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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Phil Radichel
Ushers: Pat Paplow, Alex Baker, Kevin Baker, Dan Degnan,
 Brian Eichstadt, Ryan Oman, Brandon Paplow
Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack
 Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Brandt Wendland
Hospitality Team 2: Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Jenny Kleifgen
Church Cleaners: Sandhoefner School: None

✠ 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 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Ryan & Mikey
 Oman; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan
Church Cleaners: Kitzman School: Hein

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Nov. 30: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Luncheon
 12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
Wed., Dec. 3: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship Service
Sun., Dec. 7: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Luncheon
 12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
Wed., Dec. 10: 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship
Sun., Dec. 14: 12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
 3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital
Wed., Dec. 17: 2:00 pm – Christian Day School Concert at Northtown Mall
 6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Dinner
 7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship
Fri., Dec. 19: 7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert
Sun., Dec. 21: 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal; 12:00 Council Meeting
Wed., Dec. 24: 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship
Thu., Dec. 25: 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship
Sun., Dec. 28: 10 am – Worship Service
 (Bible Class, Sunday School, Hospitality suspended)
Wed., Dec. 31: 7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper
 8:00 pm – New Year's Eve Fellowship
Sat., Jan. 3: 1:00 pm – Hein/Noeldner Wedding

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Church Year: Advent 1

Phone: 763-784-8784

Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: November 30, 2014

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 56: Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring
 LSB 336: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending
 TLH 73: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
 TLH 95:5-7: Savior of the Nations, Come

Worship Prep:

Psalm 24, TLH p. 128

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)
 Gloria: TLH 58 & 62

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 Mark 13:32-37

Sermon: Isaiah 64:1-8

¹ Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence— ² As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil— To make Your name known to Your adversaries, *That* the nations may tremble at Your presence! ³ When You did awesome things *for which* we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. ⁴ For since the beginning of the world *Men* have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. ⁵ You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, *Who* remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned— In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved. ⁶ But we are all like an unclean *thing*, And all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. ⁷ And *there is* no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities. ⁸ But now, O Lord, You *are* our Father; We *are* the clay, and You our potter; And all we *are* the work of Your hand. (NKJVTM)

THE LORD COMES TO SHAKE THINGS UP

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Midweek Advent Services:** On Wed., Dec. 3, 10, and 17, at 7 pm. Our last midweek service on Dec. 17 will be our annual candlelight service preceded by the congregational Christmas meal at 6 pm.
- ◆ **Christmas Meal:** Please join us for a fellowship meal at 6 pm prior to the Candlelight service on December 17. Those attending may bring sandwiches, salads, or a dish to share.
- ◆ **Poinsettias:** There is a signup sheet for Christmas poinsettias by the guest book. For any questions, please see Jackie Radichel.
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Service:** This is the rehearsal schedule:
 - ◆ Sun., Nov. 30: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
 - ◆ Sun., Dec. 7: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
 - ◆ Sun., Dec. 14: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
 - ◆ Sun., Dec. 21: 8:45-9:45 am (please be here at 8:45 am so that we can start promptly in order to get through everything)

December is a busy month, but please remember the importance of these rehearsals for a successful Christmas Eve service. It is quite helpful for the children to know their individual parts by the first rehearsal and group parts by second rehearsal. The three "Luke 2" parts are all together as a group. Parents are encouraged not to have your children formally memorize Luke 2, but to simply say it with the children once or twice a day. By the time Christmas Eve comes around, they will know it well. Each child should attend at least 3 sessions, but attending all is obviously the most preferable. The last rehearsal on December 21 is the most critical as it is the dress rehearsal. The children have a wonderful opportunity to express the Good News of our salvation through Jesus Christ. The parents' help is greatly appreciated to make everything go well, as is evident by how well things have gone the past few years.
- ◆ **Christmas Worship:** Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 6:00 pm with our children presenting the Christmas Gospel. The theme this year is: *Glory to the Newborn King!* The kids are asked to be here 1/2 an hour prior to the service so that we can take a group picture and run through some things. Christmas Day worship will be held at 10:00 am.
- ◆ **2015 Cleaning:** The 2015 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ◆ **New Year's Eve:** On New Years Eve we will be having a 7 pm worship service with the Lord's Supper. Afterward the congregation is invited to a party in the fellowship hall. Please bring an appetizer to share along with any of your favorite games. Sparkling cider will be provided. If you have any questions, please speak with Trudy Wales.
- ◆ **Wedding Invitation:** An invitation to the Abbie Hein/Nathan Noeldner wedding at 1 pm on Jan. 3 is posted on the bulletin board by the office.

