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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Brandt Wendland
Ushers: Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner, Ned Sandhoefner
Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Pat Paplow
Hospitality Team 6: Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt & Teresa Wendland
Church Cleaners: B. Rust/Baker School: A. Baker

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Pat Paplow, Alex Baker, Kevin Baker, Dan Degnan, Brian Eichstadt, Ryan Oman, Brandon Paplow
Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales
Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice Sandhoefner
Church Cleaners: B. Rust/Baker School: K. Baker

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Apr. 6: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
 11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., Apr. 9: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
 7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship

Sun., Apr. 13: **PALM SUNDAY**
 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Hospitality

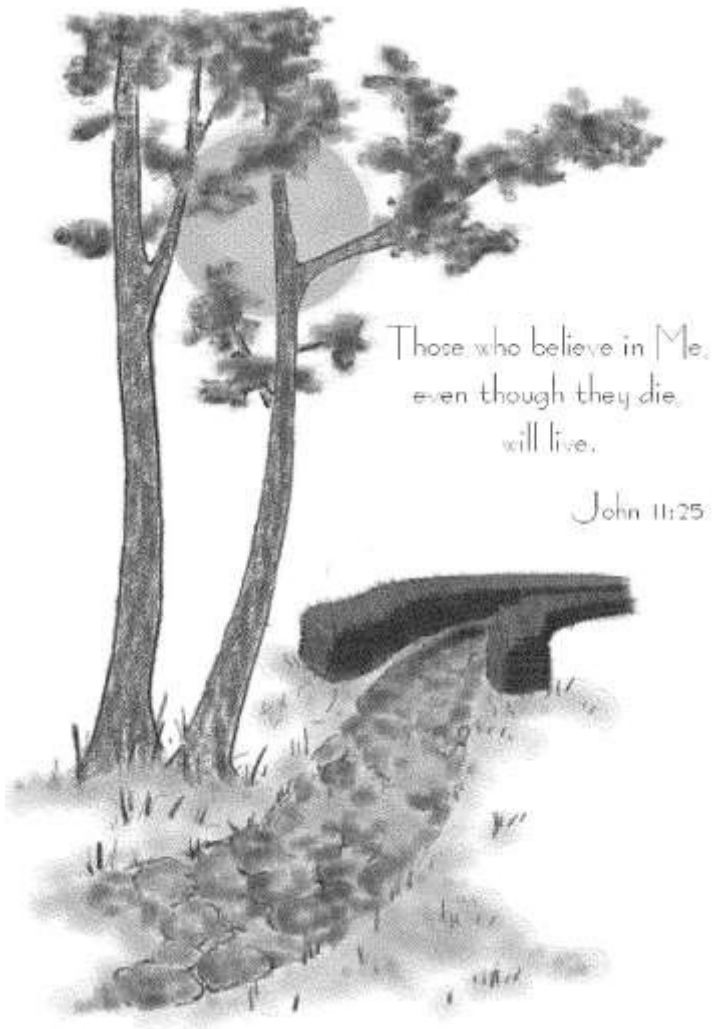
Fri., Apr. 18: **GOOD FRIDAY**, 7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship

Sun., Apr. 20: **EASTER**, 7:30 am – Breakfast; 9:00 am – Easter Worship

Fri., May 2: Immanuel High School Visitors Day

Last Week's Stats: Mar. 30, 2014			
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,630.46	CLC: \$870.00
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$973.61	CLC: \$250.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,200.00	CLC: 1,040.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+404.07	CLC: +80.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$44,600.82	CLC: \$12,698.50
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	41,600.00	CLC: 13,520.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+3,000.82	CLC: -821.50
GLC Other:	0.00	Living Faith: 0.00	Tuition Aid: 495.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF: 0.00	Kinship: 50.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg. 100.00	IIF: 0.00 CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Projection:	+142.07	Tour Choir: +1,450.00
	Tuition Aid:	+2,107.42	

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Church Year: Lent 5

Date: April 6, 2014

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 338: Thine Forever, God of Love

TLH 355: Thou Art the Way; to Thee Alone

WS 759: These Are the Facts

Communion:

TLH 148: Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light

TLH 179: On My Heart Imprint Thine Image

Worship Prep:

Psalms 116, TLH p. 148

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 15 (Communion)

