

## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder Benno Sydow

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

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

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## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., May 31:** 9:00 am – Worship Service (Trinity Sunday)  
**Thu., June 4:** 6:30 pm – Spring Lake Park Parade (Meet at 5:45 pm)  
**Sun., June 7:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper  
 3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conference @ Eagle Lake, MN  
**Sun., June 14:** **Grace Lutheran's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
 9:00 am – Grace Lutheran 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service  
 10:15 am – Potluck Meal  
**June 16-18:** CLC General Pastoral Conference @ Eau Claire, WI  
**Sun., June 21:** 4:00 pm – Pastor Rob Sauers Ordination @ Morris, MN  
**Sat., June 27:** 9:00 am – Grace Work Day  
**Sun., July 19:** Quarterly Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings  
**August 3-7:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School  
**Sat., Aug. 8:** 9:00 am – School Cleaning Day  
**Mon. Aug. 10:** 7:00 pm – School Ice Cream Social  
**Mon., Aug. 24:** 10:00 am – Immanuel Opening Service @ Eau Claire, WI  
**Mon. Aug. 31:** 8:00 am – School Opening Service (First Day of School)  
**Sun., Sept. 13:** Return to Regular Schedule (Worship at 10 am)

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)*

## Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Trinity

Date: May 31, 2015



## WORSHIP INFORMATION



### Hymns:

TLH 251: We All Believe in One True God  
 TLH 391: Blessed Are the Sons of God  
 WS 785: Children of the Heavenly Father  
 WS 800: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Athanasian Creed w/TLH 250

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 150, TLH p. 157

### Liturgy:

Projected (TLH 23; TLH 247; TLH 644; TLH 249; TLH 250)

### Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-8

John 3:1-17

### Sermon: Romans 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, A F <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together. (NKJV<sup>M</sup>)

**Adoption by Our Triune God is a  
Beautiful Thing!**



## ✚ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✚

◆ **Spring Lake Park Parade:** This Thurs., June 4, our school will be walking in the Spring Lake Park Tower Days Parade. All members are invited to participate to help let the community know about the treasure of our Christian school! We are hoping that all our students and parents will be able to participate in this. We will meet at 5:45 pm on Thurs. at Woodcrest Elementary School (intersection of Osborne & Able). We will be unit #23 which will start from the north side of 81<sup>st</sup> Ave. and Able. The parade begins at 6:30 pm. Please speak with Chad Hestekin for questions.

◆ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is planning for the 2015-16 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please speak to one of the teachers for an enrollment form.

◆ **Grace's 60th Anniversary:** On Sun., June 14, 9 am, Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, will be celebrating "60 Years of the Lord's Grace." Pastor Neal Radichel, son of the congregation, will be our guest speaker and there will be a potluck meal following the worship service. We welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ to join us in thanking the Lord for all the wonderful blessings He has showered upon us!

◆ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The Lutheran Spokesman is a publication by the CLC which is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. Those who currently receive the publication are listed on a sheet by the guestbook. If you no longer wish to receive it, please cross out your name. If you don't receive it and would like to, please sign up. The congregation covers the cost.

◆ **Book:** "Steeple in the Distance," a novel by Deborah Ude, is now available. It may be purchased either directly from Deborah Ude at [deborahude.com](http://deborahude.com), through the CLC Book House at [clcbookhouse.org](http://clcbookhouse.org), or through Michael and Jess Ude. The cost is \$20.00 per book.

◆ **Summer Hospitality:** Hospitality hour is suspended during the summer. Those who may wish to host a hospitality gathering on any Sunday, there is a sign up sheet on the fellowship hall's bulletin board.

◆ **Vacation Bible School:** On August 3-7, 9:00 - 11:30 am, we will be having our VBS. This includes children age 4 years, to children going into eighth grade. Please register your children on the sheet by the guest book.

◆ **VBS Staff:** In preparing for VBS, we will need to put together a staff, including teachers and coordinators for crafts and music. Please consider this labor of love and let Pastor know of your willingness.



- ◆ **Youth Conference 2015:** The deadline to apply for scholarships to fund Youth Conference is tomorrow (June 1st). There is scholarship money available to significantly reduce the cost. Applying for a scholarship is not hard--details are on the website. See scholarship details and other conference info at .
- ◆ **An update on earthquake relief in Nepal:** The CLC Board of Missions has been in regular contact with Pastor Raju since his return to Nepal. He has recently finished a visitation of the HCLCN congregations, and will give a formal report soon. To this point they have provided immediate aid and housing to our HCLCN members who have suffered loss. The next step will be to build temporary buildings to protect the members during the monsoon season which is now upon them. Once that is over they will begin the work of rebuilding permanent structures. This will be a long process, and in a few weeks we should have a better idea of what the overall needs will be, both now and in the long term. Please continue to keep our brethren in your prayers, as well as the people of Nepal as a whole. This tragedy is an opportunity for our fellow believers to share the hope that is in them with their unbelieving neighbors. May the Lord bless their witness to them! Offerings are still being received for earthquake relief - checks or envelopes should be marked "Nepal Earthquake." Online donations can also be made at this link: [www.lutheranmissions.org/earthquake](http://www.lutheranmissions.org/earthquake).
- ◆ **Sauers Ordination:** Our vicar, Rob Sauers, will be installed and ordained on Sun., June 21, 4 pm, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN. A fellowship meal will follow. Pastor John Hein will serve as Liturgist and Pastor Peter Evensen will be the Preacher. Please let Pastor know if you are attending so the congregation can prepare.