- ◆ **Parking Reminder:** For those members who are able, please park further away to permit those with physical impairments to be able to park closer to the church.
- ◆ **Parking Lot:** To make a contribution toward replacing this, write in "Parking Lot" on one of the Project lines of your offering envelope.
- ◆ **ILC Recital:** The ILC Piano/Organ Recital will be held on Sun., Dec. 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the ILC Fieldhouse.
- ◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** Immanuel's Christmas concert this year will be held on Fri., Dec. 19, 7:30 pm, at Eau Claire. There is a signup list for the trip by the guestbook.
- ◆ **Immanuel Positions:** Immanuel is hiring a new dormitory supervisor for our female students and a new food services manager/head cook. Job descriptions are available from your pastor. To apply, please contact ILC President Steven Sippert (steve.sippert@ilc.edu / 715.836.6620) prior to the deadline on January 11, 2015.
- ◆ **Installation:** Pastor Caleb Schaller will be installed at Messiah in Eau Claire, during its regular worship services on Sat., Dec. 6 at 6:30 pm and Sun., Dec. 7 at 9:00 am. There will be a reception with light refreshments following the Saturday service, and a reception with a fellowship brunch following the Sunday service. Visitors are welcome.
- ◆ **Installation:** Pastor John Klatt will be installed as pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland, CO, during a 3 pm service on Sun., Dec. 14. Pastor Chad Seybt will serve as liturgist with Pastor Tom Schuetze preaching the sermon. A fellowship meal will follow.
- ◆ **Catechism Break:** We will be having a two-week break for midweek Catechism students. There will be no Catechism on Dec. 24 and 31.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Paul Naumann of Ascension in Tacoma, WA, has accepted the call to serve the vacancy at Redemption in Lynnwood, WA. ✠ Pastor John Klatt, pastor emeritus of Rapid City, SD, has accepted a one year call to Prince of Peace in Loveland, CO.
- ◆ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Group Parts for Christmas Eve

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 23, 2014 Sun.: 110 B.Cl.: 38 S.S.: 23 Wed.: 90

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|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Sun. Offering: | Grace: | \$2,613.41 | CLC: | \$1,135.00 |
| Wed. Offering: | Grace: | 863.25 | CLC: | 80.00 |
| Weekly Need: | Grace: | 3,200.00 | CLC: | 1,040.00 |
| -Under / +Over: | Grace: | +276.66 | CLC: | +175.00 |
| Year-to-Date Offering:: | Grace: | \$149,676.02 | CLC: | \$47,870.15 |
| Year-to-Date Need: | Grace: | 150,400.00 | CLC: | 48,880.00 |
| Year-to-Date (+/-) | Grace: | -723.98 | CLC: | -1,009.85 |
| GLC Other: 119.10 | Living Faith: | 0.00 | Tuition Aid: | 855.00 |
| SAF Endowment: 150.00 | MDF: | 60.00 | Kinship: | 95.00 |
| ILC Student Aid: 0.00 | ILC Bldg. | 25.00 | IIF: 0.00 | CEF: 0.00 |
| Current Balances: | Parking Lot: | +895.00 | Tuition Aid: | +3,084.12 |

