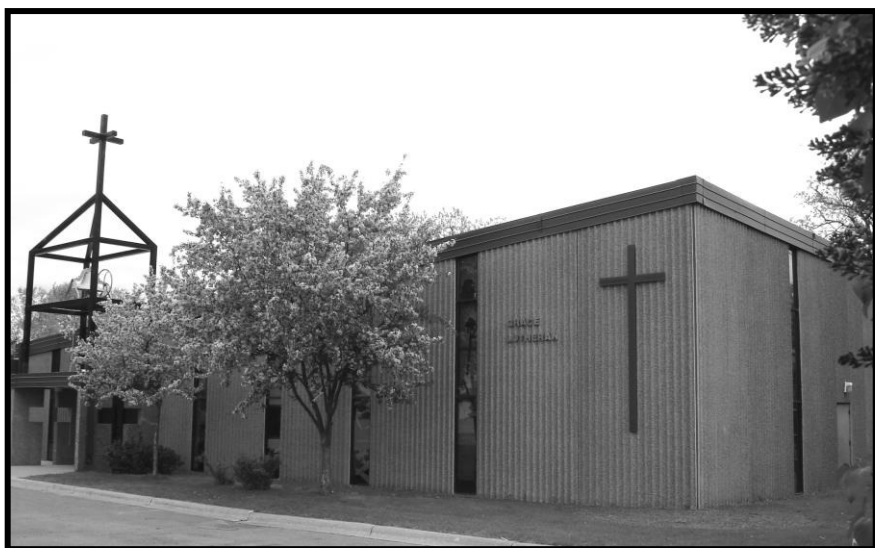


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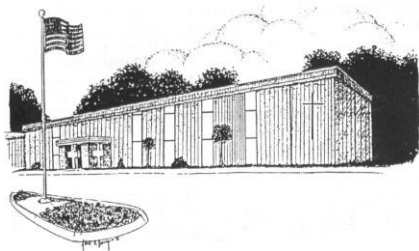
Grace Lutheran Church - Fridley, MN



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

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JUNE 14, 2015 – 9:00 AM

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60 YEARS OF THE LORD'S GRACE

OPENING HYMN

TLH 639: For Many Years, O God of Grace

1. For many years, O God of grace,
This church has been Thy dwelling place
And we Thy congregation.
Upon the precious Cornerstone
Our faith is built, and Christ alone
Is still our one Foundation.
Today We pray: "Let us greet Thee,
Lord, and meet Thee Here with singing,
All our praises to Thee bringing."
2. Here children have been born anew
As manifold as morning dew,
Their vows to Thee confessing.
Here many found a table spread,
They ate Christ's body with the bread
And drank the cup of blessing.
Today We pray: "Let none falter
At Thine altar. We adore Thee,
Gladly worship here before Thee."
3. Here when the marriage vows were made,
Both bride and groom besought Thine aid,
Thy love their own transcending.
Here mourners, with their troubled hearts,
Have found the peace Thy Word imparts,
The joy that has no ending.
Today We pray: "May the story
Of Thy glory Here resounding
Be a song of grace abounding!"

INVOCATION

- M: We gather together in the name of the Father who created us; and of the Son who redeemed us; and of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.
- C: Thanks be to God. Amen.



*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King. (WS 742:1)*

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

- M. Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
- C. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.
- M. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.
- C. The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.
- M. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- C. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Heavenly Father, we come to You recognizing that in the past sixty years we have sinned against You in many and various ways. By our thoughts, words, and actions we have walked in the counsel of the wicked, stood in the way of sinners, and sat in the seat of mockers. We ask You to forgive us on account of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit lead us ever to delight in Your Word of salvation so that we may be as trees planted by streams of living water which yield their fruit in the proper season.

- M. In Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence. Amen.



*Praise Him for his grace and favor
To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness. (WS 742:2)*

KYRIE

- M. O Lord, as You have had mercy on us in our spiritual need, look upon us also in our bodily distress.
- C. **Have mercy upon us, O Lord.**
- M. As You healed the blind man who called out to You for mercy, reach down with Your powerful hand to restore us and preserve us while we live our lives in this fallen world.
- C. **Have mercy upon us, O Christ .**
- M. Strengthen us each hour that we might serve You all our days.
- C. **Have mercy upon us, O Lord.**



*Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows. (WS 742:3)*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

- M. We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
- C. **Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.**
- M. You are the King of Glory, O Christ.
- C. **When You had overcome the sharpness of death, You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**
- M. Now grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- C. **To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.**



*“Glory in the highest glory!”
 Shout the angels in the skies,
 Bringing earth the wondrous story:
 God is come He meets our eyes.
 Alleluia, alleluia! “Peace to you,” the Lamb now cries! (WS 742)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M. Let us pray ... through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (TLH 644)*

THE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

Joshua 24:1-8, 13-18, 24b

The LORD faithfully kept His people. We are called to serve Him!

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:1-10

The message of God’s grace has been and is the theme at Grace.

