

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jaelle Hein

Elder: Benno Sydow

Ushers: Roger Ochsner; Bob Maki; Jack Maki; John Maki;
Joel Stifter

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

Hospitality Team 5: Andrea Dahl; Pat & Dawn Paplow;
Frank & Ann Radichel

Church Cleaners: Volunteer? School: Kanneh

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Roger Ochsner; Bob Maki; Jack Maki; John Maki;
Joel Stifter

Counting Team 3: Larry Brandt; Brian Eichstadt; Duane
Enns; Phil Flesner; Chad Hestekin; Benno Sydow

Hospitality Team: None – Easter Breakfast

Church Cleaners: Volunteer? School: LaDue

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Apr. 9: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Palm Sunday)
11:15 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Dorcas Guild Meeting; 12:00 pm – Council
4:00 pm – Prof. Gordon Radtke Funeral

Wed., Apr. 12: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Thu., Apr. 13: **MAUNDY THURSDAY** (No Worship)

Fri., Apr. 14: **GOOD FRIDAY**
7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship

Sun., Apr. 16: **EASTER** (S.S., Bible Class, Hospitality Suspended)
7:30 am – Easter Breakfast
9:00 am – Easter Festival Worship

Sun., Apr. 23: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Voters Meeting (week later due to Easter)

Fri., Apr. 28: Immanuel High School Visitors' Day @ Eau Claire, WI

Apr. 28-29: 7:30 pm – Immanuel Play, "Harvey"

Sat., Apr. 29: 9:00 am – Work Day at Grace

Fri., May 12: Field Day (5th-8th grade, by Berea in Inver Grove Hts.)

Fri., May 19: 3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day @ Fieldhouse
7:30 pm – Immanuel Spring Concert @ Messiah Lutheran
10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation Service @ Fieldhouse

Sat., May 20: Confirmation Sunday

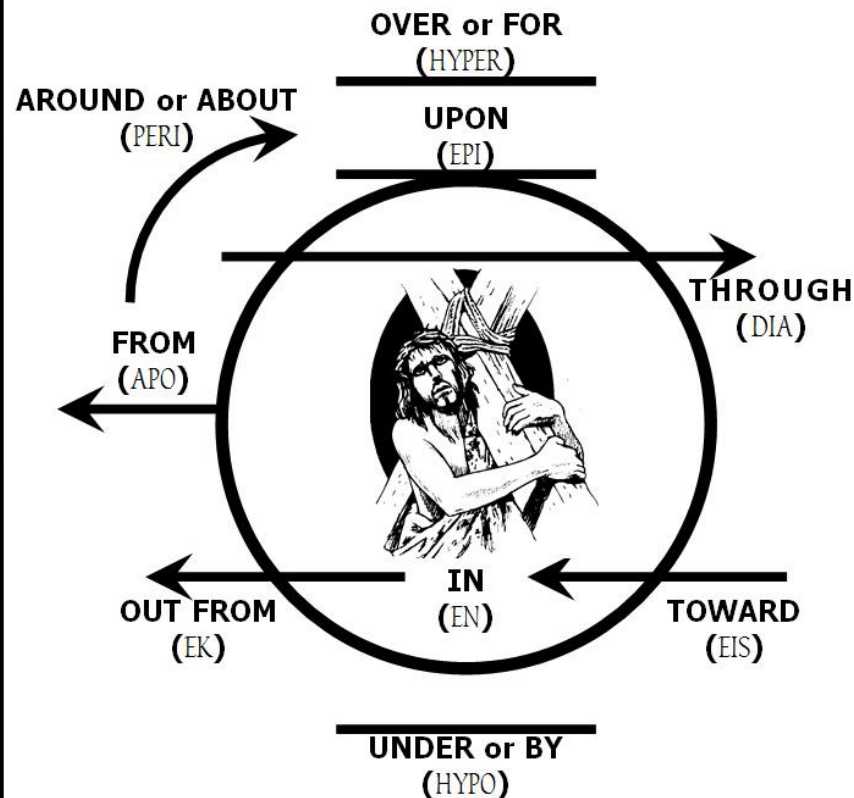
Sun., May 21: 7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program

