

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein *Elder:* Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Rick Nelson; Keith Radichel; Bob Vandever

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Ryan Oman; Pat Paplow; Phil Radichel

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

Church Cleaners: Wales *School:* Wales

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Rick Nelson; Keith Radichel; Bob Vandever

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

Church Cleaners: Bomber

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., May 28:** Summer Schedule Begins
9:00 am – Worship Service w/Graduation Recognition
10:00 am – Hospitality (last one, honoring graduates)
- Sun., June 4:** 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost)
3:00 pm – Minnesota Delegate Conf. (New Ulm, MN)
- Thu., June 8:** 5:45 pm – Spring Lake Park Tower Days Parade
- Sun., June 11:** 9:00 am – Worship Service (Trinity)
10:00 am – Council Meeting
- June 13-15:** CLC General Pastoral Conference (Eau Claire, WI)
- Sat., June 24:** 9:00 am – Grace Work Day
- July 24-28:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School
- Sun., Aug. 20:** Opening at Immanuel Lutheran (Eau Claire, WI)
- Mon., Aug. 28:** Opening at Grace Lutheran School

Last Week's Stats: May 21, 2017 Sun.: 127 B.Cl.: 73 Ascension: 38

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,138.06	CLC:	\$1,085.00	
Ascension Offering:	Grace:	438.30	CLC:	100.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	950.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+276.36	CLC:	+235.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$68,005.01	CLC:	\$19,388.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	69,300.00	CLC:	19,950.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,294.99	CLC:	-562.00	
GLC Other:	505.00	Living Faith:	110.00	Tuition Aid:	200.50
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	110.00	Kinship:	55.00
ILC Student Aid:	25.00	ILC Bldg.	0.00	IIF:	100.00
				CEF:	0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	24,900.25	Tuition Aid:	2,309.62

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: May 28, 2017

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 213: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

Choir: Be Strong in the Lord

WS 737: Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels

TLH 502: Saints of God, the Dawn is Brightening

Alumni Choir: Go Now in Peace

TLH 212:1-2,5: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Worship Prep:

Psalm 8, TLH p. 124

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: WS 775:6

Scripture Reading:

1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11a

Sermon: Acts 1:1-11

¹ The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ² until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, ³ to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. ⁴ And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; ⁵ "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." (NKJVTM)

" Why Do You Stand Gazing? "

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Graduation Recognition:** Today we recognize Kathleen Baker as the graduate from our Christian Day School. What a marvelous Christian foundation our congregation has been able to provide all the children who attend Grace Lutheran School. We also congratulate and wish the Lord's richest blessings upon the other graduates in our midst:

★ David Hein – Immanuel Lutheran High School
★ Tessa Enns -U of MN - Carlson School of Management

- ◆ **Summer Hospitality:** Hospitality hour will be suspended after honoring the graduates today. If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, they may sign up on the list located on the fellowship hall's bulletin board.
- ◆ **Kindergarten:** With Ann Radichel's retirement we have a vacancy for a Kindergarten teacher starting this fall. Due to budget constraints at this time, we are looking for a volunteer. If anyone is interested, or knows anyone in the CLC who might be interested in serving the Lord in this manner, please let the Board of Education (Chad Hestekin, James Bomber, Michael Ude) or Pastor know.
- ◆ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is planning for the 2017-18 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please speak to one of the teachers for an enrollment form.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** On July 24-28, 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. 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.
- ◆ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The Lutheran Spokesman is a CLC publication which is dedicated to sharing 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 signup. The congregation covers the cost.
- ◆ **The Branches:** It is time to renew your subscription to "The Branches." Please verify that all your information is correct on the list by the guest book and then check your name. Make any corrections to the information if necessary. If you are not receiving "The Branches" publication and would like to start a subscription, please add your information to the sign up list.



- ◆ **Spring Lake Park Parade:** On Thurs., June 8, our school will be walking in the Spring Lake Park Tower Days Parade. All members are invited to participate to help let the community know about the treasure of our Christian school! We are hoping that all our students and parents will be able to participate in this. We will meet at 5:45 pm on Thurs. at Woodcrest Elementary School (intersection of Osborne & Able). The parade begins at 6:30 pm. Please speak with Chad Hestekin for questions.
- ◆ **Campbell's Labels for Education:** Since participation in this program has declined in the past few years (not on our part), Campbell is discontinuing this program. Grace School has benefited from this program for over 20 years obtaining educational and playground items at no cost to the school. Recently the school has opted to redeem UPCs for prepaid Visa cards for purchasing items not offered in the Campbell catalog. One last final submission of UPCs will be made the first week in June. Therefore, please bring all labels and deposit them in the container in the Fellowship Hall by the end of May. Many thanks for supporting Grace School by submitting labels.
- ◆ **Devotion Book:** Recently Pastor Mark Weis, a CLC Pastor, published an e-book entitled, "One Thing Needful," available on Amazon. There is now a printed version available. You can find the print version on Amazon by searching for "Mark Weis One Thing Needful." The print version (\$8.99) has a different cover than the e-book (\$3.99).
- ◆ **Liberia Call:** Pastor Hein is awaiting return of Dave Rust from Liberia in order to give more consideration to his part-time traveling missionary call to Liberia. There were some aspects of the work that Pastor asked Dave to evaluate in his travels there. Dave returns tomorrow. Pastor requests your prayers and helpful comments as he seeks that the Lord's will be done.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran in Bismarck, ND, has received the call to be co-pastor at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. ✠ Mrs. Rebecca Lillo, member of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to be the 2nd teacher at St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA.
- ◆ **Memorial Day:** We hold the deepest gratitude for the hundreds of thousands of soldiers who have given their lives over the ages, defending our freedoms and families. As we remember them, let us also remain aware that Jesus, too, gave the ultimate sacrifice. He laid down His life to secure a freedom which transcends any earthly freedom. Jesus gave His life to gain spiritual victory over sin, death, and hell. Memorial Day gives us a chance to praise our Lord for the price He paid, and the triumph He secured.

