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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Frank Radichel

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

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

Hospitality Team 4: James & April Bomber; Rachelle Kanneh; Heidi Nelson; Bob & Suki Vandever

Church Cleaners: Kanneh School: Gillenwater

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Apr. 12: 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
4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Fri., Apr. 17: 5:30 pm – Hein/Schaser Wedding

Sun., Apr. 19: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service; 11:15 am – Hospitality
11:30 pm – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

April 20-22: Iowa Basic Testing at Grace School

Sat., Apr. 25: 9:00 am – Work Day

Fri., May 1: Kindergarten Visitors Day @ Grace School
Immanuel High School Visitors Day @ Eau Claire, WI

May 1 & 2: 7:30 pm – Immanuel Musical: Oklahoma

Fri., May 8: Field Day (5th-8th 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 60th 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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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: April 12, 2015

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 201: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won
TLH 208, st. 1-3,8-10: Ye Sons & Daughters of the King
WS 799: This is the Feast of Victory
Distribution: TLH 192: Awake, My Heart
TLH 189: He is Arisen! Glorious Word!

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 16, TLH p. 125

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 15 (Communion)
Gloria: TLH 199:4

Scripture Readings:

Acts 3:12-20
John 20:19-31

Sermon: 1 John 5:4-6

⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. (NKJVTM)

Christ's Resurrection Victory is Sweet!

1. It's a victory that is certain
2. It's a victory which is ours by faith

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Close Communion:** In obedience to God's Word, and out of concern for the welfare of souls (1 Corinthians 11:29), and finally that we may honestly express the unity of faith and hope that binds us, we ask that only such as have identified with Grace through public confession of faith or another CLC congregation, approach the altar at the usher's direction.
- ◆ **Lord's Supper:** Just as a reminder, communicants are to examine themselves prior to communing. 1 Corinthians 11:27: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup." Our hymnal has a few helps for this. Please see the prayers listed on pages 118-119 for before and after receiving the sacrament. There is also the wonderful preparation found in the Catechism with Luther's Christian Questions. This is something that could be read in the morning or even on the way to church. Hymns 304 to 316 can also serve as helpful preparation prayers, in particular Hymn 310.
- ◆ **Wedding Invitation:** An invitation to the Christina Hein/Tim Schaser wedding at 5:30 pm this Fri., April 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.
- ◆ **Mental Health Seminar:** On Sun., May 3, Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL, will be hosting a free seminar on a variety of topics in the field of mental health. The seminar will feature licensed clinician and social worker, Dean Marzofka of Eau Claire, WI. Morning worship begins at 10:00 am with lunch and refreshments to be served before the presentation which begins at 12:30 pm. For more information contact Pastor David Pfeiffer at 630-879-9455.
- ◆ **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. 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*. 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).
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #23 – Baptism 1 and 2

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!

CFW on the Blessings of the Lord's Supper

The apostle [Paul] wishes to say: consider beloved Christians, that when you receive the blessed cup and the blessed bread, each one partakes of the body and blood of Christ; they are both common to all of you. You come into body-and-blood fellowship with one another. For just as many grains become one bread, so in the Holy Supper, you, though you are many, become one Body, one mass, because you are partakers of the one bread and with it one and the same body and blood of Christ.

Because of the presence and participation of the body of Christ, the Holy Supper is a meal of the most intimate fellowship and, therefore, at the same time, the highest love-meal. Just as fervent love is demanded, so fervent love is delivered. We all come together, as children of the same family, to the table of our common, heavenly Father. As great as the distinction between communicants in civic life may be, in the Holy Supper all distinctions evaporate. We are all the same, in that we each eat the same earthly and heavenly bread and drink the same earthly and heavenly drink. In this Meal, the subject and his king, the slave and his master, the beggar and the rich, the child and the old man, the wife and the husband, the simple and the learned, truly all communicants stand as the same poor sinners and beggars, hungry and thirsty for grace. Although one may appear in a rough apron while another in velvet and satin, adorned with gold and pearls, when they depart, all take with them that for which they hunger and thirst: Christ's blood and righteousness as their beauty and glorious dress. No one receives a better food and better drink than the other. All receive the same Jesus, and with Him, the same righteousness. (C. F. W. Walther, *Amerikanish-Lutherishce Epistel Postille: Predigten uber die meisten epistolischen Perikopen des Kirchjahrs. u. freie Texte von Carl. Ferd. Wilh. Walther*, St. Louis: Concordia, 1892, pp. 480-481, translated by William. M. Cwirla.)

