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## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein

Elder: Phil Radichel

Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel,  
Bob Vandever, Bobby Vandever, Matt Vandever

Counting Team 4: Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl;  
Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner

Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Ryan & Mikey  
Oman; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan

Church Cleaners: Olmanson School: Flesner

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel,  
Bob Vandever, Bobby Vandever, Matt Vandever

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel;  
Pat Paplow

Hospitality Team 4: Mark & Trudy Wales; Karen Auel; Bob &  
Suki Vandever

Church Cleaners: Sandhoefner School: Gillenwater

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., Nov. 10:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting  
6:30 pm – Seminar on Lutheranism @ Eau Claire, WI

**Mon., Nov. 11:** 10 am – MN Pastoral Study Club @ Inver Grove Hts.

**Wed., Nov. 13:** 4:30 pm – Catechism  
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

**Fri., Nov. 15:** Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day  
7:30 pm – ILC Play

**Sat., Nov. 16:** 12:00 pm – Nicole Oman Bridal Shower; 7:30 pm – ILC Play

**Sun., Nov. 17:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service; 11:15 am - Hospitality

**Wed., Nov. 27:** 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship

**Sun., Dec. 1, 8, 15:** 12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal

**Wed., Dec. 4, 11:** 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship

**Sun., Dec. 8:** 3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital

**Fri., Dec. 13:** 2:00 pm – Christian Day School Concert at Northtown Mall

**Wed., Dec. 18:** 6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Dinner  
7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship

**Fri., Dec. 20:** 7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert

**Sun., Dec. 22:** 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal; 12:00 Council Meeting

**Tue., Dec. 24:** 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship

**Wed., Dec. 25:** 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship

**Sun., Dec. 29:** 10 am – Worship Service  
(Bible Class, Sunday School, Hospitality suspended)

**Tue., Dec. 31:** 7:00 pm – New Years Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper

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Church Year: Pentecost 25

Date: November 10, 2013

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 609: Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying  
TLH 610: And Will the Judge Descend  
TLH 616: Forever with the Lord  
TLH 212, st. 5-7: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 90, p. 142

### Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Projected)

### Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 26:1-6  
Luke 19:11-27

### Sermon: 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

(5) [This] is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; (6) since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, (7) and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, (8) in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, (10) when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## "RIGHTEOUS R AND R"

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Among Us:** Pal Dauer continued to be hospitalized this week at Robbinsdale due to problems with her heart rhythm. Patty Wyman is receiving rehabilitation following her knee replacement. Barb Sydow's surgery is scheduled for November 12. May the Lord provide His children with healing according to His mercy and grace.
- ◆ **Seminar on Lutheranism:** Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, is sponsoring an Outreach Seminar today on the state of Lutheranism today. The Seminar theme is "What Would Jesus Say about Lutherans?" Part 1 is entitled "A Word of Approval for Bible-based Teaching," and will be presented by Prof. Em. David Lau. In this part, Prof. Lau will demonstrate that, historically, Bible teaching has been Lutheran teaching. Part 2 is entitled "A Word of Warning for a Compromising Church," by Pastor P.D. Nolting. He will be discussing the present departure from Bible teaching in much of Lutheranism. The seminar will be held in two places: 1:30 p.m. in Barron, WI, and 6:30 p.m. at Northstar Middle School in Eau Claire. The general public will be invited, and CLC members are also welcome.
- ◆ **Bridal Shower:** A bridal shower for Nicole Oman will be held at the church on Sat., Nov. 16, 12 noon. Please RSVP to Jackie Radichel. More details can be found on the narthex bulletin board.
- ◆ **Thanks:** We want to thank you for your many kind words, cards, and gifts during this difficult time. It was nice to be reminded by our Christian friends that my mom has now entered God's kingdom, and is no longer suffering from Alzheimer's. Clint and Nyla Welker
- ◆ **Thanksgiving Service:** Wed. evening, Nov. 27, 7:00 pm, we will be having our Thanksgiving worship service. We have a wonderful opportunity to bring our hearts and praises before the altar of our Lord to express our thanks to Him. A few years ago the Elders of Berea and Grace agreed to a pulpit exchange on Thanksgiving. This year it is Pastor David Schierenbeck's turn to be our guest preacher.
- ◆ **Bread of Life:** Each December the Lutheran Spokesman publishes a Bible reading program for the following year. This December each subscriber will receive this as a 28 page supplement to the magazine. The compiler was Pastor Em. David Lau. More than a simple listing of Bible references, the pamphlet includes Pastor Lau's running commentary on the historical background of the referenced readings. Excellent for year-long devotional purposes. Should you desire an extra copy of this item, the 2014 Bread of Life, please request it of Benno Sydow (bennosydow@yahoo.com). Cost is \$2 for an extra copy.
- ◆ **Poinsettias:** There is a signup sheet for Christmas Poinsettias by the guest book. For any questions, please see Jackie Radichel.

- ◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** This year's Christmas concert will be held on Fri., Dec. 20, 7:30 pm, at Eau Claire. There is a signup list for the trip by the guestbook.
- ◆ **MP3 Bible:** Pastor Paul Naumann from Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA, has put together a website that has mp3 files of the Bible. Those interested may find this at mp3kjv.com.
- ◆ **New Online Course at ILC:** Beginning January 13, 2014, the ILC college course known as Religion 102: *A Survey of the Old Testament* will be available online. Up to ten applicants may take the online course for credit. There is no limit to the number of online applicants who choose to audit the course. For more information on the nature of the course in its online form, the costs involved, and how to register, visit the ILC website at the College Course Description page ([http://www.ilc.edu/academics/co\\_course.htm](http://www.ilc.edu/academics/co_course.htm)); there you can click "Religion" and access the link to the online course information. You may also contact the academic dean, Prof. John Ude, at: john.ude@ilc.edu.
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day:** Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day is Nov. 15 beginning at 10:05 am in the ILC Fieldhouse for chapel. It will feature presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 p.m. Come and learn more about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ. Speak with your pastor about questions and attendance, or contact Prof. John Ude, the ILC academic dean, before Nov. 12 (715-836-6631, john.ude@ilc.edu).
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Norman Greve from Salem in Eagle Lake, MN, has received the call to St. Peter's in Iron River, MI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #9 – Seventh Commandment.

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 3, 2013		Sun.: 116 S.S.: 16 B.Cl.: 37 Wed.: 16	
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,343.75	CLC: \$765.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,000.00	CLC: 960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+343.75	CLC: -195.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$130,077.91	CLC: \$43,198.75
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	132,000.00	CLC: 42,240.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,922.09	CLC: +958.75
GLC Other: 78.00	Living Faith: 0.00	Tuition Aid: 446.00	
SAF Endowment: 0.00	MDF: 105.00	Kinship: 120.00	
ILC Student Aid: 25.00	ILC Bldg. 105.00	IIF: 155.00	CEF: 5.00
Current Balances:	Fire Alarm: -1,854.19	Projection: -137.93	
	Tuition Aid: +555.67 (\$9,350 would cover 6 students in Jan.)		
	\$250 Mike Sydow Memorial		

*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!*

## HE WITH US--WE WITH HIM:

“That which is born of flesh is flesh ...” (John 3:6a) As Adam introduced sin into the world, all children of Adam in as much as they are of his flesh are born in sin and under the wrath of God, subject to death. That is the word from God in the garden, and the witness of Holy Scripture (Romans 5:12). Consequently all flesh is under the judgment of eternal condemnation (Romans 5:16).

Nothing alleviates the indictment of God’s judgment against sin and the sinner ... except the Lord God Who in the greatest expression of love determined to save the sinner. He did this, not by overlooking sin, but through promising and sending the Savior, His own Son, to bear the sins of the world in His own body upon the cross.

