

## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Maureen Ochsner      Elder: Al Rosendahl

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

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

Church Cleaners: Vandever

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

Church Cleaners: Ochsner/Boe

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., July 8:** 9:00 am – Worship Service  
11:00 am – Council Meeting

**Sun., July 15:** 9:00 am – Worship Service  
10:15 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

**July 23-27:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

**Sat., Aug. 11:** 9:00 am – Grace School Work Day

**Mon., Aug. 13:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Ice Cream Social

**Sun., Aug. 19:** Opening Service at Immanuel Lutheran (Eau Claire, WI)

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

**Last Week's Stats:** July 1, 2018    Sun.: 103

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,825	CLC:	\$516	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,700	CLC:	1,000	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+125	CLC:	-484	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$87,155	CLC:	\$24,491	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	96,200	CLC:	26,000	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-9,045	CLC:	-1,509	
GLC Other:	10	Living Faith:	10	Tuition Aid:	305
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	60	Kinship:	60
ILC Student Aid:	60	ILC Bldg.	200	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid: \$4,357			



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. - Ephesians 2:8-9

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**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Date:** July 8, 2018

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 24: Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care  
TLH 447: Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might  
TLH 427: How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord  
TLH 50: Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 143, TLH p. 155

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)  
Gloria: TLH 23:4

### Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 2:1-5  
Mark 6:1-6

### Sermon: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

<sup>7</sup> And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. <sup>8</sup> Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. <sup>9</sup> And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## "Your Unstoppable Lord"



## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Summer Hospitality:** To host any of the Sundays in summer, sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ♦ **Nomination Reminder:** The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Paul Schaller at the end of the 2018-19 academic year. The position would require the ability to teach in a variety of areas, which may include courses in English (high school and college) and history (high school, college, and potentially seminary). With the duties including teaching God's Word to adult males, the person is to be a male (1 Tim. 2:12). To fill a current need on campus, this individual would need to be able to provide spiritual counsel and encouragement to students in the Word of God, understanding and addressing the particular challenges that students often face today, preferably someone who is pastorally experienced. This person may potentially serve as the Dean of Students, one who counsels and disciplines students on campus. The position would, God-willing, commence with the 2019-20 academic year. Those submitting nominations are strongly encouraged to verify that the individual would be willing to serve and would need to include information regarding their nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions. Since the mailing deadline has passed, nominations are to be received by email no later than midnight July 15, 2018, to: Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck (danschierenbeck@gmail.com).
- ♦ **CLC Mission Helpers:** Tomorrow, July 9, 23 CLC Mission Helpers will meet at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hales Corners, WI, for a meal provided by the congregation and a send off devotion by Pastor Eichstadt. They will then travel together to the O'Hare airport in Chicago for an evening flight that will take them from Chicago to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. From Dubai they will divide into three teams and fly to their final destinations of Nairobi, Kenya, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, and Lusaka, Zambia. They will spend the next few weeks proclaiming the Good News of Christ alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ of the CLC-East Africa. You can follow the trip at: 2018clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com.

## CLC E-Devotion – Saturday, July 25, 2009

2 Corinthians 12:9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

### GOD'S GRACE SUFFICIENT

Instead of complaining when trouble befalls us, perhaps we should remember what the Lord said to Paul when he asked that his "thorn in the flesh" be removed:

The LORD said, "No, I won't take this from you, because my grace is all you need to handle it. I won't take it from you because only after you have seen your inability, are you are ready to be an instrument of my power." The same LORD has promised you that He will enable you to stand if you will only rely upon Him and not on your own strength and power!

The LORD told Paul, "My grace is all you need." God's grace is His undeserved love in Christ. God's grace, the depth of that love is fully realized and appreciated when people see their sinfulness. Perhaps when we suffer in this life, we should remember:

God could have condemned us. God could have given us what we deserved and simply cast us away into an eternity of suffering in hell.

God could have resolved to punish us every day for our every sin of thought, word and deed. He could have, but He didn't. God chose to punish His Son and thus have mercy on us.

God's grace, His undeserved love for us in Christ will never abandon us. He will not change his mind or his covenant. God's love for us in Christ is mightier than every trouble and can support us in every ordeal.

In order that we may see and appreciate His grace, God uses His Law to lead us to despair of our own strength and power to please God. He shows us that there is nothing good in us by nature and that we have earned eternal death. Then to those with broken and contrite hearts He comes on His mission of mercy.

He sends His Spirit to reveal that He has delivered us by His power and through the righteous life of His Son. He promises all those who trust in Him that they are safe and that no one can pluck them out of His Hand.