

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Frank Radichel
Ushers: Michael Ude; James Bomber; David Hein; Ryan Oman; Eli Wales

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

Church Cleaners: R. Nelson School: A. Baker

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Michael Ude; James Bomber; David Hein; Ryan Oman; Eli Wales

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

Church Cleaners: R. Nelson School: K. Baker

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Sept. 9: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Mon., Sept. 10: 10:00 am – MN Pastoral Study Club @ Inver Grove Hts.

Wed., Sept. 12: 4:30-6:15 – Catechism for Public School Students
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Sept. 16: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:00 am – Annual Church Picnic at Grace

Wed., Sept. 19: CLC Coordinating Council @ Eau Claire, WI
 4:30-6:15 – Catechism for Public School Students
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Mon., Sept. 24: 7:00 pm – Grace School Parent Night

October 2-3: Minnesota Pastoral Conference @ Red Wing, MN

October 17-20: CLC Teachers' Conference @ West Columbia, SC

Last Week's Stats: Sept. 2, 2018 Sun.: 81

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$7,907*	CLC:	\$1,740
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,700	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+4,207	CLC:	+740
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$123,616**	CLC:	\$32,180
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	129,500	CLC:	35,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-5,884	CLC:	-2,820
GLC Other: 10	Living Faith: 10	Tuition Aid: 70		
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF: 10	Kinship: 115		
ILC Student Aid: 110	ILC Bldg. 100	IIF: 0 CEF: 0		

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$5,719***

* Includes \$2,444 in school tuition ** Includes \$3,294 school-year-to-date tuition

*** Divided equally to 4 Grace students at ILHS up to total tuition which is \$6,475

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Church Year: Pentecost 16

Date: September 9, 2018

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 270: Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult
 TLH 430, st. 1-4: What is the World to Me
 TLH 430, st. 5-8: What is the World to Me
 S.S. Teachers Installation (after Lord's Prayer)
 TLH 54: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 1, TLH p. 123

Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

1 John 2:12-17
 Ruth 1:1-22

Sermon: Ruth 1:16-17

¹⁶ But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, *Or to turn back* from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people *shall be* my people, And your God, my God. ¹⁷ Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, If *anything but* death parts you and me." (NKJVTM)

What is the World to Me

1. Even in an age of worldliness

2. Even when it seems as if the LORD has forsaken us

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Church Picnic:** Next Sun., Sept. 16 there will be a church picnic here on the church grounds following our regular church service. Grilled meat will be provided. Members are asked to bring a dish to share, including things like salads, chips, and/or desserts. Committee #3 will serve and cleanup, though additional help would be appreciated.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Recently Vic Schlegel was diagnosed with prostate cancer. This week his prostate was successfully removed and he is now recovering at home. Starting Sept. 10, Joyce Stifter will be moving to a new permanent residence at Arbor Oaks Senior Living, Apt. #203; 1640 155th Lane NW; Andover, MN 55304. This is just north of Oak View Middle School. Keep Vic and Joyce in your prayers.
- ◆ **Immanuel Daily Emails:** The daily chapels and daily bulletins from Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary now have an email subscription service. By submitting your email address at ilc.edu/faith-worship/chapel-list/ and indicating whether you wish to receive the daily chapel and/or the daily bulletin, you will then receive an email whenever these are posted to the new website. We also thank Frank Radichel for taking the time to archive over 10 years' worth of chapels. Starting with this year's chapels, these are also available through iTunes, Google Play, Spotify, or wherever you might listen to your podcasts.
- ◆ **"Man Up" Retreat:** Men from CLC congregations across the country have attended the annual "Man Up!" retreat over the past two years. Join them this year, October 12-14 at Wyalusing State Park. It is a wonderful opportunity to be encouraged in your faith through the study of God's Word, in your God-given roles as men of Christ's church, and to build relationships with other men who share your faith and the struggles of living in a sin-filled world. For more information, pick up the information sheet on the table in the narthex. Please contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (ndmayhew@att.net or 404-729-4602) or visit: www.manup.clclutheran.org if you have additional questions.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor David Schaller of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran in Dowagiac, MI, has received the call to Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA. ✠ Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ, has received the call to Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN.

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!

True Wealth

Written by Arthur Templin, 6/26/1995 (sainted member from Redemption Lutheran in Lynnwood, WA)

Earth's winds and fires, floods and quakes
Confirm our God both gives and takes
To teach us everything we own
Is given to us as a loan.