Please submit this form no later than June 1, 2017

500th Anniversary

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UPON GRADUATION

Regardless where they attend, the end of the school year is an exciting time for students who are looking forward to the summer break, and especially for graduating seniors who look forward to the future whatever it might be. For graduates it can also be a time of some apprehension as they step out into a confused and morally deteriorating society.

We had the pleasure again this year of attending graduation at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Immanuel graduates step into the same world as graduates of government schools, but with an educational background anchored in the Word of their Lord, and with a different perspective from those who are sent out without the assurance of "Immanuel—God with us." As we listened the evening before to a worshipful concert sung by united hearts and voices wafting praise to the Lord, we thanked Him for this school with its Biblio- and Christo-centric focus.

As Immanuel graduates leave the semi-sheltered campus upon graduation, they will be confronted with the same temptations, the same concerns, and the same challenges as other graduates, but with the promise of which daily they have been reminded, "And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you; do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8).



But therein lies a challenge of sorts, unlike that faced by those who have not been trained up in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6). "But you continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:14-17).

Education at and graduation from a school such as Immanuel, is not a guarantee of faithfulness. Satan will not give up, and will surely work harder to mislead and destroy if possible one who has had the advantage of a daily classroom and chapel environment in which the Word of God is paramount.

AUGUSTA POLO (EMBROIDERED) - ROYAL BLUE

\$24



- ADULT
 WOMEN'S

- SIZE: SMALL X-LARGE
 MEDIUM XX-LARGE*
 LARGE 3X-LARGE*

NON IRON SHIRT (EMBROIDERED) - ROYAL BLUE

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- ADULT
 WOMEN'S

- SIZE: SMALL X-LARGE
 MEDIUM XX-LARGE*
 LARGE 3X-LARGE*

FLEECE JACKET (EMBROIDERED) - SLATE GREY

\$30



- ADULT
 WOMEN'S

- SIZE: SMALL X-LARGE
 MEDIUM XX-LARGE*
 LARGE 3X-LARGE*

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For every young Christian man or woman, a graduate of Immanuel or of a government school, who has stood before the altar of the Lord on confirmation day and promised faithfulness to the Lord, the challenge is the same. It is a challenge the child of God can meet only by the power of the Spirit working through the Gospel and promising that God “shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19). The Lord will provide for all your needs, needs far beyond material blessings. In His grace, He will supply strength, growth in faith, steadfastness, peace joy, hope, and every spiritual blessing in Christ as children of God look to Him. Frequently we see athletes in high school with the inscription on T-shirts, “I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). Paul did not have a basketball game or a state track meet in mind when he penned those inspired words. Nevertheless, he did use an analogy from athletics: “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it” (1 Corinthians 9:24). His goal for himself and Christ-believers is the imperishable crown laid up in heaven. “I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14). “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth” (Colossians 3:1-2).

In this evil world in which Christians are beset by their own flesh, enticed by manifold temptations, and hated by those who hate Christ, the run of faith is an endurance race. Drawing on the example of those who have endured before us, the writer to the Hebrews encourages, “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin” (Hebrews 12:1-4).

The race to which we are called is not a race around an oval. We do not want to end up where we started. Our finish line is heaven. It is not a race into the unknown. We know what awaits in heaven. Our race is not a race into the darkness of nothingness. Our race is to possess the inheritance laid up for us in heaven. Our race is not to win a medal. It is to “inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world ...” (Matthew 25:34). The Lord Jesus died and rose again that we might have the privilege to run the race to which we have been called by the Spirit through the Gospel. Hear the word of the Savior, “Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Revelation 2:10).

“He Who calls you is faithful, who will also do it” (1Thessalonians 5:24).

Christian parents upon the graduation of their children will say: “I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, *that you may be blameless* in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God *is* faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Dear Graduate, when you are mocked, taunted and ridiculed for your faith, when the philosophies of the world entice, when the corruption of a dying society weighs heavily, when your own flesh assaults you, remember that at one time you were part of that world, without Christ, having no hope and without God in the world (Ephesians 2:11-12). It was a life without a future. “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (Ephesians 2:13). The Lord through the Gospel in word and baptismal sacrament rescued you from the world to which Satan is seeking to drag you back. *Remember then who you are*, a redeemed child of God, a lamb of the Good Shepherd. You have a future! *Keep your sight on the goal* before you, that future—eternity with your Lord in glory. While you are running the race, keep in heart and mind where your security lies: “The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe” (Proverbs 18:10).

We call graduation a commencement and look upon it as an end of something. Whether from high school or college, graduation recognizes the completion of a course of study. But look it up in the dictionary. “Commencement” is not an end. It is a beginning, albeit a new beginning. Each day of the Christian’s life is a commencement, a new day with new possibilities, a day which the Lord has made in which His children are given the privilege to serve Him and live unto Him, as well as to share the Gospel.

Until the eternal commencement without end at the Lord’s appearing, “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom. . . and whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him” (Colossians 3:15-16).

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 5/2017

