

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Frank Radichel

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: Hein

School: NA

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: Kitzman

School: Kanneh

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Nov. 29:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- Wed., Dec. 2:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship Service
- Sun., Dec. 6:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- Wed., Dec. 9:** 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship
- Thu., Dec. 10:** 2:00 pm – Christian Day School Concert at Northtown Mall
- Sun., Dec. 13:** 12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital
- Wed., Dec. 16:** 6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Dinner
7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship
- Fri., Dec. 18:** 4:00 pm – Missionary Evensen Commissioning @ Messiah
7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert
- Sun., Dec. 20:** 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal; 12:00 Council Meeting
3:00 pm – Christmas Caroling
- Thu., Dec. 24:** 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship
- Fri., Dec. 25:** 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship
- Thu., Dec. 31:** 7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper

Grace Lutheran Church & School



For the
child
conceived
in her is
from the
Holy
Spirit.

Matthew 1:20,

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 25

Date: November 29, 2015

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 19, TLH p. 126*

Hymn: *TLH 60: Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 5 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie): *TLH, pp. 6-7*

P: Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,

C: The world and those who dwell in it;

P: Let the rivers clap *their* hands;

C: Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD,

P: For He is coming to judge the earth.

C: With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity. Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 237, st. 1: All Glory Be to God on High*

All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign
on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

First Reading: *Micah 4:1-7*

In the Messianic era, people and nations will flow into Zion and know the peace and strength that God grants to the Church.

Gradual:

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C: Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!

P: See, your King comes to you,

C: Righteous and having salvation.

P: Alleluia, Alleluia. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: From the house of the Lord we bless You! Alleluia.



Second Reading: *Romans 15:4-13*

Peace and joy is the gift of God to all who hope in Him as together we find comfort and hope in the Scriptures.

Confession of Faith: *Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12*

Hymn: *TLH 274: Praise We the Lord This Day*

Sermon: *Luke 1:26-31,34,35*

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.... Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

THE ANGEL GABRIEL APPEARS TO MARY

1. A consequence of God's grace to her and to the world
2. The miracle of grace manifest in the virgin birth
3. The gift of grace manifest in her Son

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 95: Savior of the Nations, Come*

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: *TLH p. 14*

Hymn: *TLH 85, st. 13: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

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!

Thanks to Pastor Emeritus Daniel Fleischer for sharing the Word today. Pastor Hein is at Eden Prairie.

✠ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✠

- ◆ **Bible Class:** On Dec. 6 (next Sunday) and 13, Pastor intends to present pictures and video from his trip to Liberia. This starts at 9 am.
 - ◆ **Midweek Advent Services:** On Wed., Dec. 2, 9, and 16, at 7 pm. Our last midweek service on Dec. 16 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 16. Those attending may bring sandwiches, salads, or a dish to share.
 - ◆ **Poinsettias:** A signup sheet for Christmas Poinsettias is by the guest book. Please signup if you are interested in purchasing a plant for our Advent/Christmas services. For questions, consult Jackie Radichel.
 - ◆ **Northtown Concert:** This year the Grace School children will be singing at the Northtown Mall earlier than normal, on Thu., Dec. 10, 2 pm.
 - ◆ **Christmas Eve Service:** This is the rehearsal schedule:
 - Sun., Nov. 29: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
 - Sun., Dec. 6: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
 - Sun., Dec. 13: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
 - Sun., Dec. 20: 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, grade level parts by second rehearsal, and entire children parts by the third rehearsal. The three "Luke 2" parts are all together as a group. Parents are encouraged not to have your children formally memorize Luke 2 and Psalm 23, but to simply say it with the children once or twice a day. By the time Christmas Eve comes around, they will know these well. Each child should attend at least 3 sessions, but attending all is obviously the most preferable. The last rehearsal on December 20 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: *The Good Shepherd is Born!* The kids are asked to be here 1/2 hour prior to the service so that we can take a group picture and run through things. Christmas Day worship will be held at 10:00 am.
 - ◆ **Catechism Break:** We will be having a two-week break for midweek Catechism students on Dec. 23 and 30.
 - ◆ **2016 Cleaning:** The 2016 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.

