

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Frank Radichel
Ushers: Al Rosendahl; Chad Hestekin; David Stifter; Joel Stifter
Counting Team 3: Brian Eichstadt; Duane Enns; David Hein;
 Chad Hestekin; Benno Sydow
Hospitality Team 2: Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Janelle
 Hein; Jenny Kleifgen; Chris Lentz
Church Cleaners: Sydow School: A. Baker

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; Chad Hestekin; David Stifter; Joel Stifter
Counting Team 4: James Bomber; Brad Kitzman; Paul
 Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust
Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Nick &
 Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan
Church Cleaners: Sydow School: K. Baker

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Mar. 18: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 5); 11:00 am – Hospitality
Wed., Mar. 21: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 6:00 pm – Soup Supper
 7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship Service (last one)
Sun., Mar. 25: **PALM SUNDAY**
 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Palm Sunday) w/ mini-concert
 11:00 am – Hospitality
 6:30 pm – Tour Choir Concert @ Messiah in Eau Claire, WI
Fri., Mar. 30: **GOOD FRIDAY**
 7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
Sun., Apr. 1: **EASTER**
 7:30 am – Easter Breakfast
 9:00 am – Easter Festival Worship Service
Sun., Apr. 8: Lord's Supper for April (since Easter falls on 1st Sun. of month)
Thu., Apr. 12: 7:00 pm – Grace School Book Fair

Last Week's Stats: Mar. 11, 2018 Sun.: 120 S.S.: ? B.Cl.: 33 Wed.: 60

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,978.00	CLC:	\$677.00	
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$613.00	CLC:	\$50.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,700.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-109.00	CLC:	-273.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$34,496.00	CLC:	\$9,864.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	37,000.00	CLC:	10,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,504.00	CLC:	-136.00	
GLC Other:	683.00	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	223.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	250.00	Kinship:	75.00
ILC Student Aid:	25.00	ILC Bldg.	100.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot: \$43,087		Tuition Aid: \$806		

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Lent 5

Date: March 18, 2018

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 278: Delay Not, Delay Not, O Sinner, Draw Near
 WS 722: Deep Were His Wounds
 TLH 215: Draw Us to Thee
 TLH 390: Drawn to the Cross

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 143, TLH p. 155

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)
 Gloria: TLH 244:1,4

Scripture Reading:

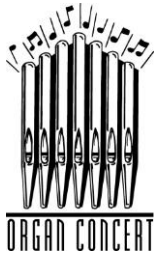
Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Hebrews 5:7-9

Sermon: John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. ²¹ Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus. ²³ But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. ²⁴ "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵ "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. ²⁷ "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. ²⁸ "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." ²⁹ Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." ³⁰ Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. ³¹ "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. ³² "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." ³³ This He said, signifying by what death He would die. (NKJVTM)

Jesus Powerfully Draws Sinners to Himself

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠



◆ **Organ Concert:** Today former Grace member, Ryan Mueller, will be presenting a pipe organ concert, 2 pm, at School Sisters Of Notre Dame Good Counsel Hill in Mankato, MN. He will be presenting on the 1877 Johnson & Son pipe organ, the program featuring works of prominent composers of the 19th and 20th centuries. Refreshments and treats will follow the program.

◆ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek services conclude this Wednesday at 7 pm. The theme of our series is "Lord, Abide with Me," meditations based on the evening hymn, TLH 552, "Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide." Come and ponder how the events of the Lord's Passion secured for us His abiding love. Join us at 6 pm for the Lenten soup supper so people can eat between work and worship.



◆ **Palm Sunday Singing:** Next Sunday, March 25, the Christian Day School will be presenting a mini-concert during the worship service.

◆ **Good Friday:** On Friday, March 30, 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.



GOOD FRIDAY

◆ **Easter:** On Sunday, April 1, 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!

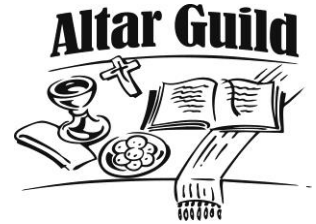


◆ **Easter Breakfast:** Those men interested in helping with the breakfast are asked to sign up for various duties. The list is by the guest book.

◆ **Easter Flowers:** There is an Easter flower signup sheet by the guest book at the church entry for anyone who would like to donate either an Easter lily or decorative plant for our Easter service. Please also indicate if you are taking the plant home after the service or leaving it. These flowers will be purchased and placed on the altar for Easter and a reminder slip will be placed in your mailbox.

EASTER SUNDAY

◆ **Altar Guild:** The Altar Guild is looking for one or two new members to assist in caring for our Lord's altar. Some of the duties include cleaning the communion ware, changing the altar cloths, setting up the Advent wreath, purchasing and caring for altar flowers/plants. Please see Jackie Radichel or Mikey Oman if interested.



◆ **Communion:** Will be on Sunday, April 8, due to Easter falling on the 1st Sunday of the month.