As Christians we must all confess
It's by God's grace that we possess
Our homes and all that is therein
Including cherished next of kin.

Whatever great catastrophe
Befalls us unexpectedly,
We too with Job need also say
The Lord gives and He takes away.

We came with nothing at our birth
And will take nothing from the earth.
Our wealth is worthless to us when
We hear or say our last Amen.

Our finite mind can not know why
Some people suffer even die
When forces far beyond control
Try body, mind, and very soul.

Catastrophes make us aware
We must from childhood on prepare
To trust in God above all things
And not in wealth our labor brings.

Whatever wealth we may amass
Is worthless to us when we pass
From this short life upon our way
To death and final Judgment Day.

True lasting wealth does not consist
Of all the worldly good we list.
True wealth is found in God the Son
In victory He for us won.

By God's pure grace through faith we can
Possess eternal life and plan
To be with Him who died so we
Could live with Him eternally.

Do teachers in public schools buy into what Scripture calls immoral? Not all of them, and certainly not teachers who respect the Lord. But can they teach otherwise? What will be the consequence if they do? This is the education system your tax dollars pay for. Do you want your child in such a classroom? You say, "But I pay taxes. I am going to use the public school." Your taxes also pay for jails. Do you want your child, a captive in the classroom, socially manipulated by purveyors of anti-Christian philosophies?

We know God's Word will prevail to the salvation of all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. That is our Father's promise. Furthermore, we are told, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church" (Matthew 16:18). Jesus has promised that no one will be able to pluck His children from His arms. Yet Satan and his enlisted army will never stop trying to undermine faith and destroy Christianity. How better to do it than to bend impressionable minds?

No, a Christian school and Christian education do not guarantee that children will not be tempted or even fall. But as parents ought we not give our children the benefit of an education where they are instructed in the way of the Lord, where they are assured of the warm embrace of a loving Father Who has claimed them for His own in Christ, and promised them a home in heaven after the trials and afflictions of this life? Shall we not consider giving them an education where they are given the ability to discern good from evil, faith from unbelief, truth from lies, and where they are emboldened to say no to sin?

The goal of Christian education is to make the children wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus the Lord. In Him they have forgiveness of sin. In Him they find comfort in sorrow. In Him they find assurance that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory they will know in heaven. In Him they find a place of refuge against the inevitable storms of life, and in the hour of death. In Him and through Him they are sanctified by the Holy Spirit to live to the glory of God while waiting for heaven.

How blessed are the children who learn in home, in church, and in school that the word of the Lord is life to all who by grace believe the Word and trust in the Savior. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run to it and are safe" (Proverbs 18:10).

*Liberty Counsel Special Report. Liberty counsel is contesting this in a lawsuit in Georgia (2018)

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 8/2018

WHO IS EDUCATING YOUR CHILDREN?

It has been true through the ages. Christian education has the Lord Jesus Christ and eternity at its center. It is fundamentally opposite of secular education which ignores the spiritual and has man and temporal existence at its center. Christian education is heaven-focused. Secular education is world-focused. Christian education educates the whole person, mind and soul. Secular education educates half the person, the mind. Christian education does not ignore the here and now but prepares the student for the eternal joy and peace of heaven, through the merit and atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ. Secular education ignores Christ and eternity and has the here and the now as the aim, purpose, and end-all of human experience.

The world view of Christian education is based on faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the sinner has been reconciled unto God, and through whose righteousness the redeemed believing child of God will stand with assurance before the throne of God on judgment day. Faith in Christ is of the essence of Christian hope, as well as the power unto sanctified living which manifests itself in living to the glory of God. The world view of secular education knows nothing of the hope of heaven and neither knows nor cares about sanctification.

Someone may ask, "Is public sector, secular education then beneficial to mankind?" If we can separate the anti-Christian philosophy of public education with its emphasis only on the things of the earth, we surely acknowledge the worthwhile contributions to society and life. Are there teachers who are Christian in the secular educational world? Yes. Are there Christian students in the public schools? Absolutely. Do we claim that teachers in Christian schools are better teachers than those in the public schools? No. Such an assertion is no more valid than one suggesting teachers in the public schools are better teachers than those in Christian schools.