Gloria: TLH 360, st. 1, 7

Scripture Readings:

Romans 8:11-19

Passion Reading

Sermon: John 11:17-27, 38-45

¹⁷So when Jesus came, He found that [Lazarus] had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. ²⁰Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." ... ³⁸Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been *dead* four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴²And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said *this*, that they may believe that You sent Me." ⁴³Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" ⁴⁴And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." ⁴⁵Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him. (NKJVTM)

"Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life"

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Lenten Worship:** Our Midweek Lenten services conclude this Wednesday at 7 pm. The theme this year is, "The Stones Cry Out." There is also a soup supper at 6 pm to which everyone is invited.
- ◆ **Good Friday:** On April 18, at 7:00 pm, we will be holding our Good Friday service. The Lord's Supper will also be celebrated. The Day our Savior died is very precious for us as redeemed sinners. Let's honor it by pondering His profound love for us.
- ◆ **Easter Day:** Easter is on Sunday, April 20. We will be having the Easter breakfast at 7:30 am, followed by the Easter worship service at 9:00 am. What an opportunity we have to gather in worship on the day we commemorate our Lord's glorious resurrection from the dead!
- ◆ **Easter Plants:** Anyone wishing to purchase an Easter lily or decorative plant for the altar, please sign up on the sheet by the guest book. They will be purchased and arranged for you on Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, please speak with Jackie Radichel.
- ◆ **Immanuel Visitors Day:** Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI, will be holding its Visitors' Day on Fri., May 2. This day gives our congregation's 7th and 8th graders a wonderful opportunity to get a taste of the Immanuel environment. Those interested may speak with Pastor (that is, if he doesn't speak with you first!).
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor David Schaller of Redeemer in Dowagiac, MI, has returned the call to Redeemer in Cheyenne, WY. ✠ "Our congregation in North Port has sold its church building and property. God willing, the proceeds will allow us to continue our ministry in the area for years to come. We plan to eventually move to a leased facility ... At the time of our move, we will not be taking most of our furnishings with us, including pews, pulpit and lectern, baptismal font, [includes pipe organ] etc. Our hope is to sell these items at the appropriate time. Before notifying our local community, we wanted to first offer these items to other CLC congregations. ... Pastor Mark Weis"
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #24 – Baptism 3 and 4

Check out the following online devotional materials:

- ➔ Weekly video of the Grace Lutheran Church sermon: www.clcgracelutheranchurch.org/category/sermons/
- ➔ Weekly CLC "Ministry by Mail" sermon: www.clclutheran.org/ministrybymail
- ➔ Daily email devotions from The Bread of Life (The Lutheran Spokesman): www.glcdailydevotion.wordpress.com
- ➔ Daily email devotions from CLC pastors: www.redeemerclc.info/devotional.html
- ➔ Daily email for a CLC Three-Year Bible reading program: www.threeyearbiblereadingplan.wordpress.com
- ➔ Daily audio of the chapel address from our Immanuel campus: www.ilc.edu/chapel.htm

Also, check out the Grace Lutheran Church on Google Play for Android devices.

LENT 2014

What do you desire most in life? I suspect that many would say they desire most that our severe winter ends, and that the warm summer arrives soon. Perhaps one's greatest desire is that there be peace in the world, or perhaps even within the family. The greatest desire of others may be a job, or a return to health. It is a natural tendency to think in terms of the here and now when confronted with such a question. However, whatever we desire that is space-time, here-and-now oriented is transitory, ultimately doomed to pass away. That reality was assured when sin entered the world, and all creation—man, creature, and nature—became subject to death.

We suggest, however, that if we think more deeply about the question, we will think in terms of eternity. If we think in such terms we would agree that the things to be desired most are the release from the chains and bondage of sin and death in this vale of tears. Except for the deniers of an eternal existence in heaven or hell, we expect that what most people desire in the best of times and the worst of times on earth is the assurance of life hereafter, though sadly many have no idea of what it is for which they are looking, or how eternal life is attained. While the unbelieving world has the same desire as we do for something better, regenerate children of God are the only ones who can think positively of heaven in the presence of the Redeemer God as the ultimate release from sin and death. But even that hope is for us frequently overshadowed by the concerns, fears, and realities of the life to which we are now bound.

