

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner**

Elder: **Dale Enns**

Ushers: **Brian Eichstadt; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan;
Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow**

Counting Team 3: **Brian Eichstadt; Duane Enns; David Hein;
Chad Hestekin; Benno Sydow**

Hospitality Team 1: **Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice
Sandhoefner**

Church Cleaners: **Ochsner**

School: **Pearson**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Brian Eichstadt; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan;
Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow**

Counting Team 4: **James Bomber; Brad Kitzman; Paul
Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust**

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

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?** School: **Wales**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., May 13: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 7)
11:00 am – Hospitality

Tue., May 15: 6:00 pm – Flower Planting

Wed., May 16: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00-8:30 pm – Confirmation Preparation

Fri., May 18: 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal
3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day @ Fieldhouse
7:30 pm – Immanuel Spring Concert @ Messiah Lutheran

Sat., May 19: 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation Service @ Fieldhouse

Sun., May 20: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Confirmation Examination
10:00 am – Worship Service (Confirmation/Pentecost)
11:00 am – Hospitality

Wed., May 23: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Thu., May 24: 7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program

Fri., May 25: 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer

Sun., May 27: **Summer Worship Schedule Begins**
9:00 am – Worship Service (Graduation/Trinity)
10:00 am – Hospitality (Last One of Season)

Thu., June 7: Spring Lake Park Tower Days Parade

Sat., June 9: 10:00 am-6:00 pm – MN Delegate Conf. @ Grace Lutheran

June 21-24: CLC Convention (Eau Claire, WI)

July 23-27: Vacation Bible School

Mon., Aug. 27: Opening Day at Grace Lutheran School

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Easter 7

Date: May 13, 2018

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 213: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

TLH 215: Draw Us to Thee

WS 738: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

TLH 341, st. 5: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 8, TLH p. 124

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Acts 1:1-11

John 17:11b-19

Sermon: 1 John 4:13-21

¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love Him because He first loved us. ²⁰ If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? ²¹ And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also. (NKJVTM)

As He is, So are We in This World

- 1. Abiding in the love that we believe in**
- 2. Being bold in this world without fear**
- 3. Confessing Him to be the Son of God**

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

♦ **Mother's Day:** In the Fourth Commandment we are directed to love and honor our mother and father. Within the Christian family, such parents are responsible for directing us into the love of Christ who gave Himself for us. Christian mothers are indeed a special gift from the Lord as they do this, bringing children into this world and nourishing them in the Word. While many in the world diminish the value of this, we dearly treasure what the Lord has done through you. You have an incredible impact on the future of the Church through this role. We thank you, mothers, for all you have done in this essential role and privilege with which the Lord has blessed you. A blessed Mother's Day to you!



- ♦ **Confirmation:** Confirmation for Daniel Hein, Alieu Kanneh, and Elaina Yang will be next Sunday, May 20. Examination will take place at 9 am followed by the worship service at 10 am. A reception will be held during hospitality. May the Lord bless their preparations.
- ♦ **Graduates:** Please list any member of Grace that is graduating this year (Jan-Dec 2018) on the sheet on the tract rack table. Include the school's name and the degree. Our Graduation Sunday is May 27. Daniel Hein, Nicole Holmberg, and Alieu Kanneh will also graduate from Grace School that day.
- ♦ **Flower Planting and Watering:** Help is needed planting flowers in various places on the church property. Planting will take place on Tuesday, May 15, at 6 pm. Also, if you'd like to help on a rotation for watering the flowers on the church property this summer, please speak to Heidi Nelson. It's a great way to serve, and many hands make the load lighter!
- ♦ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The Lutheran Spokesman is a publication by the CLC which is dedicated to sharing rich, 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 sign up. The congregation covers the cost.
- ♦ **The Branches:** "The Branches" renewal list is by the guest book. This is a quarterly publication for Christian women. Please check your name if you want to continue receiving this publication, making any corrections to the listed information. If you are not receiving "The Branches" now is the time to add your name to the list. The congregation pays for the subscription.

