

## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Ryan Mueller      Elder: Al Rosendahl  
Ushers: Al Rosendahl; Scott Baker; Chad Hestekin; David Stifter; Lyle Trulin  
Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Pat Paplow; Phil Radichel  
Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan  
Church Cleaners: Boe/Ochsner    School: Pearson

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Nick Duehlmeier; Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Ned Sandhoefner  
Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker  
Hospitality Team 4: James & April Bomber; Rachelle Kanneh; Heidi Nelson; Bob & Suki Vandever  
Church Cleaners: D. & N. Rust    School: Pearson

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., Feb. 5:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Epiphany 5)  
 11:15 am – Hospitality  
**Mon., Feb. 6:** 10:00 am – MN Pastoral Study Club (here at Grace)  
**Wed., Feb. 8:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
**Sun., Feb. 12:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 6)  
 11:15 am – Hospitality  
 12:00 pm – Council Meeting  
**Wed., Mar. 1:** Ash Wednesday – Midweek Lenten Worship Begins  
**March 10-12:** Grade School Basketball Tournament for CLC Youth  
**Sun., Mar. 19:** 7:00 pm – Immanuel Tour Choir Concert

**Last Week's Stats:** Jan. 29, 2017    Sun.: 98    S.S.: 14    B.Cl.: 40

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,582.18	CLC:	\$1,025.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	950.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,282.18	CLC:	+75.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$16,658.53	CLC:	\$4,010.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	16,500.00	CLC:	4,750.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+158.53	CLC:	-740.00	
GLC Other:	227.45	Living Faith:	100.00	Tuition Aid:	115.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	50.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	120.00	IIF:	0.00
				CEF:	0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	20,241.25	Tuition Aid:	2,612.12

## Grace Lutheran Church & School



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**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Church Year:** Epiphany 5

**Date:** February 5, 2017

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 354: In the Cross of Christ I Glory  
 TLH 408: Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory  
 TLH 175: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
 Communion: TLH 305  
 TLH 346, st. 1, 4-6: Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be  
 Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 111, TLH p. 147

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 15 (Communion)  
 Gloria: TLH pp. 7-9

### Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 58:5-9a  
 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

### Sermon: Jeremiah 9:23-24

<sup>23</sup> Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might, Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches; <sup>24</sup> But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

The REAL Super Bowl –  
 Our Pride Vs. the LORD's Glory

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Immanuel Tour Choir:** Grace has been asked to host the Immanuel Tour Choir for an evening concert at 7 pm, Sunday, March 19. This year's tour (March 10-19) will be going west to Washington. Dorcas Guild committee #2 will be hosting a meal for the choir beforehand.
- ◆ **Cell Phones:** Please turn off during church so as not to interfere with the projection system and with the worship of your fellow Christians.
- ◆ **Women's Retreat:** Save the date for the 2017 Women's Retreat on April 21-23! This will be held in Winona, MN. This year's theme is "Thy Will Be Done" and is based upon Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." Registration is now open at: LadiesRetreat.CLClutheran.net. If you do not have Internet access and would like assistance registering, contact Heidi Nelson for assistance. The deadline for registration is March 21.
- ◆ **Men's Retreat:** Men 18 and older are invited to a retreat for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The theme for this weekend is: "Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). The retreat will be held Sept. 22-24, at Wyalusing State Park near Praire Du Chein, WI, an hour south of LaCrosse. Information may be found at [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org). The cost is \$75 which includes lodging, meals, and activities. Registration deadline is August 1. If you have any questions please speak to your pastor or contact Nathanael Mayhew at [ndmayhew@juno.com](mailto:ndmayhew@juno.com) or 404-729-4602.
- ◆ **After Banquet Committee:** Parents of Immanuel Lutheran High School are currently working on this year's After Banquet Party to be held May 6. We rely on donations from parents, church members, and local businesses. We are able to buy some prizes, but if you would like to donate a prize, that would be greatly appreciated. Even home baked items or care packages are a great gift idea. Monetary donations may be sent to: ILC After Banquet Committee, c/o Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Questions may be directed to [joannagamble@hotmail.com](mailto:joannagamble@hotmail.com). Thank You!
- ◆ **Tournament Band:** The 14th Annual Tournament Band will be performing at the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI on Saturday, March 11. Any CLC band student in grades 5-8 is invited to play with us. Six songs are posted online—just select the music for your instrument and print. You do not have to be playing on a basketball team to play with the group. Rehearsal and performance will both happen on March 11. For music, go to <http://clclutheran.net/tourney> and click on "Band information" If you have any questions, and to send in registrations, please contact Laurie Lau, Eau Claire at [music@thelaus.com](mailto:music@thelaus.com)

- ◆ **Evangelism Workshop:** Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire is sponsoring an Evangelism Workshop for Sun., Feb. 26, 2:30 pm. We will be hearing and discussing how the truths which were brought to light once more in the Lutheran Reformation are the same truths that save today. We'll be focusing on practical ways to share the message of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, founded on Scripture alone. There will be three presenters, as well as small-group discussion time. The workshop will be followed by a chili supper at 5:30 pm. The sponsors would appreciate hearing from those who are coming, for planning purposes. Please contact Dave Schrader at [dave41schr@yahoo.com](mailto:dave41schr@yahoo.com) or 715-797-6787.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Mark Weis of Grace Lutheran in Cape Coral, FL, has received the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran in Grand Rapids, MI. He has returned this call. ✠ Pastor Edward Starkey of Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX, has received the call to St. Luke's Lutheran in Lemmon, SD. ✠ Mr. Brandon Heinze has accepted the call to teach Mathematics at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. ✠ Miss Heidi Radtke has received the call to teach grades 3 and 4 at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. ✠ Miss Heidi Radtke has received the call to be the second teacher at St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area). ✠ Resignation: Ernest Bernet has resigned from the public ministry of the CLC and from membership in the church body (from President Eichstadt).
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #14 – First Article, Part 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!*