That is why it is a blessing to be privileged to gather in repentance, faith, and hope around the cross of Christ as we do in the Lenten season. That is why it is important that we gather regularly (not only during Lent) to hear our Savior whose words are spirit and life (John 6:63), as Peter witnessed also when he responded to Jesus, **"Lord, to whom shall we go. You have the words of eternal life"** (John 6:68). Yes, it is important to gather regularly around the cross in humble awe and with repentant and thankful hearts to be reassured of eternal life, and to be confirmed in the confidence that salvation is the possession of all who in faith believe **"...There is salvation in no other, for there is no other name [than that of Jesus] under heaven given among men by which we must be saved"** (Acts 4:12). If your greatest desire in life is to grow in faith and to live in assurance of eternal life in heaven, you are in the right place when during the Lenten season, and Sunday after Sunday, you are gathered at the feet of Jesus to hear His Word!

The apostle Paul said that the preaching of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing. Nevertheless, it pleased God through the message preached to save those who believe (1 Corinthians 1: 22). Therefore among us in our Lenten meditations as well in our Sunday by Sunday preaching we join with Paul in unapologetically declaring, " We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks (Gentiles) foolishness" (1 Corinthians 1:23). We invite you by the mercies of God to take advantage of the opportunities you have to grow in grace and in the confidence of your salvation. Given what is really important *for* life, why would anyone say "No?"

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 3/2014

CLC E-Devotion - Friday, April 4, 2014

Matthew 26:36-37 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." ... and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.

A TALE OF TWO GARDENS

All the weight of suffering, shame and death which Jesus was to bear had its beginning in the Garden of Eden with the rebellion of Adam and Eve. There the first seeds of sin were sown, promising wonderful fruit but producing nothing but pain and sorrow and death. And down through the centuries the dank growth of sin spread and increased -- rank, fetid, dense -- leaving no one and nothing untouched, choking off all future for the human race.

Now Christ must deal with it all, taking up not just the guilt of Adam's disobedience but all the accumulated guilt of countless idolatries and adulteries, thieveries and blasphemies, covetings and cursings, lies and abuse, envies and jealousies, cruelties and tortures and murders. And the just judgment which justice pronounced on all this foulness was as hard, cold, implacable and unrelenting as that rock upon which Jesus is often pictured leaning as He prays in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The world's sin-guilt had been taken up by Jesus during His whole ministry, but here in Gethsemane the final hours of bearing its entire crushing weight arrived all at once. All that is horrible, unspeakable, hellish, damnable in our guilt rose up to meet Him in this Garden. All this the Tempter then used to try to turn Christ aside from His mission and goal. It was Satan's last great attempt to sabotage the work of atonement. He used one of His most tried and true weapons: fear -- fear of temporal, eternal and spiritual death. It didn't work!

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee!

As Spring Arrives ...

The beautiful Canadian Honkers make their presence known as they fly overhead looking for open waters. The banks of white and gray dissolve into the soil and agitate the life within. Some of us travel among the fields knowing that the farmers are readying their equipment for the joys of tilling and planting those lifeless looking seeds into the earth. The blessing of the Almighty rests upon His creation as those dormant seeds come to life, sprout and grow in His soil.

The earth, the soil--what is it? Just dirt? Every spade-full we turn, every crop we see waving in the breeze, every green pasture grazed by the flocks and herds, every giant tree and every tiny flower--it is all dependent upon a God created phenomenon---soil. This was brought to my attention as I read an article in MN Conservation Volunteer. Did you know that one tablespoon of healthy soil contains more organisms than there are people on earth? It is filled with fungi, bacteria, and invertebrates too tiny to see with the naked eye. Good and healthy soil buzzes with life. It's not just dirt! It is a creation of God filled with life that produces the needs of every living creature. The living organisms within the soil feeds on the roots of small grains, manure from livestock, stalks and leaves from previous crops etc.

So you gardeners, when you turn a spade of soil, plant a plant, sow a seed, water your garden---stop for a moment and pray a prayer of thankfulness to our good and gracious God whose miraculous creation is so much more than we often consider it to be. We are discovering, uncovering things every day that were always there. Give all glory to Him whose benevolent goodness never ceases to amaze. However long the world is permitted to stand we will never plumb its depths. To Him be all the glory for all things that we presently know and use and for the things that are waiting for us to uncover. (Written by By Rev. Dale Redlin)