♦ **School Program:** On May 24, 7 pm, the children of our day school will be putting on three short skits and singing music. All members and friends of Grace are invited to show support of the children's efforts and of our school. Refreshments will follow the program.

♦ **Summer Worship Schedule:** On Sunday, May 27, the summer schedule will begin with worship service held at 9 am. Bible Class and Sunday School will be suspended for the summer. Hospitality hour will also be suspended after honoring the graduates. 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.



♦ **Spring Lake Park Parade:** On Thurs., June 7, 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 6 pm on Thurs. at Woodcrest Elementary School (Osborne & Able). The parade begins at 6:30 pm. Please speak with Rick Nelson for questions.

♦ **Vacation Bible School:** On July 23-27, 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.



♦ **Concluding Activities at Immanuel:** This coming Friday (May 18) will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the Lord God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 3 pm in the Fieldhouse. The band will play during this event. At 7:30 pm there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Mass Choir and Tour Choir, held at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday (May 19) there will be the concluding Graduation worship service at 10 am in the Immanuel Fieldhouse. We pray that the students will take what they have learned from the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the Lord Immanuel in their daily walk with Him.

♦ **CLC News:** Teacher Kirsten Gullerud of St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA, has returned the call from Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY. ✠ Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran in Dallas, TX, has returned the calls to Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI, and to Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN. ✠ Mrs. Erin Radichel has accepted the call to teach Kindergarten afternoons at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

Council Meeting Notes – May 6, 2018

Meeting was called to order with prayer. April Council meeting minutes were read and approved as amended. April treasurer's report was presented, but it will be approved at the next meeting due to some questions.

Pastor's Report

- April 27 was Visitor's Day at ILC, and 6 students attended.
- May 10, this Thursday, is Ascension service.
- June 9 is MN Delegate Conference at Grace. Planning is in process.
- June 21-24 is the CLC Convention. The Joint Statement being discussed with the WELS and ELS is being discussed in Bible class midweek.
- May 20 is confirmation.
- The Elders have approved the use of a new liturgy from the Supplement.

Board of Elders Report

- The annual handbook is being worked on.
- A Cell Phone Use Policy is being finalized.

Board of Education Report

- May 7, an 8th grade outing is scheduled.
- May 11 is field day.
- Iowa Basic Tests results have been received.
- June 7 is the Spring Lake Park parade.
- We will not participate in the Fridley parade this year.
- A form which might be used for VBS is being developed.

Board of Trustees Report

- The work day went well.
- The City of Fridley is being consulted because of required codes to change the 2 school bathrooms to family bathrooms.
- The curb in front of the church is being repaired.
- The parking lot will be repaired this summer.

Other Business

- N/A

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Roger Ochsner

Last Week's Stats: May 8, 2018 Sun.: 102 S.S.: 16 B.Cl.: 39 Thu.: 49

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,555.00	CLC:	\$764.00
Thu. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,025.00	CLC:	\$250.00
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,700.00	CLC:	1,000.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-120.00	CLC:	+14.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$55,422.00	CLC:	\$16,525.00
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	62,900.00	CLC:	17,000.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-7,478.00	CLC:	-475.00
GLC Other: 4,350.00	Living Faith:	10.00	Tuition Aid:	210.00
SAF Endowment: 0.00	MDF:	200.00	Kinship:	100.00
ILC Student Aid: 10.00	ILC Bldg.	100.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot:	\$51,559	Tuition Aid:	\$2,341
	Cost:	\$52,300		

GOD IS LOVE

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 5/2018

God's Word is our great heritage,
Though all the world against it rages
Its truth is found on ev'ry page
And speaks God's Word from age to age.
The faithful Word from God above
Declares to us enduring **LOVE**.

Where'er they be, the human race
May see in Christ God's smiling face.
He shows to all in ev'ry place,
In Jesus Christ His saving **GRACE**.
The message from our God above,
Is one of kindness--unearned love.

Through God's Word, we most unworthy
Graciously are shown fully
The rich depth of love and **MERCY**.
He forgives our sins most surely.
This rich blessing from God above
Truly bespeaks a heart of love.

