

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Epiphany 3

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: January 25, 2026

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 4: God Himself Is Present
TLH 129: Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing
TLH 465: Christ Is Our Corner-Stone
TLH 401: Praise to Thee and Adoration

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 32, TLH p. 130

Liturgy:

TLH p. 5 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Romans 12:16-21
Matthew 8:1-13

Sermon: Haggai 2:3-9

³ 'Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, *is this* not in your eyes as nothing?' ⁴ 'Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says the LORD; 'and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,' says the LORD, 'and work; for I *am* with you,' says the LORD of hosts. ⁵ 'According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!' ⁶ "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it *is* a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; ⁷ 'and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts. ⁸ 'The silver *is* Mine, and the gold *is* Mine,' says the LORD of hosts. ⁹ 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts." (NKJVTM)

"Jesus Reveals the Greater Glory of the True Temple"

It's not found in disparaging remarks.

It's found in "I am with you."

It's not found with silver and gold.

It's found with Jesus tabernacling in you.

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Thanks** to Prof. John Ude, former Pastor here at Grace, for sharing the Word of God today. Prof. serves at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI.
- ➔ **Thanks** to all who helped with yesterday's memorial.
- ➔ **Hein Farewell:** Next Sunday, Feb. 1, a Farewell Sunday is planned for Pastor Hein given his retirement after 30 years in the pastoral ministry and 20 years at Grace. A potluck meal will be held following the service in which members are asked to bring a dish to share, in addition to the Elders providing funding for extra food. Cake will be provided, so not many other desserts will be needed. Dorcas Guild Committee #3 hosts. Given the activity of the day, the Lord's Supper will be held on Feb. 8.
- ➔ **ILC Care Packages** will be assembled after church on Feb.15. If you would like to donate money or items to this effort, speak to Heidi Nelson. Items should be brought to church by Feb. 8.
- ➔ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek Lenten services will begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7 pm, with the theme, "Searching Questions of the Passion." These midweek services can deepen our appreciation of the redemptive work our Savior.
- ➔ **Lenten Soup Suppers:** These gatherings (at 6 pm) are a way for people to eat between work and our Midweek Lenten worship services. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the fellowship hall for those who are willing to provide soup and do setup and cleanup.
- ➔ **Appreciation:** The called workers at Grace recently received a generous Christmas gift from the congregation. We each desire to share with you our appreciation for this gesture of Christian love and support. We are blessed in serving the LORD in the capacity each of has in our roles at Grace. "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, ..." (1 Thess. 1:2-3). In Christ's service, Pastor & Mrs. Hein, Mrs. Bergstrom, Mrs. Nelson, and Mrs. Wales,.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #14 – First Article, Part 1

Voter Meeting Notes – January 18, 2026

Meeting opened with prayer. October Voters' meeting minutes read and approved. 4th quarter Treasurer's Report presented and approved. 2025-Year-End presented and approved.

Elections

- Elder: Al Rosendahl
- Secretary: Bill Rust
- Education: Benno Sydow
- Trustee: Rick Nelson
- Delegates: Benno Sydow, Bill Rust.
- Alternates: Dave Rust and Tom Graham.
- Key Executives: Rick Nelson and Bill Rust

Pastor's Report

- Max Milbrandt has 5 or 6 lessons left. Pastor Hein is planning to complete that instruction.
- Daniel Hein is helpfully serving the role of assistant to the pastor created in December.
- Pastor Hein's Google Drive he has used for Grace documents will need some update to make it current. Pastor will work on those updates and will be working on the yearbook.
- Pastor Hein is willing to help as he is able after his retirement.
- Logan Keller, his wife, Morgan and their daughter Mabel have been attending Grace recently. Motion approved to accept Morgan Keller and her daughter Mabel into membership at Grace pending receipt of transfer from Messiah in Eau Claire, WI.
- Pastor Hein presented his report of highlights from his 2025 Ministrations at Grace.
- Service and Bible class online hours watched has increased, along with church website usage.
- Motion approved to grant Pastor Hein a peaceful release from his call at Grace.
- Elders deferred their report to the other business section of the meeting.

Board of Education Report

- Kevin led the Voters in the singing of the common doxology in thanks to our LORD.
- Motion approved to keep the non-member day school tuition at its current level in 2026-27.
- Bonnie Baker and Kyle Aymond are planning for the 50th anniversary of the Grace school to be celebrated on September 13, 2026.

Board of Trustees' Report

- The water fountain has been installed and is working well.
- Per request of the Council, the plowing company has added the parsonage sidewalks to their contract. Concern about the reduced plowed parking lot area caused by the snow buildup.

Other Business

- Rick has asked a woodworker to help design an alternative for the altar.
- Motion approved to submit \$75,000 as the Grace CBP estimate for 2026.
- Motion to approve the Investment policy as written was supported. Discussion about this policy document focused on the scope of the document and concern about investment risk. Motion carried to table the investment document motion to the next Voters meeting.
- A farewell service for Pastor Hein is planned to be held on Feb. 1.
- The February communion service will be deferred from Feb. 1 to Feb. 8.
- Dale reported that Grace is in compliance with the Minnesota Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) Act. Our taxable wage base for 2026 is \$185,000. The 2026 premium would be about \$1620.
- There is an anticipated need for housing assistance for Janelle. Dale asked the Voters to consider a monthly housing allowance, providing a rented apartment, or purchasing and providing a house. There was discussion concerning the cost and teacher equity. It was pointed out that Grace does not have a policy concerning teacher housing and that other CLC congregations have various policies on this topic. Pastor Hein said that the Hein family preference was that if housing assistance were to be provided for Janelle, their preference would be for a monthly allowance.
- Dale explained the next steps in the call process.

New business

- Benno explained that the identification of hospitality teams will change in order to avoid confusion with Dorcas Guild committees.

A motion to recess the meeting was supported and approved by unanimous vote.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel.

✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Frank Radichel

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

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

Church Cleaners: Wales

School: Snyder

✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

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

Counting Team 4: Kyle Aymond; Thomas Graham; Kevin
Hulke; Clint Welker

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

School: M. Vandever

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

Sun., Jan. 25: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 3)

Thur., Jan. 29: 2:00 pm – Catechism
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 (Dorcas #3 Hosts)

Sun., Feb. 8: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Epiphany 5)

Wed., Feb. 18: **ASH WEDNESDAY** (Lent begins)
6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship Service w/Lord's Supper

March 13-15: Youth Basketball Tournament (ILC Fieldhouse @ Eau Claire)



Last Week's Stats: Jan. 18, 2026 Sun: 90 S.S.: 13 B.Cl.: 29 QR Code for Online Giving:

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| Week's Offering: | Grace: | \$5,815 | CLC: | \$769 | | | |
| Weekly Need (est.): | Grace: | 5,400 | CLC: | 1,440 | | | |
| -Under / +Over: | Grace: | +415 | CLC: | -671 | | | |
| Year-to-Date Offering: | Grace: | \$13,200 | CLC: | \$1,339 | | | |
| Year-to-Date Need (est.): | Grace: | 16,200 | CLC: | 4,320 | | | |
| Difference from Budget (+/-) | Grace: | -3,000 | CLC: | -2,981 | | | |
| GLC Other: | 150 | Living Faith: | 0 | Tuition Aid: | 325 | Sanctuary: | 0 |
| SAF Endowment: | 0 | MDF: | 0 | Kinship: | 247 | EduK8: | 250 |
| ILC Student Aid: | 0 | ILC Bldg. | 0 | IIF: | 0 | CEF: | 0 |

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$5,333 Sanctuary: \$17,058

All numbers are best estimates. Treasurer reports are official.