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*The proud hate pride — in others.* - Benjamin Franklin

*Criticism is often a form of self-boasting.* - Anonymous

*A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you're looking down, you can't see something above you.* - C.S. Lewis

*Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ... He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.* - Phil. 2:5,8

*He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.* - 1 Cor. 1:31

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Pride

## 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?

## LUTHERAN IDENTIFICATION

What does the term *Christian* mean? Today there are almost as many definitions as there are people who call themselves Christian. Christian has taken on baggage far removed from the real meaning of the word used in Antioch where the disciples of the Lord Jesus were first called Christian because they followed Christ (Acts 11:26). *By today's definition*, the terms Christian or Christianity with the moralism, the do good and you are good philosophy, and the empty religiosity are indistinguishable from any other religion or philosophy. Simply put, what does the statement "I am a Christian" mean today, unless one takes the time to explain it?

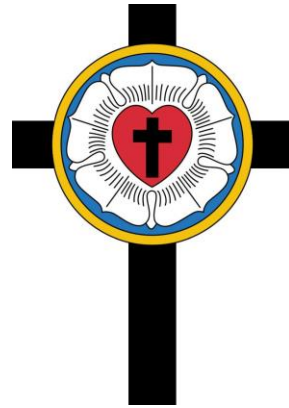
The foundation of Christianity is the virgin-born, eternal Son of God, Jesus Christ. A Christian is one whose faith and hope is in Christ, and whose confidence of salvation is built upon the redemptive work of Christ. "The Christian religion is a living faith in the living God, Who has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ, has sent His Son, and is gracious for Christ's sake — nothing else." <sup>(1)</sup> Salvation by grace (*sola gratia*) through faith (*sola fidei*) in Christ (*solo Christo*) is the heart and core of Biblical teaching, and the Christian faith.

To put it another way, Christianity is built without qualification "on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone ..." (Ephesians 2:20). The Christian faith rests upon the objective Word of God which by its own definition endures forever <sup>(1 Peter 1:25)</sup>. The faithful Christian therefore does not argue with God, accuse God of lying, or change or reinterpret His Word to suit the moment or one's opinion.

The name Lutheran suffers the same abuse as the name Christian. What is a Lutheran? There is a wide divergence within Lutheranism today. To identify as a Lutheran frequently identifies one with doctrines and practices that are far removed from what its namesake, Martin Luther, confessed, believed, and taught. Luther would not identify with and we suspect in his inimitable way would scorch anyone or any fellowship that denied the *Sola Scriptura* principle (By Scripture alone). To Luther, faith in Christ alone made a Lutheran; being a Lutheran meant being loyal to Scripture. If what was taught was not Scripture, it was not Lutheran. Nevertheless, within Lutheranism today one hears

denial of Scripture alone, denial of creation, denial of the virgin birth, denial of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone. Many within Lutheranism have no concept of the Scriptural doctrine of church fellowship. Within Lutheranism one will find acceptance of, if not promotion of abortion, practice of homosexuality, and ordination of lesbians and homosexuals into the ministry. Within Lutheranism the divine institution of marriage as the union of one man and one woman has been twisted and distorted. The public press, ignorant of Scripture, and dismissive of Scripture will declare on any number of subjects, “Lutherans say, approve, declare, engage in ...” It colors all Lutherans with the same brush.

To that we say, “To say one is a Lutheran does not a Lutheran make.” Luther was concerned about the welfare of the Lutheran Church, and to his expression we do well to take heed. “Our church will not be endangered as greatly by the oppressive measures of tyrants as by the indifference of our own people.”<sup>(2)</sup> His concern was not the simple perpetuation of a church called Lutheran, but the Lutheran Church as a repository of the pure Gospel.



We reiterate: the single and absolute source of truth is Scripture. God’s Word is truth (John 17:17). When Jesus asked the disciples if they were going to walk away from Him as many pseudo-followers had done, they responded, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). And *that* is what faithfulness to Christ and the Word is all about, both with respect to the believing and the teaching. They who stand in the truth and confess the truth have the certainty of eternal salvation. On the other hand, they who flirt with error endanger their eternal well-being. They who reject the truth and Christ are damned (Mark 16:16).

How then shall we identify the church that is truly Lutheran? By comparing what is taught and practiced within it with the Scripture, and by comparing the confessions of the Lutheran Church to the Scriptures. Faithful Lutherans identify with the historic Confessions *because* they are a faithful expression of Scripture. The Confessions do not replace Holy Scripture but are a confession of what faithful Lutherans believe from Scripture.

### Ecumenical Creeds of Christendom:

- The Apostolic Creed
- The Nicene Creed (325/381)
- The Athanasian Creed (500)

### Distinctive Lutheran Confessions:

- The Augsburg Confession (1530)
- The Apology (Defense) of the Augsburg Confession (1530)
- The Small Catechism of Martin Luther (1529)
- The Large Catechism of Martin Luther (1529)
- The Smalcald Articles (1537)
- The Formula of Concord (1577)

These Creeds are gathered together in the *Book of Concord* of 1580.

“Therefore, beloved ..., be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation — as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen” (2 Peter 3:14-18).

1) *What Luther Says*, Vol. I, page 247 Note: Harnack, A. *Dogmengeschichte*, p. 419  
 2) *WLS*, Vol. II, p. 870, para.2714

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