

## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Maureen Ochsner      Elder: Al Rosendahl  
Ushers: James Bomber, Eli Wales, David Hein, Michael Ude, Ryan Oman

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

Church Cleaners: Sydow

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

Counting Team 3: Brian Eichstadt; Phil Flesner; Chad Hestekin; Benno Sydow

Church Cleaners: Sydow

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., June 5:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper  
 3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conference @ Mankato, MN

**Thu., June 9:** 6:00 pm – Meet for Spring Lake Park Parade

**Sun., June 12:** 9:00 am – Worship Service  
 10:15 am – Yannarely Baby Shower  
 11:00 am – Council Meeting

**June 23-26:** CLC Convention @ Eau Claire, WI

**Sat., June 25:** 9:00 am – Work Day  
 3:30 pm – CLC Convention Worship Service @ Messiah

**Sun., July 17:** Voters and Dorcas Guild Meetings

**July 25-29:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

**Mon., Aug. 22:** 10:00 am – Immanuel Opening Worship Service

**Mon., Aug. 29:** Grace School Opening

**Last Week's Stats:** May 29, 2016 Sun.: 98

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,821.00	CLC:	\$990.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-479.00	CLC:	-10.00	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$66,456.74	CLC:	\$20,130.35	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	72,600.00	CLC:	22,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-6,143.26	CLC:	-1,869.65	
GLC Other:	380.50	Living Faith:	50.00	Tuition Aid:	120.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	70.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	100.00	ILC Bldg.	300.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	15,141.75	Tuition Aid:	1,841.12

*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!*

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**Date:** June 5, 2016

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 411, st. 1-5: From Eternity, O God  
 TLH 342: Chief of Sinners Though I Be  
 WS 776: Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You  
 Communion: TLH 310

TLH 309: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 30, TLH p. 129 f.

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 15 (Communion)  
 Gloria: TLH 36:3

### Scripture Reading:

1 Kings 17:17-24  
 Luke 7:11-17

### Sermon: Galatians 1:11-24

<sup>11</sup>But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. <sup>12</sup>For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup>For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup>And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup>But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, <sup>16</sup>to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, <sup>17</sup>nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. <sup>18</sup>Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup>But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother. <sup>20</sup>(Now concerning the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie.) <sup>21</sup>Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup>And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which were in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy." <sup>24</sup>And they glorified God in me. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

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## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Parade:** This Thur., June 9, our school will be walking in the Spring Lake Park Tower Days Parade. All are invited to participate to help let the community know about the treasure of our Christian school! We hope that all of our students and parents will be able to participate in this. We will meet in the parking lot at Woodcrest School at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Baby Shower:** A baby shower will be held for Sarah Yannarely (nee Stifter) on June 12 after church in the fellowship hall. RSVP to Heidi Nelson or Laura Wales. The invitation is on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** On July 25-29, 9:00-11:30 am, we will be having our VBS. This includes children age 4 years, to children going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please register your children on the sheet by the guest book. We still need coordinators for crafts and music. Please consider this labor of love and let Pastor know of your willingness.
- ◆ **Professorage Update:** Volunteer help is still being sought after Convention. Projects include: new windows & siding, new carpeting/flooring, updating kitchen, painting inside, and fencing in the back yard. Those who are able to help with any of these projects, please contact Pastor Paul Tiefel (715-829-2000/tiefels@hotmail.com).
- ◆ **Invitation:** Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran, West Columbia, SC, asks you to join them in giving thanks to the Lord of the Church for the gift of His servant, Pastor Vance Fossum, who will be retiring from the ministry on Sun., July 3. There will be a meal and presentation plus outdoor activities. Contact Glenn Oster, goster@CLCLutheran.com.
- ◆ **Reformation Hymns Poetry:** The CLC Worship Committee is inviting church members to submit original Reformation-themed hymn poetry for potential use in our congregations. Authors should set their work to a known hymn tune and while they may copyright their submissions, hymns should be licensed in a way so as to allow free distribution and use. Interested writers may contact Pastor David Schaller (bach\_leipzig@hotmail.com) to request a submission form containing further information. The deadline is September 30, 2016.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran in Eagle Lake, MN, has received the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran in Grand Rapids, MI. ✠ Seminary Graduate Joseph Naumann has returned the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights, MI (Detroit area). He has accepted the call to become associate pastor at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. ✠ Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye and Faith Lutheran in New Ulm, MN, has received the call to Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI. ✠ Rev. Matthew Ude, former foreign missionary, has received the call to Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL (Chicago area). ✠ Teacher Jeff Karnitz of St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area), has accepted the call to Gethsemane Lutheran School in Spokane Valley, WA. ✠ Teacher Graduate Andrew Roehl has accepted the call to teach lower grades at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire WI.