Sins forgiv'n through Jesus' blood,
Bestow upon us as a flood
Release from fear of Law and rod,
As Gospel speaks the **PEACE** from God.
This peace that comes from God above
Makes joyful hearts--our God is love.

Since Jesus died and rose again,
We have the blessed **HOPE** of heav'n.
Hope He gives is never riven,
From hearts alive, awaiting heav'n.
The gift of life from God above
Makes happy hearts 'cause God is love.

Christ ascended into heaven
There to make for us a mansion.
He promised that He'd come again,
To take His children where He is.
The faithfulness of God above,
Assures **SALVATION** — God is love!

The Bible is not an Elective

Written by Emily Hein, Published in "The Witness"

As I'm getting closer to my senior year, academic advisors and professors have been stressing to my class that it's important to choose which technical electives to take senior year. They advise that you should take classes that interest you, but also classes that will be helpful in advancing your career. In my major, there's a list of acceptable electives that will allow you to graduate on time, but the choice is ultimately up to you. Picking classes can be stressful, but in the end, hopefully you're left with a plan that matches what you want for your future.

What if God's Word was like picking electives? What if you got to see the list of acceptable teachings, pick the ones that fit the best with your ideas or what you want to be true, and simply ignore the ones that you don't want to believe? This very thing happens every day. People decide to go to the modern church that allow women to be pastors, or to the accepting church that teaches that there's nothing wrong with being homosexual, or to the pro-choice church that preaches that a baby isn't really a baby until it's left its mother's womb.

But what does God say about all this? There are many passages in the Bible that deal with the Scriptures and what is or is not true:

"The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever." - Psalm 119:160

"Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar." - Proverbs 30:5-6

"Sanctify them by Your truth; Your word is truth." - John 17:17

God tells us repeatedly that His Word is true. There is no wiggle room. You can't add or subtract anything. It's not a poem that can be dissected to determine what the author's intentions were with such and such a phrase. When God states that He hates "a false witness who speaks lies" (Proverbs 6:19), that is exactly what He means. There was no hidden meaning when the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write that "neither fornicators, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

Our sinful nature makes it difficult for us to admit to ourselves that we are doing something wrong when we change God's Word. Our Old Adam wants to continue living in sin without feeling guilty, so we convince ourselves that God doesn't really condemn homosexuality, or stealing, or living together before marriage, or lying, or any other pet sin that we might have. Our sinful nature would rather change God's Word than own up to our mistakes.

However, Scripture isn't all law. The apostle Paul continues in 1 Corinthians 6:11: "And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

We don't get to pick and choose which teachings of the law are true. But the same goes for the teachings of the gospel. God tells us that "he who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16), so we know this to be true. Rather than looking for teachings that fit with our beliefs, we should believe what God teaches! We ought to seek out a church that follows God's Word, as the congregation in Berea "searched the Scriptures daily" to ensure that they were being taught the Word of God in its truth and purity (Acts 17:10).

I don't know if the electives I've picked for my senior year will be any more helpful than the ones I decided not to take. But thanks be to God that I don't have to worry about the same issue with His Word! I know that what I read in the Bible is one hundred percent pure and true. By knowing that the Scriptures are true, we can have complete confidence in our salvation when we read what God tells us in Ephesians 2:8-9: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

CLC E-Devotion

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

LOVE IS MORE THAN A WORD

Take note some time of how often during a day you hear the word "love." A family member says, "Love you!" on their way out the door. In a TV interview a celebrity states: "I love all people, no matter who they are." People not familiar with other passages of Scripture are quick to quote: "Love your neighbor." Others don't hesitate to say, "I love God."

But the Lord stresses to us that love is more than just a word easily said and forgotten. John writes: "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us" (1 John 3:16). God didn't simply say, "Love you!", He put the word into action by sending His Son to be our righteousness and to bear the penalty for our guilt.

God's love for us in Christ is the source and strength of our love. John adds: "Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth....We love because he first loved us" (1 John 3:18; 4:19). God's love has won our salvation and given us new life. May that life show in our love both toward our Savior and to all those with whom we live and work. What opportunities will you have today not only to say the word, but to really live love?