### **Last Week's Stats:** May 24, 2015 Sun.: 124

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,212.36	CLC:	\$900.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,340.00	CLC:	1,060.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,127.64	CLC:	-160.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$64,109.68	CLC:	\$18,075.55	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	70,140.00	CLC:	22,260.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-6,030.32	CLC:	-4,184.45	
GLC Other:	155.00	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	25.00
SAF Endowment:	50.00	MDF:	25.00	Kinship:	100.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	100.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot:	6,655.00	Tuition Aid:	1,558.12	



## RESPECT ALL RELIGIONS?

Respect: Regard; a holding in high estimation or honor; state of being held in high esteem, regard, or reverence (*Living Webster Encyclopedic Dictionary*).

The North Dakota House canceled a Muslim prayer in its chambers on Ash Wednesday. Given the day, it thought it appropriate to have a Christian speak the prayer. So a Christian prayed in the House and the Muslim spoke the prayer in the Senate where apparently there was not the same sensitivity.

Scripture has something to say about such prayers that bring people of all faiths and whatever faith together in prayer to the god of choice of each who engage in it. If one believes Scripture, one believes that there is only one God as Scripture

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(Matthew 4:10). To the perceptive reader of the Bible, and to the individual who respects God and His Word, prayer to any other god is idolatry. Without even entering the fellowship contradiction of joining in promiscuous prayer to higher power of different names (of which Scripture has something to say), the content of the First Commandment should suffice to give a Christian pause before participating in such a prayer.

However, engaging in promiscuous prayer is not our point here. One who objected new. It is the socially correct thing to say. Sadly, even many Christians and church leaders have bought into this mentality. Other

We do not and cannot accept or promote the idea that we should respect all religions. To respect and hold in high esteem religions that contradict the Bible, or

worship, and upon whom we call. How can a believer in the Savior Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, reverence any religion that diminishes Jesus to just another pious man or respected prophet? " they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father W H (John 5:23).

If we believe what Scripture teaches:

- The Bible is the inspired Word G
- God created the world
- God sent Jesus into the world
- Christ was born of a virgin who conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost
- Jesus died on the cross for my sin, and in my place
- Jesus rose again from the dead to restore life and hope of heaven
- I am saved by grace through faith without works or merit on my part
- Jesus will come to take me home to heaven, etc., etc

If that is what we believe, how is it possible for a Christian to respect, hold in high esteem, and reverence a religion that contradicts any or all of what God says in His Word? How can we respect Hinduism, Shintoism, Buddhism or any other -ism? How can we respect and reverence a religion that lowers our God to the level of a god of wood, H B

the level of the *Koran*, or the *Book of Mormon* or any other book? How can we respect Christian fellowships that have departed from the clear and certain Word of God? How can we reverence any religion Christian or otherwise that calls our God a liar?!

So what is a faithful Christ-believer to do in this confused world of many religions? *First of all, we will look after our own teaching and confession, lest we stray from the truth, and by false teaching disrespect the God Who has saved us!* Shall we encourage laws that outlaw idolatry, or any teaching contrary to the Christian religion? Obviously not! Furthermore, we could not if we wanted to because not even all Christians who carry the same Bible believe the same thing. That is the sorry reality of sin. Shall we persecute or prosecute those who believe differently than we? No. Shall we take up arms to rid the world of infidels? No! It is a bankrupt religion that resorts to arms to propagate itself, or defend itself!

We cannot respect false religions without at the same time diminishing the Truth. What we will do as Christians is *respect the right of people to believe what they choose*, or believe nothing if they choose. We will *respect their right* to believe in a stone, or tree trunk, or the god of their own choosing.

The power that the Lord God has given to us lies in the Word of God. The power to convict hearts is the Law. The power to work repentance and change of heart is the Gospel. So the Lord commissioned the disciples and thereby the Church through the ages to preach the Gospel to every creature. Preach the precious Gospel of salvation and pray for those who hear, that the Spirit may find entrance into their P W B

season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and (2 Timothy 4:2).

Respect all religions? No. As children of the Heavenly Father we will honor, respect, revere, and hold in high esteem Him Who demonstrated to us His love in sending His Son, and our Savior. We will praise and glory in Him Who when difficult days are past will take us to Himself in heaven. We cannot respect and reverence those or G W

teachers who carry the Christian flag.

O L J I they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings. Am I a God near Lord A G Can anyone hide himself in secret

I Lord D I the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, I I How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart, who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal. The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is Lord Is not My word like a Lord, and like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces? Therefore behold, I am Lord M

B I am Lord H Behold, I am against those who prophesy false Lord M by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore they L (Jeremiah 23:21-32).

How can one, professing to respect the Lord God of heaven and His Word, in good conscience respect any religion that God condemns and defines as being without W  
By Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 2/2015