:00 pm – Council Meeting (to free up Mother's Day)
- Sun., May 5:** **ASCENSION DAY**  
7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship  
Field Day @ Inver Grove Hts. (Grades 5-8) (K-4 No School)
- Thu., May 9:** 3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day @ ILC Fieldhouse  
7:30 pm – Immanuel Spring Concert @ Messiah Lutheran
- Fri., May 10:** 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation Service @ ILC Fieldhouse
- Fri., May 17:** **PENTECOST/CONFIRMATION DAY**  
9:00 am – Confirmation Examination  
10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost/Confirmation)  
11:00 am – Confirmation Reception
- Sat., May 18:** 7:00 pm – Grace School's Spring Program
- Sun., May 19:** 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer  
**SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS**  
9:00 am – Worship (Summer Schedule Begins, Grace Graduation)
- Thu., May 23:** 10:00 am – Minnesota Delegate Conference (Fridley, MN)
- Fri., May 24:** CLC Convention (Eau Claire, WI)
- Sun., May 26:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School
- Sat., June 8:**
- June 20-23:**
- July 22-26:**