As He desires to save all, and that all might come to the confidence and knowledge of His saving love in Christ, the Heavenly Father instituted the means of grace though which He calls the lost to faith, sanctifies them, and daily comforts those who through the Gospel in Word and Sacrament believe in Jesus. Being born again of water and the Spirit [Baptism] (John 3:3), the same Spirit strengthens us in faith in Christ Jesus Who in our baptism received us into himself. Baptized into Christ we have died with Him, and have participated in His resurrection as well. “Through the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior” (Titus 3:5-6), we have been saved and justified by grace. O, how we should treasure our baptism! Treasure it! For as we were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we have received the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38). Further, Scripture assures us, deniers notwithstanding: “Baptism does also now save us” (1 Peter 3:21). Baptism is a means of grace through which the Spirit of God applies to the baptized—infant or adult—the blessings which Jesus won for us on the cross. Scripture also tells us for our comfort, “He that believes and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). Through the Word these promises and assurances of our baptism are renewed to us every day of our life! What a treasure is our baptism, and the Word through which the Father promised and preserves each believer unto eternal life.

But there is more, we dare say. While traversing this sinful world in which we are beset by our lingering flesh, as well as by the godless world around us we find comfort in this—and it is associated with our baptism: “For you are all the sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were *baptized into Christ* have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:26-27). We stand in the comfort of God’s promise associated with our baptism “that having been justified by His grace, we should become [are] heirs according to the hope of eternal life” (Titus 3:7). *Yes, that word of the Lord is spoken in the context of our baptism!* Treasure your baptism through which the Lord translated you from the kingdom of Satan into the kingdom of God, and through which He rescued you from the grasp of death and gave you life! Treasure your baptism though which He wrote your name in the Book of Life with the indelible blood of Christ so that believing in Him you are daily assured: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are mine” (Isaiah 43:1).

What further promise do we have as we walk through this life? “Lo, *I am with you always*, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). This is a reiteration of what the Lord told Israel through Isaiah. Despite their inherent unworthiness, the Lord was merciful. Since He had laid His name upon them and called them, He did not easily let them go as they were precious in His sight. Just because they were precious in His sight, He disciplined them to be sure, but assured them that He would not forsake them. “Fear not, for *I am with you.*” (Isaiah 43:5).

As we recognize our sin, and through “daily contrition and repentance, drown the old Adam with all his sins and evil lust,” (a daily return to our baptism) and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, making no plea but the righteousness of Christ, we find comfort in our Lord’s promise. Just because we also are precious in His sight, though He disciplines us with a Father’s love, He does not forsake us. Because His children are precious to Him, He does not make us wend our way through the alleys, valleys, and mazes of this world by ourselves. He alerts us to the foes against whom we must fight, and gives us the shield and armor as well as weapons to overcome the enemy (Ephesians 6:10-16). Neither does He make us fend them off by ourselves. David said to Goliath, “This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand ...” (1 Samuel 17:46). “For us fights the Valiant One, whom God himself elected,” Luther wrote.

Finally, when we face the last great enemy, death, the Lord will be with us to embrace us, and to lead us to the blessed land of peace and rest, the better country for which we look (Hebrews 11:16). Treasure the blessings of your baptism, and the blessed word of promise associated with it, namely, that you are His precious child, “Fear not for I am with you.” That promise endures until the fulfillment of His prayer recorded in John 17.

As Jesus prayed for His disciples, He included His precious ones until the end of time when He prayed His Father, “Father, *I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am* that they may behold My glory which you have given Me ...” (John 17:24).

As we traverse this life, *He is with us where we are*. How blessed we are. But even greater blessing awaits, when *we will be with Him where He is!*

Though the time is undetermined in our consciousness, yet the Lord knows when it will be. When the Father determines, we will hear the invitation reserved for His precious ones: “Come, you blessed of My Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Matthew 25:34). In the meantime, He encourages us to “fear not,” saying “... I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, *that where I am, there you may be also*” (John 14:5).

The last stanza of a hymn printed in *The Lutheran Witness* in 1896 catches the hope and expresses the confidence of the children of God:

And when my days and years are past,  
And all life’s training ends at last.  
May I, accepted through His grace,  
Behold for evermore His face.

“And thus *we shall always be with the Lord*” (1 Thessalonians 4:18). Amen!