Wed., May 24: 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer

Thu., May 25: 7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship

July 24-28: Vacation Bible School

Powerful Propositions through Prepositions



Lent 2017

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Palm Sunday

Date: April 9, 2017

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 162: Ride On, Ride One, in Majesty

Choir & CDS (after Collect): Hosanna Processional

CDS Mini-Concert (after Creed): Children of the Heavenly

Father; My Jesus is My Lasting Joy; Oh Lord, Be My Rock

TLH 148:1-8: Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light

TLH 161: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Worship Prep:

Psalms 24, TLH p. 128

Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Projected)

Scripture Reading:

Zechariah 9:9-10

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: Ephesians 5:13-14

¹³ But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. ¹⁴ Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." (NKJVTM)

Powerful Propositions
through Prepositions:
"Exposed BY the Light"

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Today's Singing:** The Christian Day School will be presenting a mini-concert. Thanks to the children and the teachers for the preparation they have made for our worship service!
- ◆ **Meetings Today:** The Council and Dorcas Guild are meeting today.
- ◆ **Voters Meeting:** Due to Easter falling on its normal date, the quarterly Voters meeting will be on April 23.
- ◆ **Good Friday:** This Friday at 7 pm we will be holding our Good Friday service. The Lord's Supper will also be celebrated. The Day our Savior died is very precious for us as redeemed sinners. Let's honor it by pondering His profound love for us.
- ◆ **Easter Day Next Sunday:** We will be having the Easter breakfast at 7:30 am, followed by the Easter worship service at 9:00 am. What an opportunity we have to gather in worship on the day we commemorate our Lord's glorious resurrection from the dead!
- ◆ **Easter Breakfast:** Those men interested in helping with the breakfast are asked to sign up for various duties. The list is by the guest book.
- ◆ **Soup Suppers Appreciation:** Thanks to all those who hosted soup suppers this Lenten season. It helped spread the work and cost among the families involved.
- ◆ **Funeral:** On Thursday, April 6, the Lord in His mercy transferred Professor Em. Gordon Radtke from the church militant to the church triumphant. Prof. Radtke served Immanuel Lutheran College for many years as a professor and also as one of its presidents. The victory service will be held at 4 pm today at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire. Visitation will begin one hour prior, and a luncheon will follow the service. Correspondence may be addressed to: The Gordon Radtke Family, 1105 Rainetta Dr., Eau Claire, WI 54701. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. 'Yes,' says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." (Revelation 14:13)
- ◆ **Farewell Service:** Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato, MN, will be hosting a farewell service and meal for Pastor Paul Nolting on Sun., May 14 at its 9:30 am service.
- ◆ **Immanuel Visitors Day:** Students in grades 7 and up are invited to Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitor's Day in Eau Claire, WI, on Fri., April 28, 2017, starting at 8 am. Students will have an opportunity to experience firsthand what it would be like to attend Immanuel. Activities will include a campus tour, classroom experience, sports and co-curricular experience, Q & A time, team activities, band concert, and a play performance of Harvey. Speak with Pastor about your interest in this. You can also contact Prof. Joel Gullerud at 715-544-8446 or joel.gullerud@ilc.edu with any questions.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Miss Becky McKenney from Fort Atkinson, WI, has returned the call to serve as the second teacher at St. Stephen Lutheran School in Mountain View, CA. ✠ Mrs. Becky Buck has been called to be the 3rd-4th grade teacher at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Easter Recitation and Hymn

CLC Financial Report - March

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2016	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 9 Months	Balance 3/31/2017
General Fund	0	717,634	677,668	\$675,000	39,966
ILC Operations	0	1,027,572	916,746	502,200	110,826
Total	\$0	\$1,745,206	\$1,594,414	\$1,177,200	\$150,792
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	15,928	15,308	11,302		19,934
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	12,682	149,042	109,044		52,680
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	46,243	205,348	181,355		70,236
Kinship	56,626	71,194	88,858		38,962
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,291,661	813,048	573,315		1,531,394
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	10,103	137,051	140,785		6,369
Reserve Fund	119,697	0	0	Correction on 9/1/16 →	146,111
Total	\$1,552,940	\$1,390,991	\$1,104,659		\$1,865,686

