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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Brandt Wendland

Ushers: Brandt Wendland, James Bomber, Eli Wales,
David Hein, Michael Ude, Ryan Oman

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

Hospitality Team 2: Bye (Easter Breakfast)

Church Cleaners: B. Rust

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: David Stifter, Scott Baker, Chad Hestekin, Al
Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob
Vandever; Clint Welker

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

Church Cleaners: B Rust/A Baker School: Flesner

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Apr. 5:	Easter (No S.S., Bible Class, Hospitality) 7:30 am – Easter Breakfast 9:00 am – Easter Worship
Tue., Apr. 7:	School Resumes from Easter Break
Wed., Apr. 8:	4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
Sun., Apr. 12:	8:30 am – Choir Practice 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class 10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper 11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting
Wed., Apr. 15:	CLC Coordinating Council @ Eau Claire, WI
Fri., Apr. 17:	5:30 pm – Hein/Schaser Wedding
Sun., Apr. 19:	Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings
Sat., Apr. 25:	9:00 am – Work Day
Fri., May 1:	Immanuel High School Visitors Day @ Eau Claire, WI
May 1 & 2:	7:30 pm – Immanuel Musical: Oklahoma
Fri., May 8:	Field Day (5 th -8 th grade, by Berea in Inver Grove Hts.)
Thu., May 14:	7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship
Sun., May 17:	Confirmation Day
Thu., May 21:	7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program
Fri., May 22:	12:00 pm – School Year Dismissal 3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day; 7:30 pm – Immanuel Concert
Sat., May 23:	10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation
Sun., May 24:	9:00 am – Summer Schedule Begins (Pentecost/Graduation)
Sun., June 7:	3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conference @ Eagle Lake, MN
Sun., June 14:	9:00 am – Grace Lutheran 60 th Anniversary Service
June 16-18:	CLC General Pastoral Conference @ Eau Claire, WI
August 3-7:	9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

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Easter Sunday

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Easter

Date: April 5, 2015

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 210: The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done
LSB 466: Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (Insert)
TLH 198: He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus
TLH 191: Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!
S.S. School: Mark 16:1-8; TLH 199 (after 1st hymn)
Choir: In Joseph's Lovely Garden (after Absolution)
Day School: WS 759 (after Scripture readings)

Worship Prep:

Psalms 57, TLH p. 135

Liturgy:

TLH 192; TLH 188

Scripture Readings:

John 20:1-10
John 20:11-18
John 20:19-23
Romans 8:31-39

Sermon: Luke 24:1-9

¹ Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. ² But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ³ Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. ⁵ Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their faces to the earth*, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, ⁷ saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'" ⁸ And they remembered His words. ⁹ Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. (NKJVTM)

**Gratitude for God's Geographic Grace:
The Cave of Resurrection Victory!**

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Listening assistance:** This is available. Please ask an usher.
- ◆ **Easter Thanks:** Thanks to all those who contributed to the gathering of Easter flowers at the front of the church. Those who purchased flowers may pick them up following worship. Another thanks to all who helped make the breakfast a special occasion.
- ◆ **Communion:** Will be next Sunday, April 12, due to Easter falling on the 1st Sunday of the month.
- ◆ **Wedding Invitation:** An invitation to the Christina Hein/Tim Schaser wedding at 5:30 pm on Fri., Apr. 17 is posted on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Field Day:** Joelle Nelson of Berea is organizing this year's field day with various CLC Day Schools, held on Fri., May 8, 9 am to 4 pm. If you are interested in helping, contact her at joelleroo@yahoo.com
- ◆ **Grace Anniversary Service:** Save the date! Sunday, June 14, 9 am.
- ◆ **Grace Pictorial Directory:** In preparation for Grace Lutheran's 60th anniversary celebration this June, we are beginning the process of making a pictorial directory. We will have a professional photographer at church on Tue. and Wed., April 21-22, from 2-9 pm. Please speak with Rick Nelson or pick a time and sign up on the table in the Narthex.
- ◆ **Invitation:** Holy Trinity in West Columbia is celebrating "Our Jubilee -- The 50th Year of God's Grace Among Us" during 2015: May 17: "A Time for Reflection" (Paul D. Nolting); August 9: "A time for Rejoicing" (Frank Gantt); November 1: "A Time for Reformation" (John Schierenbeck). We invite all who may be in the area to join us!
- ◆ **Immanuel Visitors Day:** will be held on Fri., May 1, at the Immanuel campus in Eau Claire, beginning at 8:00 am. Young people in grades 7 and above are invited to attend. Accommodations in the dormitories are available for Thu. and/or Fri. evening. Friday activities include a campus tour, classroom experience, sports and co-curricular experience, Q & A time, team competition, a band concert, and a musical theater performance of *Oklahoma*. Game activities are also planned for Thursday evening. For more information please see the ILC web site, www.ilc.edu, and look for the "ILHS Visitors Day 2015" section on the home page. You may also contact Prof. Joel Gullerud at joel.gullerud@ilc.edu, 715-863-6630 (office), 715-544-8446 (cell).
- ◆ **CLC News:** Today Pastor Ed Starkey will be installed as pastor of Resurrection in Corpus Christi, TX. ✠ Pastor Roland H. Gurgel of Bethel in Spring, TX (Houston area), has returned the call to Bethel in Morris, MN. The congregation has now petitioned the Call Committee on Graduates. ✠ Teacher Jennifer Ohlmann of Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI, has returned the call to Gethsemane in Spokane Valley, WA. The congregation has now called Teacher Sherman Carstensen of Trinity in Watertown, SD.