Last Week's Stats: Apr. 5, 2015 Sun.: 172

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,985.45	CLC:	\$776.60	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,340.00	CLC:	1,060.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+645.45	CLC:	-283.40	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$44,762.34	CLC:	\$12,170.30	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	46,760.00	CLC:	14,840.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,997.66	CLC:	-2,669.70	
GLC Other:	120.00	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	80.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	50.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	50.00	ILC Bldg.	100.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
<i>Current Balances:</i>		<i>Parking Lot:</i>	5,020.00	<i>Tuition Aid:</i>	935.37

RESURRECTION: PAST—PRESENT---FUTURE

RESURRECTION PAST: “Now when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb, when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, ‘Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?’ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go tell His disciples—and Peter—that he is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you’” (Mark 16:1-7).

Jesus’ resurrection tells us:

Christ is the Son of God -- “He was declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead” (Romans 1:4).

His doctrine is truth -- “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up” (John 2:19). “He was speaking of the temple of His body” (John 2:21).

God the Father accepted Jesus’ sacrifice as payment for our sin -- “(Christ) was delivered for our offenses and was raised again for our justification” (Romans 4:25). (1)

God has reconciled us to himself in Christ -- “Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ ...” (Romans 5:1).

All believers in Christ shall rise to eternal life -- “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).

RESURRECTION PRESENT: The Spirit of God has brought us to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and incorporated us into the body of Christ. When Jesus died upon the cross, we as members of His body died to sin. “Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:11). Scripture says that as our old man was crucified with Christ, we were freed from slavery to sin (Romans 6: 6-7). As our body died to sin, and our body of sin was destroyed, so when Jesus rose again, *we were raised* to a new life.

Nevertheless, in the flesh, and in the imperfection of our flesh we sin, but, as we are in Christ, sin is no longer the *controlling factor* in our lives. Further, as Jesus bore our sins on the cross and died bearing the wages of sin for us, He died once and through His death and resurrection conquered death. “Death no longer has dominion over Him” (Romans 6:9). Though our body shall die, yet alive in Christ, death has no more dominion over us. We shall live.

This blessing was bestowed upon us at our Baptism. “Therefore we are buried with Him (Christ) through baptism into death, that, like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life”

(Romans 6: 4).

Luther commenting on Romans 6 says, “Baptism signifies that the Old Adam in us should, by daily contrition (sorrow) and repentance (faith), be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts and, again, a new man daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever.” (2)

The life that we now live we live by the Son of God. The resurrection life we now enjoy by virtue of Christ’s resurrection and our call to faith is a life of sanctification. “The reality of Christ’s death and resurrection determines our whole existence; the controlling reality of our life now is the fact that we *shall* live. Our present life gets its character, direction, and purpose from the fact that we shall live with Him Who lives a life beyond death, a life lived wholly to God, now that He has died an atoning death, once for all, to sin.” (3)

The resurrection of our Lord, however, does not put believers who are alive in Christ in a waiting mode, but in a *living* mode. Alive in Christ does not mean that we are simply waiting to be translated to glory, but that we will in faith and with thankfulness engage in active waiting, living, and serving to the glory of God. Our new life is one of sanctification.

RESURRECTION FUTURE: What sustains the believer in the resurrection life we now live, and what fills the heart of the believer with confidence of the future is the promised deliverance from this vale of tears at the coming of the Lord Jesus.