ILC Academic Center Mortgage (& North Hall Renovation)	
Beginning Balance January 1, 2010	\$1,751,804
Current Balance March 31, 2017	\$1,234,574
(* North Hall not in AC Bal) Principal paid to date	\$517,230
North Hall Reno Budget \$300,000. YTD Spent:	* \$20,188

Notes:

- * **General Fund** offerings in March totaled \$64,702 vs disbursements of \$74,599. The budgeted needs of the General Fund is \$75,000/month. Offerings for March fell short of the monthly budget by \$9,897. The General Fund is supported by congregational offerings to the CBP Budget, which provides the basic monthly subsidy needed for the work of our Boards of Trustees, Missions, ILC, & Education/Publication.
- * **ILC Building Projects** offerings in March totaled \$3,855 vs disbursements of \$7,984, which is the monthly CEF loan payment on the Academic Center (AC). The \$52,680 balance in the Building Projects Fund will draw down quickly in the next month as the \$300,000 renovation project of the **North Hall** boys' dorm continues in earnest. The Trustees maintain a 3-month buffer of \$24,000 in the Building Projects Fund to assure loan payments on the AC. Balances above the buffer will be used for North Hall renovation expenses until we have to borrow from the Church Extension Fund.
- * **MDF**: offerings in March totaled \$11,164 vs disbursements of \$38,739, reimbursed in large part by \$32,000 from 16 Mission Helpers & special offerings for RT airfare for Nepal Mission Trip.
- * **SAF**: received \$30,212 in March, from offerings (\$3,725), student loans repaid (\$4,991), and semi-annual SAF Endowment earnings (\$21,496) vs disbursements of \$10,629 in student loans & family discounts allocated to student accounts for the 2nd semester. SAF has a balance of \$6,369 and needs an estimated \$10,000 for student loans & grants for the last 2 months of the 2nd Semester.

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

After-Word

“IDENTITY CRISIS”

Read John 13:31-35

What do people think when they observe our language and behavior, choices and priorities? Do they immediately identify us as Christ's disciples?

What do those outside of the Christian Church think when they peer inside; when they see our behavior, priorities, responses to hardship, and especially our treatment of fellow Christians? Can they tell we are Christians? Can they easily recognize us as disciples of Jesus?

In John 13:31-35 Jesus addressed this important matter of Christian identity; and in doing so, He described the one characteristic that would clearly identify us as His disciples. What is it? Love. Not just any kind of love, but His kind of love. He said, **“As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”** What kind of love is Christ's love?

A Love of Selfless Service

During Christ's ministry, His disciples saw many demonstrations of His love. Yet, on the occasion of our text—the “Last Supper,” only hours before the crucifixion—Jesus demonstrated His love in a way the disciples could never have imagined. Standing, Jesus removed His outer garment, wrapped a towel about His waist, knelt, and began to wash the disciples' feet. Did a servant do this? No. Did one of the disciples do this? No. Would you or I have done this? No. Yet, God did. The God who created the universe dropped to His hands and knees to wash filthy feet. His was a selfless love. And when you and I serve others selflessly, we are loving as Christ loved and showing ourselves to be His disciples.

A Completely Undeserved Love

Did a single disciple at the Last Supper deserve to have his feet washed by God? No. Has a single person on the planet ever deserved to be washed clean and forgiven in the priceless blood of Jesus Christ? No. Yet, despite our unworthiness, Jesus died for our sins. Indeed, it is in God's love for the undeserving that we glimpse the extent of God's great love for the sinner. Paul wrote in Romans 5:8, **“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”** When you and I love the undeserving, we are loving as Christ loved and showing ourselves to be His disciples.

A Determined Love

We read of Jesus in John 13:1, **“Having loved His own who were in the world, He now showed them the full extent of His love.”** The Greek of this verse can also be translated: **“Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.”** Jesus loved His disciples to the end of

His life, knowing full well the agonies which lay ahead in the ridicule, scourging, and crucifixion. Jesus also loved His disciples to the end of their lives, in spite of their sinfulness, weakness, forgetfulness, and faithlessness. And He has loved us in exactly the same way. When you and I love others "to the end," we are loving as Christ loved and showing ourselves to be His disciples.