Christ is Risen – Thoughts from Luther

Sermon on Matthew 28:1-10, for Easter Day, 1544

Death is swallowed upon in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grace, where is thy victory? ... Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

This is a strange and unprecedented message, such as reason cannot comprehend. It must be accepted in faith. The message is that Christ is alive and yet dead, and dead in such a way that in Him death itself has had to die, and lose all its power ...

And as the Lord Christ has conquered death, He has also conquered sin. For in His own Person He is pure and just; but because He takes upon Himself the sins of others He becomes a sinner. That is why sin can assault Him. And He, the Lord Christ, is very ready to be thus assaulted and nailed to the cross in order that He may die, as if He had Himself sinned and brought His death upon Himself. But there, hidden under the sin of others, His holiness is so great that death cannot overcome Him. Thus sin, like death, attacked the wrong man, and so grew weak and died in His body.

And likewise the devil wanted to prove his power over Christ, and uses all his might against Him, trying to bring Him down. But he meets with a higher power which he cannot overcome. And all this has been wrought in order that our Lord Christ might glory because by being cast down He was lifted up on high, and these three mighty foes: sin, the devil, and death, must low lie under His feet. This great victory we celebrate today. Now all power consists in this, that we take it well to heart and firmly believe in it.

Last Week's Stats: Mar. 29, 2015 Sun.: 115 S.S.: 26 B.C.I.: 42 Fri.: 141

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,540.70	CLC:	\$825.00	
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$962.23	CLC:	\$110.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,340.00	CLC:	1,060.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+162.93	CLC:	-125.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$40,776.89	CLC:	\$11,393.70	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	43,420.00	CLC:	13,780.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,643.11	CLC:	-2,386.30	
GLC Other:	50.50	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	90.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	10.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	50.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	4,910.00	Tuition Aid:	855.37

EASTER: STORY OR FACT?

By tradition we in the church have spoken of Bible *stories*. At Christmas we all have read and repeated the Christmas *story*. As we consider the resurrection of the Lord Jesus we hear the Easter *story*. We know the *story* of Lazarus.

When we speak among ourselves we understand what we are saying. The same is true when we speak of Bible events and the truths related to our Savior. But what is the message we send to the world, or even to little children when we describe Scripture events, as well as the life and work of Jesus our Savior as a *story*? The problem is that we cannot find another way to describe that of which we are speaking.

Among the many definitions of the word we find the following for *story*: "A narrative, either true or fictitious ... designed to interest or amuse the hearers ... a tale; a fictitious tale ... a real or fictitious incident related to interest, amuse or illustrate some point; an anecdote; a report, account, or rumor of a matter; a statement or allegation. Colloquially, a falsehood or a lie. A history, legend, or romance." In journalism: "An account of something, as of some item of news, in a newspaper."

The Bible is not a book of stories. The message of our Savior's birth is hardly a story. Neither is the account of Jesus' resurrection a story. What is recorded in Scripture as the inspired Word of God is reality, or truth. Jesus, the Son of God, actually became man. The purpose for His coming was established in heaven. He came to save lost and condemned mankind. His suffering and death were real, and likewise His resurrection from the dead. You can look it up in God's own record.

The accounts recorded in Scripture are truths recorded by the holy writers as the "God-breathed" Word from God. The events of Jesus' life from His birth to His ascension are real-space-time historical events. Everything that is recorded in Scripture is truth, therefore what is said concerning the Lord Jesus is historical truth, diametrically opposed to legend or fiction. Inasmuch as Jesus is the Word made flesh, Scripture is His-Story. The reality of that which happened in the past with respect to Jesus fulfilled prophecy. "But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled," (Matthew 26:56) Jesus said in connection with His suffering. That is important to appreciating and treasuring the fact that what is prophesied in Scripture about what is yet to come is truth, and will occur. What Scripture records is not imagination or fantasy. What is prophesied as yet to occur is accepted as a matter of faith based on the sure and certain Word of God validated by the very nature of God Who cannot lie and confirmed by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. "He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him" (Mark 16:6).

"If we believe that *Jesus died and rose again*"... [History] -- not story, fiction, imagination, legend, fantasy, or wishful thinking -- history that guarantees a glorious future to all who believe ... "even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus ... *And thus shall we ever be with the Lord*"[Future] (1 Thessalonians 4: 14-18)- Fact. Bible Fact!

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 3/2015