## The Lord's Supper Preparation

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."

### Prayer before the Lord's Supper:

Lord God, You invite all who are burdened with sin to come to You for rest. In the sacrament of Holy Baptism You called me to be Your child by the Holy Spirit. I now come at Your invitation to receive the holy body and blood of my Savior, Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Prepare my heart, Lord, to receive this precious meal with a repentant heart: sorry for my sins and recognizing they deserve punishment, but also rejoicing in the full forgiveness You have granted me by grace through Jesus' holy and precious blood shed for me at the cross. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope in You, and assure me of Your blessed peace. Hear me for the sake of Jesus, my dear Savior. Amen.

### Prayer after the Lord's Supper:

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to me in this holy sacrament. Thanks and praise be to You for Your divine tenderness and love shown to me, Your child. I humbly ask you, now that I've received Your body and blood in the Sacrament, continue to fill me with the power of Your Holy Spirit. May I be led to ever embrace by faith the treasures of Your grace imparted to me, especially the forgiveness of sins and fellowship with You. Keep me in Your faith and favor that I may live in You and You may live in me. Let the love that You have shown me enable me, with a forgiven and tender heart, to love You and my neighbor. Preserve me in the true faith until everlasting life. Hear me, O Jesus, for the sake of Your dear name. Amen.

### TLH 306

1. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast prepared  
A feast for our salvation,  
It is Thy body and Thy blood;  
And at Thy invitation  
As weary souls, with sin opprest,  
We come to Thee for needed rest,  
For comfort and for pardon.

4. We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
Thy precious Word believing  
That Thy true body and Thy blood  
Our lips are here receiving.  
This word remains forever true,  
And there is naught Thou canst not do;  
For Thou, Lord, art almighty.

7. Grant that we worthily receive  
Thy Supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving o'er our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Thy grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.

8. For Thy consoling Supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in every place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this Sacrament may be  
A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

### 1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

## OUR BLESSED INHERITANCE

Something came across online on Memorial Day weekend that struck a chord. “I have been blessed beyond measure to inherit a free country because others have fought and many have died.” Americans appreciate that sentiment, even as many among us are troubled today at the loss of much of what it was for which mostly young warriors died. It is indeed a cold, hard heart that is not moved when one drives through the national cemeteries with row upon row of white monuments, or hears taps played at the burial of one who, as President Lincoln so eloquently said, “gave the last full measure of devotion.”<sup>(1)</sup> Today we are confronted with the horrors of war also in the many wounded warriors who with the medical advancements have survived wounds of which they would have died in previous wars. We salute them for their sacrifice.

It is the nature of life, as well as of nations that as time moves on things change. As much as succeeding generations remember the past and to a certain extent wish it were as it was, few, if any, spurn the advancements that contribute to the life we know today. We enjoy the technology and the myriad of things that make life easier and comfortable, and which contribute to our personal health and welfare.

Today many lament the abuse of the very thing for which men and women fought and died. National cemeteries remind us that *freedom is not free*. A nation that forgets that *freedom is not free* is a nation on the decline. Not only is freedom not free in that the preservation of it costs lives. The exercise of freedom carries with it the burden of *responsibility*, something that is increasingly forgotten today. The majority of the fallen world believes it is free to do what is right in its own eyes. The attitude is, “I have the right to be irresponsible if I want to be.” Of course under our constitution one has that freedom. The difference from the past is that irresponsibility often bore consequences, whereas today it is more likely than not viewed with a wink.

