

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 2

Date: January 18, 2026

† WORSHIP INFORMATION †

Hymns:

WS 760: O, Love, How Deep

CDS: OSC #278: Arise, Your Light is Come

WS 781: Preach You the Word

TLH 351: Love Divine, All Love Excelling

TLH 51: Now May He Who from the Dead

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 32, TLH p. 130

Liturgy:

WS p. 12 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Luke 4:14-21

Sermon: 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13

Text in bulletin

“Love is the Greatest Gift of All”

1. In its necessity
2. In its attributes
3. In its duration

Guest Speaker: Michael Schierenbeck

✚ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✚

- ➔ **Thanks** to Rev. Michael Schierenbeck for sharing the Word of God today. He and his wife Sara live in Durand, WI, and are members at Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN.
- ➔ **Directory:** We are preparing for the publication of the annual Grace directory. Please check your contact info. on the draft copy located in the narthex. Place a check mark by your entry if it is correct. If it is not, then please edit as necessary. If you wish to add email or cell numbers, please do so. Your cooperation is appreciated as we attempt to produce an accurate directory. Also, please ensure your birthday and/or anniversary information is correct.
- ➔ **Duane Enns:** Duane's memorial is this Saturday, January 24, 2026, a 10 a.m. visitation with an 11 a.m. service. A luncheon will follow. Dorcas Guild Committee #2 will host. Approximately 150-200 are expected. Members are asked to bring things like fruit, veggies, salads, or a dessert. All correspondence may be shared with Dale Enns (612-875-8094, dalefenns@comcast.net) who will share with other family. Dale: 2462 Churchill St.; Roseville, MN 55113. "I am the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25).
- ➔ **Hein Farewell:** On Sunday, Feb. 1, we are planning on a Farewell Sunday for Pastor Hein given his retirement after 30 years in the pastoral ministry. A potluck meal will be held following the service in which members are asked to bring a dish to share. Given the activity of the day, the Lord's Supper will be held on Feb. 8.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Ev. Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY. ✞ Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has returned the vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Spokane, WA. ✞ Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran in Saginaw, MI, has returned the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN. ✞ Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran in Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ. ✞ Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran in Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. ✞ Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran in Morris, MN, has received the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Spokane, WA. ✞ Mr. Peter Reim has returned the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. ²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. ^{13:1} Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. ⁴ Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. ¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love. (NKJVTM)

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We appreciate the opportunity to share God's Word with you today. Please come again! Those interested in learning more about the Scriptures and our doctrinal position, please speak with Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to visit with you!

Council Meeting Notes – January 11, 2026

Meeting opened with prayer. December Council meeting minutes read and approved. Motion approved to divide the total called worker gift received to date by 5 and distribute that amount to the 5 called workers. Motion approved the December treasurer's report.

Pastor's Report

- 2025 Grace church statistics: membership has gone up from 133 to 137. There have been 7 new members added. There is a possibility of having 5 new instruction classes. More information will be provided in the yearbook.
- Max Milbrandt has 5 or 6 lessons left. Pastor Hein is planning to complete.
- The Elders created the role of assistant to the pastor in December. Daniel Hein has been very helpful in filling that role.
- Dale has drafted a call letter. The Elders and Pastor will review that with Dale.
- Pastor Hein is willing to help as he is able after retirement.
- Pastor Hein's Google drive he has used for Grace documents will need some updates to make it current.
- Motion approved to recommend to the Voters that Grace grant Pastor a peaceful release from his call.

Board of Elders' Report

- Motion approved to recommend that the Grace CBP for 2026 be \$75,000.
- Motion approved to contract for parsonage sidewalks shoveling.

Board of Education Report

- Kyle Aymond needs to have access to the Google drive Pastor Hein has been maintaining for Grace documents. He also needs access to the Realm system.
- Student fair on the topic of state geography is coming up.
- Tuition receipts are on track for the year.
- Matt Vandever donated his labor and supplies to fix the classroom furnace.
- Thanks to Daniel & David Hein for putting up the white board in copier room.
- Ellen will dispose of the old computers.
- There will not be kindergarten on January 16.
- Motion approved to recommend to the Voters that we do not change tuition or fees in the 2026-27 school year.
- Field trip to attend a Peter and the Wolf performance on February 4.
- Bonnie Baker and Kyle Aymond are planning for the 50th anniversary of the Grace school on September 13, 2026.
- Motion approved to add substitute teachers to payroll system as contractors.

Board of Trustees' Report

- Trustees are working on the drinking fountain. It should be complete this week.

Other Business

- A retirement fellowship gathering is planned for Pastor Hein. Date TBD.
- Discussion of the financial investment policy document that Phil had shared with the Council. Motion approved to present the policy document to the Voters as it is written.
- Motion approved to let the Hein family live in the parsonage until the end of June 2026.
- We plan to complete the call letter and give it to President Wilke who will give us a call list. Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer will lead a call meeting.
- Motion approved to convert the current Hein dental insurance to a single family policy.
- Eli asked if we need to formally establish an administrator function in the church. We might consider listing more of the administrative functions and personnel in the handbook.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Frank Radichel

Ushers: Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelley;
Ryan Oman; Bob Vandeveer; Uriah Wales

Counting Team 2: Dan Degnan; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob
Vandeveer

Hospitality Team 1: Dan & Cindy Degnan; Stephen & Annette
Kuehne; Larry Nelson; Benno & Barb Sydow

Church Cleaners: Volunteers? School: Snyder

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelley;
Ryan Oman; Bob Vandeveer; Uriah Wales

Counting Team 3: Gary Gunther; Roger Ochsner; Al
Rosendahl; Benno Sydow

Church Cleaners: Volunteers? School: Snyder

† OUR SCHEDULE †

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

10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 2)

11:00 am – Hospitality (Team 1)

11:30 am – Annual Voters' & Dorcas Guild Meetings

Mon., Jan. 19: Grace School No School

Thur., Jan. 22: 2:00 pm – Catechism

Sat., Jan. 24: 10:00 am – Duane Enns Visitation

11:00 am – Duane Enns Memorial Service

12:00 pm – Luncheon

Sun., Jan. 25: 8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 3)

Sat., Jan. 31: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Sun., Feb. 1: Pastor Hein Farewell

8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 4)

11:00 am – Potluck Meal

Wed., Feb. 18: ASH WEDNESDAY (Lent begins)



Last Week's Stats: Jan. 11, 2026 Sun: 96 S.S.: 10 B.Cl.: 38

QR Code for Online Giving:

Week's Offering: Grace: \$4,932 CLC: \$250

Weekly Need (est.): Grace: 5,400 CLC.*: 1,440

-Under / +Over: Grace: -468 CLC: -1,190



Year-to-Date Offering: Grace: \$7,385 CLC: \$570

Year-to-Date Need (est.): Grace: 10,800 CLC: 2,880

Difference from Budget (+/-) Grace: -3,415 CLC: -2,310



GLC Other: 200 Living Faith: 0 Tuition Aid: 140 Sanctuary: 700

SAF Endowment: 0 MDF: 50 Kinship: 146 EduK8: 0

ILC Student Aid: 0 ILC Bldg. 0 IIF: 0 CEF: 0



Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$5,008 Sanctuary: \$17,058

All numbers are best estimates. Treasurer reports are official.