In this life children of God are buffeted by Satan, by their own flesh, and by the godless world. Yet we live in confident hope of a future, as Paul said, that far surpasses in glory anything that we must endure while we wait for our Lord’s return (Romans 8:18).

“Grace to You, and peace be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a *living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you*, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, *receiving the end of your faith — the salvation of your souls*” (1 Peter 1: 2-9).

The resurrection to come at the return of the Lord is the culmination of all that believers in Christ hope for and of which with Job they confess: “I know that *my Redeemer lives*, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh *I shall see God*, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. *How my heart yearns within me!*” (Job 19:25-27)!”

1. *King James Version*
2. *Luther’s Small Catechism* (CPH), 1943 ed.
3. Martin Franzmann- *Romans*, Concordia Commentary 1968, p.111

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 4/2015

CLC FINANCIAL REPORT March 2015

<i>CLC Financial Report</i>	Balance	Year to Date	Year to Date	FY 2015 Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2014	Revenue	Disbursed	9 Months	3/31/2015
General Fund	0	669,113	666,801	\$678,000	2,312
ILC Operations	0	1,081,492	967,617	\$1,010,250	113,875
Total	\$0	\$1,750,605	\$1,634,418	\$1,688,250	\$116,187
Auxiliary Funds					
IIF - ILC Improvement	67,647	13,998	64,245		17,400
ILC Building	14,168	80,513	71,856		22,825
MDF - Mission Development	190,077	127,612	231,435		86,254
Kinship	59,320	61,916	62,279		58,957
CEF - Church Extension Fund	1,624,476	830,747	1,049,144		1,406,079
SAF - Student Aid	19,672	116,563	143,100		(6,865)
Reserve Account	89,769	0	0		89,769

ILC Academic Center Mortgage		
Beginning Balance:	January 1, 2010	\$1,751,804
Current Balance:	March 31, 2015	\$1,421,653
Principal Paid to Date:		\$330,151

Comments:

- General Fund offerings in March were \$57,663
- The General Fund disbursements were \$89,704 leaving a balance of \$2,312
- ILC balance at end of March remains very good at \$113,875
- Offerings for the ILC Academic Center were \$5,174 and the monthly payment is \$7,984 therefore the balance was reduced to \$22,825
- MDF expenditures for March were \$8,567 including \$1,950 for Appleton, WI mission, and \$4,123 for foreign outreach actions
- The Student Aid fund balance is a negative \$6,865 with two more months of student loans to fund for the school year
- There were no expenditures from the IIF in February

Dr. James A. Sydow, CLC Treasurer

Philip E. Radichel, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

THE DAY OF SATISFACTION

(Psalm 17: 15)

The Lutheran Witness of Dec. 6, 1932,
by the Scottish poet Horatius Bonar (1808-1899).

When I shall wake on that fair morn of morns,
After whose dawning never night returns,
And with whose glory day eternal burns,
I shall be satisfied!

When I shall see Thy glory face to face,
When in Thine arms Thou wilt Thy child embrace,
When Thou shalt open all Thy stores of grace,
I shall be satisfied!

When I shall meet with those whom I have loved,
Clasp in my eager arms the long removed,
When I shall find how faithful Thou hast proved,
I shall be satisfied!

When this vile body shall arise again,
Purged by Thy power from every taint and stain,
Delivered from all weakness and all pain,
I shall be satisfied!

When I shall gaze upon the face of Him,
Who for me died, with eye no longer dim,
And praise Him in the everlasting hymn,
I shall be satisfied!

When I shall call to mind the long, long past,
With clouds and storms and shadows overcast,
And know that I am saved and blest at last,
I shall be satisfied!

When every enemy shall disappear,
The unbelief, the darkness, and the fear,
When Thou shalt smooth the brow and wipe the tear,
I shall be satisfied!

When every vanity shall pass away,
When all be real, yet all without decay,
In that sweet dawning of the endless day,
I shall be satisfied!