GRADUAL

(Sung to the tune of A Mighty Fortress, WS 774)



*God’s Word is our great heritage
 And shall be ours forever;
 To spread its light from age to age
 Shall be our chief endeavor.
 Through life it guides our way,
 In death it is our stay.
 Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
 We keep its teachings pure.
 Throughout all generations.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

In the Great Commission, Jesus gives us the essence of our ministry.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN MEDLEY OF GRACE

Grace! 'Tis a charming sound,
Harmonious to the ear;
Heav'n with the echo shall resound,
And all the earth shall hear. (TLH 374:1)

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly – Wash me, Savior, or I die! (TLH 376:3)

God would not have the sinner die,
His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word doth teach
How man the blessed goal may reach. (TLH 245:3)

The Gospel shows the Father's grace,
Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That man might thus be justified. (TLH 297:1)

Amazing grace – how sweet the sound –
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see. (WS 777:1)

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Hath Scripture ever falsehood taught?
Nay, then this word must true remain:
By grace thou, too, shalt heav'n obtain. (TLH 373:1)

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand. (TLH 370:2)

THE SERMON

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path

“A Gracious Light unto Our Path”

1. It Has Guided Our Past
2. It Will Guide Our Future
3. It Is Guiding Our Present

RESPONSE: TLH 36, st 3



*All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven:
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.*

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

WS 764: God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.
2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways.
From our fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.
4. Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

THE OFFERING

THE GENERAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

- M. May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.



Amen.

Amen.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Christ Is Our Corner-Stone

All: Christ is our Corner-stone, on Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled.
On His great love our hopes we place
Of present grace And joys above.

Women: Here, gracious God, do Thou forevermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow and mark each suppliant sigh.
In copious shower on all who pray
Each holy day, Thy blessing pour.

Men: Here may we gain from heaven the grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once given, be with us evermore
Until that day when all the blest
To endless rest are called away!

All: Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise the three in One to sing
And thus proclaim in joyful song,
Both loud and long that glorious name. Amen.

✝ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✝

- ◆ **Welcome:** It is wonderful to have former members of Grace and other visitors come and share in our thanksgiving to God for His marvelous blessings of grace upon our congregation. Please come back and visit us in the future! Following today's service and video presentation, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for a celebration meal. Please come and share in remembrances and in expressing our Christian fellowship.
- ◆ **Thanks** to Pastor Neal Radichel for sharing and applying the Word of God for today's occasion. Pastor Radichel is the son of Phil and Jackie. He serves at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. He and his wife, Erin, have four children. May the Lord bless his ministry.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **The Branches:** Attention ladies (and others interested)! It's time to renew or start your subscription to "The Branches," a quarterly publication for Christian women. Either check your name or add it to the list by the guest book. Do it quickly--response is needed by tomorrow, June 15. The cost of the subscription is paid by the congregation.
- ◆ **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, through the CLC Book House at clcbookhouse.org, or through Michael and Jess Ude. The cost is \$20.00 per book.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Sauers Ordination:** Our former 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.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Schierenbeck has received the call to Faith in Markesan, WI. Faith has also called two half-time teachers for one year: Marie Muehlenhaupt and Barry Hay. Barry Hay has accepted the call to teach in the upper grade classroom. Collette Krause has received the call to teach at Trinity in Watertown, SD.

**Sign Up
for
VBS!**

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Bible is Our Basis ...

... for a foundation	<i>For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11</i>
... for strength	<i>God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1</i>
... for guidance	<i>Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. Psalm 119:105</i>
... for salvation	<i>Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12</i>
... for eternal life	<i>And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. John 17:3</i>
... for doctrine	<i>All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16</i>
... for fellowship	<i>Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. Romans 16:17</i>
... for forgiveness	<i>In [Jesus] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:14</i>
... for love	<i>In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10</i>
... for wisdom	<i>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10</i>
... for truth	<i>Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. John 17:17</i>
... for peace	<i>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7</i>

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Janelle Hein**

Elder: **Brandt Wendland**

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

Counting Team 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Benno Sydow;
Brandt Wendland; Chad Hestekin**

Church Cleaners: **Welker**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

Counting Team 4: **Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust;
James Bomber**

Church Cleaners: **Welker**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., June 14: **Grace Lutheran's 60th Anniversary Celebration**

9:00 am – Grace Lutheran 60th Anniversary Service

10:15 am – Potluck Meal

June 16-18: CLC General Pastoral Conference @ Eau Claire, WI

Sun., June 21: 9:00 am – Worship Service

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)

Last Week's Stats: June 7, 2015 Sun.: 108

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,499.70	CLC:	\$886.60
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,340.00	CLC:	1,060.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+159.70	CLC:	-173.40
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$70,937.63	CLC:	\$19,692.15
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	76,820.00	CLC:	24,380.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-5,882.37	CLC:	-4,687.85
GLC Other: 33.00	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	188.00
SAF Endowment: 0.00	MDF:	175.00	Kinship:	55.00
ILC Student Aid: 0.00	ILC Bldg.	255.00	IIF: 5.00	CEF: 5.00
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