

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein Elder: Frank Radichel
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

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; Chad Hestekin; David Stifter; Joel Stifter
Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Ryan Oman; Pat Paplow; Phil Radichel
Hospitality: Easter Breakfast Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Mar. 25: **PALM SUNDAY**
8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Mini-Concert (Palm Sunday)
11:00 am – Hospitality
6:30 pm – Tour Choir Concert @ Messiah in Eau Claire, WI
Wed., Mar. 28: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
Thu., Mar. 29: **MAUNDY THURSDAY** (No Worship)
Fri., Mar. 30: **GOOD FRIDAY**
7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
Sun., Apr. 1: **EASTER** (S.S., Bible Class, Hospitality Suspended)
7:30 am – Easter Breakfast
9:00 am – Easter Festival Worship Service
Sun., Apr. 8: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Easter 2)
11:00 am – Hospitality
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
Thu., Apr. 12: 7:00 pm – Grace School Book Fair
Sun., Apr. 15: Voters and Dorcas Guild Meetings
Apr. 27-28: 7:30 pm – Immanuel Play, "Ask Any Girl," @ ILC Fieldhouse
Fri., Apr. 27: Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitors Day @ Eau Claire, WI
Sat., Apr. 28: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day
Thu., May 10: 7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship Service
Fr., May 11: Field Day (5th-8th grade, by Berea in Inver Grove Hts.)
Fri., May 18: 3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day @ ILC Fieldhouse
7:30 pm – Immanuel Spring Concert @ Messiah Lutheran
10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation Service @ Fieldhouse
Sat., May 19: Confirmation Sunday
Sun., May 20: 7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program
Thu., May 24: 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer
Fri., May 25: Graduation Sunday
Sun., May 27: MN Delegate Conference @ Grace Lutheran
Sat., June 9: CLC Convention (Eau Claire, WI)
June 21-24: Vacation Bible School
July 23-27:

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: March 25, 2018

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 161: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Choir: Hosanna (before readings)
CDS Mini-Concert (after readings)
TLH 400: Take My Life and Let It Be
TLH 339:1-3,5,7: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 145, TLH p. 155 f.

Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Projected)

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 45:22-25
2 Corinthians 4:11-18

Sermon: Mark 11:1-10

¹ Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; ² and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. ³ "And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here." ⁴ So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. ⁵ But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?" ⁶ And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' ¹⁰ Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (NKJVTM)

The Lord Has Need of You!

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Today's Singing:** The Christian Day School will be presenting a mini-concert after the Scripture readings. They will be singing the following:

- ★ Glory to God in the Highest (WS p. 2)
- ★ Antiphonal Hosanna
- ★ Blessing

Thanks to the children and the teachers for the preparation they have made for our worship service!



- ◆ **Good Friday:** This Friday, March 30, at 7 pm, we will be holding our Good Friday Tenebrae Worship 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. We will be contemplating stanza 8 of the evening hymn, TLH 552: "Abide with Me! Fast Falls the Eventide":



GOOD FRIDAY

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

- ◆ **Easter:** Next Sunday, April 1, we'll be having the Easter breakfast at 7:30 am, followed by the Easter worship service at 9:00 am. We welcome all to the breakfast and worship! What an opportunity we have to gather in worship on the day we commemorate our Lord's glorious resurrection from the dead! Our focus during the service will continue with stanza 7 of the evening hymn: "Abide with me! Fast Falls the Eventide."



EASTER SUNDAY

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

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

- ◆ **Church Cleaning:** There are currently no volunteers signed up for church cleaning during the months of April, May, and November. Please consider serving the Lord who has need of you.