◆ **School Book Fair:** On Thu., April 12, at 7:00 pm the children of the Day School will be presenting a school fair with the theme centered on books and authors. Each child will have a booth and will make an individual presentation. Come and listen to our students who, along with the teachers, have prepared extensively for this event.



◆ **CLC Youth Camp:** Registration is coming up! You will be able to register online (the website will be up soon) on **March 25** at 3 pm CST. Camp this year will be held at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. The cost will be \$175/camper and campers entering grades 6-12 are eligible. You can check out the Facebook page for more updates.

◆ **Dorm Supervisor Needed at ILC:** ILC is in need of a boys' dormitory supervisor for the 2018-19 school year. Men who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position should ask the pastor for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. Those who are interested in applying should contact the ILC president, Prof. Steve Sippert (steve.sippert@ilc.edu, 715-523-1138), for an application or for more information. It is hoped that interested parties can reply by April 5.

◆ **Nominations for CLC offices:** There is a new process which will be used for nominating CLC officers and board members this summer. Any voter from a CLC congregation may submit one or more nominations, with a deadline of March 31. Voters may submit nominations online at the CLC website, www.clclutheran.org (look for the link on the right-hand column marked "2018 CLC Officer Nominations.")

◆ **CLC News:** Pastor David Schierenbeck of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Hts., MN, has announced that he will be retiring at the end of June 2018. ✠ Teacher Collette Krause has accepted the call to be principal and teach K-8 at Trinity Lutheran in Watertown, SD.

◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Easter Recitation and Hymn

Council Meeting Notes – March 11, 2018

Meeting was called to order with prayer. Roll was taken. The February Council meeting minutes were read and approved. The February treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Joseph is now traveling to Guinea.
- The Mission Board has approved some funding for mission work in the area.
- Daniel Hein, Matthew Kitzman, Elaina Yang, & Alieu Kanneh are preparing for confirmation which is scheduled for May 20.

Board of Elders Report

- Easter breakfast planning is underway.
- Pastor Michael Roehl shared with us a cell phone policy to consider. It is recommended that each person review it for the next Council meeting.

Board of Education Report

- Heidi Nelson accepted the call to be our second full-time teacher.
- Planning for the student fair is underway.
- The mini concert is next week.
- The school had a party for Michaela Winters, our practice teacher, last Thursday.
- We currently participate in the Spring Lake Park parade. We might also consider the Fridley parade.
- Options for use of the Schuetzler memorial money are being considered.
- More lockers will be added for the increase in student headcount.
- A request was made to convert the 2 school bathrooms to 2 family bathrooms by removing the urinal.
- Registration of students with a waiver and sign-in and sign-out options might be considered for VBS.

Board of Trustee Report

- Two bids have been received for the parking lot. They are in the \$50-\$55,000 range. We may have to give up a handicap parking space. We have the option to have a low curb on the west side of the lot.
- The cabinet in the fellowship hall is being planned.
- Planning is beginning for sanctuary upgrades.

Other Business

- None

Adapted by Minutes submitted by Secretary Roger Ochsner

CLC E-Devotion – Friday, March 16, 2018

Matthew 26:39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

SON OF GOD AND SON OF MAN

Here we have before us the deepest mystery of the Christian faith: the person of Jesus Christ. He is the Son of God from eternity, yet as true man He stands face-to-face with a conflict so terrible we have no adequate conception of it. None at all. We have no idea of the pressure that sin, wrath, and death put upon Him here; nor how fierce the temptations of that hour were. The human will of Jesus wrestles with what lies ahead -- and with Satan. And we view the most inscrutable, divine mystery of all -- Jesus Christ, God and man.

God the Son had become man for one great and supreme purpose, to carry out the work of redeeming the human race from sin. That was His Father's will. He knew beforehand what He would have to go through in order to accomplish this. He had warned His disciples He would be betrayed, rejected, beaten, mocked and crucified. Yet, now, on the brink of the precipice it is as though He almost forgets the necessity of it all. For the sum and substance of His pleading prayer is that the terrible anguish and unspeakable torture might pass Him by. What deep, incomprehensible humiliation! We can talk about the Son of God laying aside the use of His divine attributes but here we are face to face with the reality of it and we're definitely beyond our depth. In this moment the very counsel and plan which brought Him from the heavenly throne is darkened before the eyes of Jesus' humanity, obscured from His human consciousness.

Yet not for a moment does Jesus refuse to carry out His Father's will. But in His humanness such submission was not easy. So there is struggling and agony. Under pressure of temptation and affliction, at the limit of endurance, Jesus asks if there is no other way, no other means of bringing about our salvation. But still He prays, "Not as I will, but as You will." To leave the world unredeemed was out of the question, but was there no other path to the same prize? No way other than enduring the sum total penalty and punishment for sin?

And even while Jesus' struggle and agony brings this prayer to His lips, we find in His words VICTORY! "Thy Will Be Done."

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!