CLC FINANCIAL REPORT

October 2014

| <i>CLC Financial Report</i> | Balance | Year to Date | Year to Date | FY 2015 Budget | Balance |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Operating Funds | 7/1/2014 | Revenue | Disbursed | 4 Months | 10/31/2014 |
| General Fund | 0 | 293,396 | 292,262 | \$301,333 | 1,134 |
| ILC Operations | 0 | 516,476 | 410,562 | \$449,000 | 105,914 |
| Total | \$0 | \$809,872 | \$702,824 | \$750,333 | \$107,048 |
| Auxiliary Funds | | | | | |
| IIF - ILC Improvement | 67,647 | 3,933 | 64,245 | | 7,335 |
| ILC Building | 14,168 | 23,697 | 31,936 | | 5,929 |
| MDF - Mission Development | 190,077 | 35,415 | 146,011 | | 79,481 |
| Kinship | 59,320 | 20,124 | 23,957 | | 55,487 |
| CEF - Church Extension Fund | 1,624,475 | 345,917 | 429,467 | | 1,540,925 |
| SAF - Student Aid | 19,672 | 75,667 | 61,651 | | 33,688 |
| Reserve Account | 89,769 | 0 | 0 | | 89,769 |

| ILC Academic Center Mortgage | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance: | January 1, 2010 | \$1,751,804 |
| Current Balance: | September 30, 2014 | \$1,437,720 |
| Principal Paid to Date: | | \$314,084 |

Comments:

- General Fund offerings are less than the budget need year-to-date by \$7,937
- Both the General Fund and ILC have positive balances at end of month because of underspending to the budget and ILC advance student payments
- Offerings for the ILC Academic Center mortgage continue to be less than the need
- The CEF has paid a number of promissory notes thus reducing the fund indebtedness
- SAF receipts year-to-date have more than covered the scholarships, grants, and loans

Dr. James A. Sydow, CLC Treasurer

Philip E. Radichel, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

The following is the nomination slate for 2015:

- President: Eli Wales
- Vice President: Mike Dick
- Secretary: Michael Ude
- Treasurer: Brian Bergstrom
- Elder: Al Rosendahl, Benno Sydow
- Education: Chad Hestekin, Roger Ochsner
- Trustee: Kevin Baker, Pat Paplow

FROM ETERNITY TO ETERNITY

THE WAY IT WAS

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good..." (Genesis 1:1, 31).

The Lord gave Adam and Eve a most pleasant and perfect home. No sin, and free of affliction, sorrow, pain, and death. This is the world that God intended for mankind.

"And the Lord God commanded the man saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die'" (Genesis 2:17).

In giving Adam and Eve the command "Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil..." the Heavenly Father gave them opportunity to confirm their holiness. As they obeyed God's word, they confirmed the holiness in which they had been created.

WHAT HAPPENED

And the serpent said to the woman, *"Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden' (Genesis 3:1)? And the woman said to the serpent "... God has said, 'you shall not eat of it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die'" (v.3).* Then the serpent said to the woman, *"You will not surely die" (v.4).* Adam and Eve believed a lie! The woman took of the fruit *"and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate" (v.6).* And God said, *"Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat" (v.11)?*

By disobeying the word, Adam and Eve sinned! *"Therefore, through one man sin entered the world..." (Romans 5:12)*

THE CONSEQUENCE

"The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth" (Genesis 8:21).

"Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:18). "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies, these are the things which defile a man..." Matthew 15:19, 20a). (Read 2 Timothy 3: 1- 5). "The wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23a). By one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation..." (Romans 5:18).

BUT ...

"... through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life" (Romans 5:18). God so loved the world that He promised a Savior from sin. To the devil He said, *"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise (crush) your head and you shall bruise His heel"* (Genesis 3:15). This was a word of judgment against the devil and a word of comfort for Adam and Eve.