- ◆ **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:** Just a reminder that registration for CLC Youth Camp @ Pillager, MN, will be opening TODAY at 3 pm Central Time. Register online at youthcamp.clclutheran.net. This camp is open to all children entering grades 6-12. The cost will be \$175/camper. More details can be found on the website.
- ◆ **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:** Mrs. Erin Radichel has been called to teach kindergarten part-time in the afternoons at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Easter Recitation and Hymn

Last Week's Stats: Mar. 18, 2018 Sun.: 92 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 40 Wed.: 51

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,024.00	CLC:	\$555.00	
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$937.00	CLC:	\$595.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,700.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-739.00	CLC:	+150.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$37,457.00	CLC:	\$11,014.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	40,700.00	CLC:	11,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-3,243.00	CLC:	+14.00	
GLC Other:	227.00	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	150.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	150.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	150.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot:	\$43,312	Tuition Aid:	\$956	

“A CHRIST-LIKE ATTITUDE”

Read Philippians 2:5-11

The cross of Jesus, so central to our salvation, is also at the center of our Christian living ... our language, behavior, priorities, and attitude.

Two thousand years ago, the cross of Jesus Christ was firmly planted in the rocky soil of Golgotha. Since that time, the cross has been firmly planted in the rocky soil of human hearts through the preaching of “Christ crucified.” The cross that was so central to our eternal salvation is also at the center of Christian living. We are to love as Christ loved, give as Christ gave, serve as Christ served, and forgive as Christ forgave. As Christians, our attitude is to be like Christ’s attitude. “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus,” Paul wrote in Philippians 2:5. But what kind of attitude did Jesus have?

An Attitude of Humility

Humility is of no value to the world. The world views humility as weakness, and reserves its loudest accolades for the strong and relentless, for the people willing to do whatever it takes—lie, steal, cheat, even kill—to be successful in life. The world wants fame, not anonymity; power, not meekness; connections, not relationships; Julius Caesar, not Jesus Christ.

Many of the people lining the streets of Jerusalem that first Palm Sunday felt the same. They expected their Messiah to establish an earthly kingdom, oust the hated Romans, implement social programs—free food, free healthcare, free miracles; and restore pride and glory to Israel, as in the days of King David and King Solomon. And when Jesus refused, the shouts of “Hosanna!” on Palm Sunday quickly became shouts of “Crucify!” on Good Friday. They had no use for a God who humbly rode on a donkey.

Yet, humility is of great worth to God, who said in Isaiah 66:2, “This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at My word.” And where is such humility better exemplified than in the example of Christ? As Paul wrote, “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped ...”

Understanding WHO Jesus is – truly and fully God – enables us to better understand the extent to which He humbled Himself for our sakes. Though “being in very nature God,” He did not insist on the glory, honor, and majesty rightfully His, but “made Himself nothing.” Outside of Mark Twain’s fictional story *The Prince and the Pauper*, how many factual kings, rulers, or dignitaries would display such humility? Would the President of the United States? A senator or congressman? A Hollywood celebrity? No. Yet, Jesus did. And Jesus is God. His attitude was one of humility. And humility should be our attitude too.

An Attitude of Service

Paul wrote that Jesus “made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant.” Or to quote Jesus Himself: “The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many,” Matthew 20:28. Search, but you won’t find even one instance in the New Testament in which Jesus Christ, God the Son, placed His own needs before the needs of others. However, you will find Him traveling to all the towns and villages, teaching, healing, and tirelessly proclaiming the gospel of God’s love and forgiveness.

You will find Jesus, God the Son, down on His hands and knees, washing the filthy feet of His disciples; and afterwards asking them: “Do you understand what I have done for you? You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you should also wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you,” John 13:12-15. Christ’s attitude was one of service. And service should be our attitude too.

An Attitude of Selflessness

When we read the Passion History, we can mistakenly conclude that the horrible things that happened to Jesus—betrayal, beating, flogging, ridicule, spitting, crown of thorns, the agonies of crucifixion—were beyond His knowledge or control. But this was never the case. As Paul reminds us in Philippians 2:5-11, Jesus ALLOWED these horrible things to happen to Him. No one humbled Him. He humbled Himself. No one forced Him to the cross. He went to the cross willingly for our sakes. He gave Himself for people who did not earn or deserve such a sacrifice. His attitude was one of selflessness. And selflessness should be our attitude too.

At one time or another, all of us have wondered: “Does God care about me? Does God understand my problems and know what I’m going through? Is God really involved in my life?” Friend, God cannot be more involved in your life than this: “Christ Jesus, Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!” Philippians 2:5-8.

Who among us can stand before the cross of Jesus and not have a change in attitude?

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