The Christian's concern is the *philosophy* and *emphasis* that characterizes public education. To that concern, add that increasingly Christian teachers in public education are hamstrung, and run the risk of being censored or losing their job if they dare to let their Christian faith influence them, or if they refuse to follow the company line.

Given the reality that in today's humanistic, ahistorical, as well as amoral society anti-Christian philosophies are promoted on television, in text books and even on the highways and byways, it is hardly possible

that children will not be exposed to philosophies which undermine the Christian faith and common decency. This is all the more reason for Christian parents to pay careful attention to what their children are being exposed in the public school classroom. That is also why faithful Christian parents will teach their children the Word of God in the home; that is why, if they must use the public system, they will faithfully use the agencies of the church to instill understanding of sin, as well as forgiveness through the Lord Jesus in the hearts of their children.

An essential purpose of Bible teaching and devotions in the home and the Christian school is to make them heavenly minded. "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil" (Proverbs 8:13). The wisdom of God is the wisdom unto life. Of such wisdom Scripture says, "Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors, for whoever finds me finds life, and obtains favor from the Lord" (8:34-35). Children learn, not only by verbal direct teaching. They learn by osmosis. Osmosis is the process of gradual or unconscious assimilation of ideas or knowledge whether good or bad. They learn by observation, by example. Therefore, by word Christian parents will teach the love of God, and *by example* show the love of God through discipline, kindness, and love.

Consequently, Christian parents who value the training of their children in the Word of God will surely want to use such agencies of education in their fellowship that will assist them as they seek to further, foster, confirm, and nourish their children in the faith. Under which educational model will children be educated in the love of Christ, and the way to heaven? Thus, the question: Does public education help or hinder?

One heinous world leader of the past said, "If you tell a big enough lie, and tell it frequently enough it will be believed." Whether in the world or in the church, everything contrary to God and His holy Word is a lie. Told enough times many fall for Satan's lies by which he seeks to undermine the faith of parents and children. His intent is to destroy Christianity and undermine personal faith. For example, in a bow to gender inclusiveness, the United Methodist Church, Minnesota Conference, *has dropped "Father" from the Apostolic Creed*. Satan has thereby attacked and undermined the doctrine of the Trinity.

Satan is the master of deceit. He covers his lies under the guise of diversity, love, inclusiveness, rights. From the adverse side whether in politics, the church, or the media, Satan suggests that anyone who speaks against his lies is hateful. Truth is hate speech to those who buy His lies.

What is the destruction of a child in the womb worth? The daughter of a recent presidential candidate, both of whom shall remain unnamed said, "It is not a disconnected fact ... that American women entering the labor force from 1970 to 2009 added three and a half trillion dollars to our economy." She was speaking at a pro-abortion rally, championing the right of women to make their own choices. *There have been upward of 50,000,000 abortions in the United States since 1973, the actual date of Roe v. Wade that made abortion legal.*

Children are exposed to the misuse, abuse, and blasphemy of the name of God on television, on the street, on the ball field, in school. Are *you* troubled by the gutter language that passes for civil discourse? Have you seen children hardly old enough to be in school used as pawns by adults to march in protests?

The philosophy of the world denies that the God of Scripture is the only true God. Because the Triune God will not be removed from His throne as the only Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, the purveyors of idolatry try to minimize Him by elevating gods of human imagination to the level of the Lord of heaven and earth. Satan convinces people to believe the lie. So, though God will not be removed from His rightful place as the true God, souls nevertheless are lost who buy the lie.

As we all are, your children are subjected to satanic influences in the world and we have not even gone to school yet. How does one teach history (if it is still taught) without a sense of the hand of God in the history of nations? Do you think that in public schools the origin of the world and of man is taught from an evolutionary view or a creationist, Biblical view? Is the philosophy of public education anchored in absolutes, or is everything relative? What is the public educational explanation of the origin of evil in the world?

Have you ever heard of "Queering English?" Not likely. Whether or not it will make it to your public school, it is out there under the aegis of the "National Council of Teachers of English." This organization advances "social justice" under the guise of classroom English assignments. "Queer K-12 teachers and students must continue ... constructing learning spaces, creating projects, and pursuing research agendas that move English studies ... to transformation so that participants can be proactive in their schools and communities." (*) *Notice such indoctrination begins in kindergarten.* There is more. Let that suffice.