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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Frank Radichel

Ushers: Larry Brandt, Roger Brandt, Charles Davis, Nick Duehlmeier, Dale Enns, Lynn Sandhoefner

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland

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

Church Cleaners: K & A Baker School: Flesner

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Pat Paplow, Alex Baker, Kevin Baker, Dan Degnan, Brian Eichstadt, Ryan Oman, Brandon Paplow

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

Hospitality Team 5: Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick; Frank & Ann Radichel

Church Cleaners: Rosendahl School: Flesner

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Nov. 2: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., Nov. 5: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Nov. 9: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Fri., Nov. 14: ILC Visitors Day

Nov. 14 & 15: 7:00 pm – ILC Band Concert
7:30 pm – ILC Fall Play, "Our Miss Brooks"

Wed., Nov. 26: 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Worship

Thu., Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 26, 2014 Sun.: 104 B.Cl.: 40 S.S.: 20 Wed.: 18

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,609.35	CLC:	\$670.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,200.00	CLC:	1,040.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,590.65	CLC:	-370.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$136,295.77	CLC:	\$43,287.65	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	137,600.00	CLC:	44,720.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,304.23	CLC:	-1,432.35	
GLC Other:	228.00	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	20.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	40.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	20.00	ILC Bldg.	100.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	+225.00	Tuition Aid:	+1,857.12

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 21

Date: November 2, 2014

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 246: Holy, Holy, Holy

TLH 289: The Law Commands and Makes Us Know

TLH 352: O Savior, Precious Savior

Communion: TLH 315: I come, O Savior

TLH 313, st. 1,3: O Lord, We Praise Thee

Choir and CDS Children: The Church's One Foundation

Worship Prep:

Psalm 96, TLH p. 144

Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Communion)

Scripture Readings:

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5a

Sermon: Matthew 22:34-46

(34) But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. (35) Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, (36) "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" (37) Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' (38) "This is the first and great commandment. (39) "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' (40) "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." (41) While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, (42) saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." (43) He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: (44) 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"'? (45) "If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" (46) And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore. (NKJVTM)

ALL OUT LOVE TO GOD

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Among Us:** Maynard Hammond has now returned home. May the Lord continue to guide him in his spiritual journey.
- ◆ **Thanks from ILC Students:** To our Christian family at Grace, We are so grateful to have a caring church family who is willing and able to provide monetary support for our schooling. We appreciate it so much! We couldn't be more blessed; going to ILC and receiving a great Christian education is amazing. Thank you so much! Yours in Christ, The Grace High School Students. Thanks a ton, Ned Sandhoefner. Thank you so much for all your support! Emily Hein. Thank you so much! Your support is appreciated! Brooke Wendland. Thank you! David Hein.
- ◆ **Thanks from Vicar:** Dear members of Grace, Thank you for welcoming us into your congregation for six weeks during my vicarage. We had a wonderful experience! Thank you for being such an encouragement to me. I'll always remember and treasure the time God gave me among you. In Christ, Rob (and Kate).
- ◆ **Parking Lot:** At the October quarterly voters' meeting there was discussion on the need to replace the parking lot in the near future. With the substantial cost that is expected, the voters approved the creation of a special fund to start saving for this project. Please use one of the Project lines on your offering envelope and write in "Parking Lot" when contributing to this fund.
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day:** This opportunity to learn more about a continuing education with Christ will be on November 14. On Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm will be a presentation of the school's fall play, "Our Miss Brooks." A band concert will precede it on both nights at 7:00 pm. Speak with your pastor about questions.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Caleb Schaller of Redemption in Lynnwood, WA (Seattle), has accepted the call to be the 3rd pastor at Messiah in Eau Claire, WI. ✠ Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's has returned the call to Faith in Coloma, MI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #8 – Sixth Commandment

The Double Clasp

The Savior's hand – how close its hold,
That none can loosen, none can break.
No powers of heaven or earth or hell
That loving clasp can ever shake.

And over Jesus' wounded hand
The Father's hand of strength is laid,
Omnipotent to save and keep;
This is our surety surer made.

So, one beneath and one above,
Father and Son their hands unite.
How safe, how safe the ransomed are
Within that clasp of tender might!

(Selected)



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The gates of hell shall not prevail; We stand upon the Rock.

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And round its banners, wide unfurled, We'll rally till we die.

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