An Active Love

At a time when Israel's scribes and Pharisees often refused to help the helpless, Jesus went to all the towns and villages, teaching, healing, forgiving; lifting the weights that only God's shoulders can carry; calling all to repentance and faith. His was an endlessly active love. A love which at the Last Supper, as described in John 13, stood up, stooped down, rolled up its sleeves, and washed filthy feet.

Christians talk about love, and properly so. But talk isn't enough, is it? According to John 3:16, "God so loved the world that He..." What? Sat quietly? Rang for room service? Went on vacation? No. Because God so loved, He acted. He gave His Only Begotten Son. As Christians, our love must be active too. When you and I put our love into action, we are loving as Christ loved and showing ourselves to be His disciples.

A Truthful Love

Can you name even one instance when Jesus changed or twisted His teaching to scratch "itchy ears?" No. Jesus never told listeners what they wanted to hear, but what they needed to hear. The truth. The truth of God's word. The truth about sin and punishment, grace and salvation, faith and forgiveness. "Father," He prayed, "sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth," John 17:17.

Many churches today preach about love, but not a love of the truth. Yet, is it love to preach what people only want to hear? Is it love to compromise confession in order to boost attendance, revenue, or TV ratings? No. This is not love. It's folly, and it's dangerous.

Paul said this about preaching truth: "Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the head, that is, Christ," Ephesians 4:14-15.

When you and I love enough to preach the truth, we are loving as Christ loved and showing ourselves to be His disciples. "A new commandment I give you," said Jesus. "Love as I have loved you. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

If ...

Written by Pastor Mark Weis, Grace Lutheran - Cape Coral, FL

AT THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

Because of sin we all must face
The end of life on earth.
Death is the ruin of many dreams,
The cause of much despair

We know not what the span of life
Will be for us on earth.
How blest are all who know the One
Who measures out the time.

How doubly blest are they who know
That they are known by Him,
That they may say in faith and hope,
"My times are in Your hand" ⁽¹⁾

Because the Father in His love
Gave up His own dear Son,
And brought Him back to life again,
It is not death to die.

O yes, the body turns to dust ⁽²⁾
But yet with Paul we say,
"For me to live is Christ" ⁽³⁾
But death for me is gain.

Our risen Savior promised true,
"I am the resurrection and the life." ⁽⁴⁾
Who'er in Me believes and dies
Shall never die, but live.

This is our faith and confidence,
And it will never wane,
So long as in the Word we stand
And to our Savior cling.

No one dies before his time,
The time is always right
When God in mercy and in grace
Decides the time is now.

Yet when loved ones, young or old,
From time have passed away,
There is a hole in broken hearts
And how we wish them back.

Still when we contemplate our loss,
But think what they have gained,
We really do not wish them back,
But that we may be with them.

As our Father loves us so,
He'll heal the wounded heart.
He promises, as to Him we turn,
He'll bind us up again. ⁽⁵⁾

Blessed be the God of love,
Who in our Savior dear
Has prepared for us a place
With all the saints in heaven.

O Lord we know without a doubt
You're ever good and true.
Keep us steadfast in faith and life,
Until we're home with You.

¹⁾ Psalm 51:15
²⁾ Genesis 3:19
³⁾ Philippians 1:21
⁴⁾ John 11:25-26
⁵⁾ Hosea 6:1

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 3/2017

Last Week's Stats:		Apr. 2, 2017	Sun.: 109	S.S.: 15	B.CI.: 43	Wed.: 60
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,750.78	CLC:	\$930.00		
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	1,039.01	CLC:	250.00		
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	950.00		
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,489.79	CLC:	+230.00		
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$47,856.22	CLC:	\$13,090.00		
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	46,200.00	CLC:	13,300.00		
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+1,656.22	CLC:	-210.00		
GLC Other:	320.67	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	125.00	
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	275.00	Kinship:	50.00	
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	125.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00	
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	22,549.25	Tuition Aid:	1,236.12	