The Father nurtured His promise through the Old Testament. The prophets prophesied of the coming Savior. David expressed the hope of the Old Testament believers. *"Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation. He only is my Rock and my salvation..."* (Psalm 62:1, 2). The Father kept His promise and an angel visited Mary with the divine promise, *"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus"* (Luke 1:31). John the Baptist went before and prepared the way for the coming of the Savior. In due time the angels announced: *"There is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord"* (Luke 2: 11). *"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved"* (John 3:16, 17).

THE SIN AND DEATH SOLUTION

The work and accomplishment of the Savior was foretold and pictured through the blood of sacrificial lambs in the Old Testament. The prophet Isaiah spoke of Jesus' work centuries before His birth. *"But He (Jesus) was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed"* (Isaiah 53: 5). The apostles wrote the inspired Word: *"In Him (Christ) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins"* (Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:14), and again, *"The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son cleanses us from all sin"* (1 John 1:7).

The Heavenly Father showed His love for us, *"in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"* (Romans 5:8, 9). We are redeemed by the Savior Who died for us, and Who restored us to favor with the Father (2 Corinthians 5:18). The Savior Who died for us also rose again to restore Life. This act of divine love was for all, but comes in all its fullness to all who believe in Christ as Jesus said, *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die"* (John 11: 25, 26). Each believer in Christ has the assurance, *"Because I live, you shall live also"* (John 14:19),

THE WAY IT SHALL BE

It is the Father's will and desire that sinners, redeemed and forgiven through Christ's atonement, should live in joy, in peace, and in the beauty of heaven, as God originally intended for Adam and Eve in Eden.

It is a sad reality however that many deny *"the Lord that bought them, [and] bring upon themselves swift destruction"* (2 Peter 2:1). On the Day of Judgment when all shall stand before the judgment seat of God, all who deny and reject Jesus shall hear, *"Depart from Me"* (Matthew 7:23) and they shall live in hell where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 13: 42), *"eternally without end."*

On the other hand, those who by faith have embraced Christ and have died in Christ, and whose robes were washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb, having forsaken the tribulations of this life will be greeted with the invitation of their Lord, *"Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"* (Matthew 25:34). So shall we *"ever be with the Lord"* (1 Thessalonians 4:17) in the restored Eden called heaven where there is *"no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away"* (Revelation 21:4).

How fair a prospect is that land
To which God leads His sainted band!
Jerusalem, thou city fair,
Earth's joys with thine cannot compare.

There is amongst God's radiant throng
A vacancy where I belong;
For Jesus promised there shall be
A place in heav'n reserved for me.

Inside those opened pearly gates
Transcendent bliss my soul awaits.
There, high above these realms of grace,
I'll see my Savior face to face.

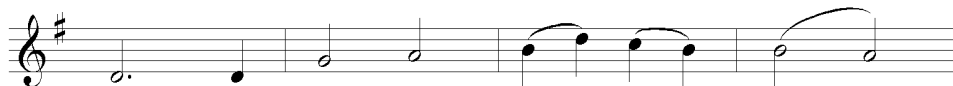
So when for me Time's sands run low,
Why should my soul be loath to go?
Through parting's grief the joy-bells will ring
When death's bright angel spreads his wing.

Nov. 8, 1932, issue of *The Lutheran Witness*. Composer was Clara Bracher Wichman
Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 11/2014

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1. Lo! - He comes with clouds de- scend - ing,
 2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be- hold Him
 3. Those dear to - kens of His Pas - sion
 4. Yea, A - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty,
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
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Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 Come and take Thy peo - ple home!



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Christ re - veals His end - less reign.
 Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Season Worship Schedule

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Wed., Dec. 3 – 7:00 pm

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Special meditations on
 Isaiah's Royal Prophecies,
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Candlelight Service:

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A service of readings & hymns
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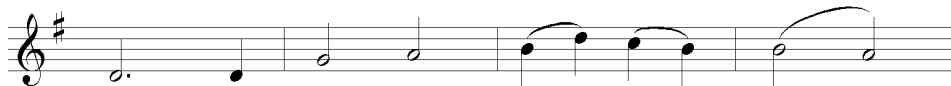


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