- ◆ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ◆ **Parking Lot:** To make a contribution toward replacing this, write in "Parking Lot" on one of the Project lines of your offering envelope.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **ILC Recital:** The ILC Piano/Organ Recital will be held on Sun., Dec. 13, at 3:00 p.m. in the ILC Fieldhouse.
- ◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** Immanuel's Christmas concert this year will be held on Fri., Dec. 18, 7:30 pm, at Eau Claire. There is a signup list by the guestbook should you like to ride the bus to the concert.
- ◆ **Invitation:** The Commissioning of CLC Foreign Missionary Peter Evensen will take place at 4:00 pm on Fri., Dec. 18 (prior to the ILC Christmas Concert) at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI
- ◆ **Immanuel Maintenance Position:** With the retirement of Ron Porath at the end of March, Immanuel Lutheran College will have a vacancy in the position of a full-time maintenance man. Interested applicants may direct inquiries about the position, applications, and resumes to ILC president, Prof. Steve Sippert (steve.sippert@ilc.edu or 715-836-6620). The deadline for applications is January 10.
- ◆ **ILC President Nominations:** The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Steve Sippert expires June 30, 2016. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2016. Nominations must be written or E-mailed no later than midnight January 5, 2016 to: Mr. Craig Ryan; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131; E-Mail: cryan@page1printers.com.
- ◆ **ILC Retirement:** This week Professor John Pfeiffer announced to the Regents his retirement effective at the end of this current academic year. He had previously announced his intent to retire at the end of the 2016-17 school year, but some recent complications with health issues have led him to move up the date since he knows that time is needed in order to call another faculty member. The process for replacement is underway and further announcements will be forthcoming. We thank the Lord for the use of Prof. Pfeiffer's theological gifts for the edification of the congregations he served and for preparing pastors for ministry in our church body! May the Lord bless him in this next phase of his life and continue to enable him to use his extensive gifts in the Lord's kingdom.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross in Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call to Gethsemane in Spokane Valley, WA.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Christmas Eve Recitations

**Doctrinal Discussions Continue
between the CLC, the ELS, and WELS**

(From CLC President Michael Eichstadt)

Representatives from the Church of the Lutheran Confession, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod met in Waukesha, WI, on November 13 to continue formal doctrinal discussions. The group made final edits on a joint statement on the biblical doctrine of fellowship. This statement had been adopted by the group as a draft in an earlier meeting and had been shared with the doctrinal committees of all three synods. Comments from those committees were considered in the writing of the latest draft. The revised statement will be shared again with the doctrinal committees for additional input.

The group also spent a portion of the meeting addressing how the biblical doctrine of fellowship is applied in various situations. One significant area of discussion is how the biblical fellowship principles impact participation in various organizations that may have religious elements in their governing documents or in how the organizations function. Another subject for discussion was the biblical doctrine of the role of men and women in the church, in marriage, and in society. Discussion of these matters will continue at the next meeting, planned for early in 2016.

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 22, 2015 Sun.: 118 S.S.: 19 B.Cl.: 47 Wed.: 88			
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,864.82	CLC: \$1,215.00
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	632.00	CLC: 70.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,340.00	CLC: 1,060.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+156.82	CLC: +225.00
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$143,278.11	CLC: \$40,638.45
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	156,980.00	CLC: 49,820.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-13,701.89	CLC: -9,181.55
GLC Other: 259.80	Living Faith: 0.00	Tuition Aid: 125.00	
SAF Endowment: 0.00	MDF: 50.00	Kinship: 100.00	
ILC Student Aid: 50.00	ILC Bldg. 200.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot: 8,746.00	Tuition Aid: 1,262.12	

The following is the nomination slate for 2015:

- President: Eli Wales
- Vice President: Roger Ochsner, Ryan Oman
- Secretary: Fred Dauer, Roger Ochsner
- Treasurer: Phil Radichel, Al Rosendahl
- Elder: Phil Radichel, Al Rosendahl
- Education: Phil Flesner, Pat Paplow
- Trustee: Phil Flesner, Pat Paplow

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Season Worship Schedule

Midweek Advent Services:

Wed., Dec. 2 – 7:00 pm
 Wed., Dec. 9 – 7:00 pm
 Special meditations on
 “Jesus, Tender Shepherd,
 Hear Me,” seeing how Jesus
 shepherds us with His rod,
 staff, and sacrifice.

Candlelight Service:

Wed., Dec. 16 – 7:00 pm
 A service of readings & hymns
 along with the lighting of
 candles to celebrate the light
 of Christ’s rule in our hearts.
 Preceded by Congregational
 Christmas Meal @ 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service:

Wed., Dec. 24 – 6:00 pm
 A service in which the
 children present the
 timeless and treasured
 Christmas message with
 the theme, “The Good
 Shepherd is Born!”

Christmas Day Service:

Thu., Dec. 25 – 10:00 am
 A service in which we
 ponder the fulfillment of
 Christ being born as
 True Man and True God
 in order to bring us
 salvation.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD IS BORN!