Where the attitude prevails that everyone is free to use freedom as he or she chooses you have what we are seeing in our nation today—the flaunting of things that were recognized as sin which today have become acceptable, and even approved under the law. Under no circumstance is freedom license. It was in a different context, that of the *Christian* life, that Paul wrote, “For you brethren have been called to liberty; only *do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh*, but through love serve one another” (Galatians 5:13). Different context, but timeless advice, even for society that has no use for the Lord! “Freedom means walking, conducting oneself, by the power and leading of the Spirit. It means entering that struggle against the flesh and its desires which a man can wage and win only in the power of the Spirit. It means living a life *led by the Spirit*, a life which moves on a level that the Law’s threats and condemnation cannot touch. It means that Christ’s death to sin (crucified) becomes a reality *in those who belong to Christ*.”<sup>(2)</sup> Through Jeremiah the Lord admonished the exiles in Babylon: “And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the Lord for it; for in its peace you will have peace” (Jeremiah 29:7). Responsibility means that children of God have a higher bar of conduct than the ungodly and self-serving who recognize none! Blessing follows upon responsible living.

Another apostle of our Lord said, “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your *good* works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— *as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bond-servants of God*. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king” (1 Peter 2:11-17).

Christian responsibility in exercise of freedom while living in the world is not necessarily appreciated by those who use their freedom to sin, live immorally, and who hypocritically claim freedom of words and actions that they deny others who disagree with them. Living one’s faith in word and deed will reap anger, hatred and persecution in the world as we are seeing increasingly in our society. Peter addressed this also. The admonition, while addressed to Christians, would serve society well. “*Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh*. For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God” (1 Peter 2:19-20). In following verses he reminds us of the suffering of the Lord Jesus Who when He was reviled did not revile in return. By His patient endurance of evil from the hands of ungodly men, Jesus bore our sins to the cross to win for us a better inheritance than any material inheritance that we can receive.

For the child of God it is the blessed inheritance of heaven that sustains him while in this life, and which also makes the burdens he is called to bear tolerable. The Lord who has redeemed us from the heaviest burden, our own sins, never calls us to carry burdens He will not help us bear. Our blessed Savior said, “Come to Me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30).

Jesus bore the burden of our sin. It was one we could not bear, one that causes restlessness and fear. He died and rose again to seal the promise He spoke through Jeremiah: “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11). Our Lord invites us to come regularly to hear the Gospel, that by word and sacrament we might learn and be assured of the future and the hope that will be fulfilled. Come what may while we wait, every Christ-believer will come into eternal possession of the inheritance that awaits in heaven with the Lord. This is our future.

Our Lord has won it for us, and the Holy Spirit has called us to possession of the inheritance with the saints in light. It is “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” (1 Peter 1:4-5). It is the inheritance “which neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matthew 6:19). It is in the heavenly lock-box with the name of each of God’s children on it, to be opened on the day that the Lord says, “Come you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Matthew 25:34).

In Christ “We have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him Who works all things according to His will ...” (Ephesians 1:11) “... In whom also having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, Who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory” (Ephesians 1:14).

Though free to us, freedom is not free. It cost Jesus His life-blood. He died to win it for us. “I have been blessed beyond measure to inherit heaven because Jesus conquered sin, death, and the devil, and died and rose for me.” With all the changing scenes of life on earth, neither the freedom of the child of God in Christ, nor the inheritance of heaven changes. Let us guard our inheritance carefully and *use our freedom in Christ responsibly* to the praise of the honor of His grace until we shall come to the fullness of the inheritance with our Lord forever. To do so also serves the nation in which we live while we wait for the call Home.

1) Lincoln Gettysburg Address

2) Franzmann, Martin, *Concordia Bible with Notes* CPH, St. Louis, MO p.236