

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; David Stifter; Joel Stifter

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

Church Cleaners: B. Rust

School: Holmberg

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; David Stifter; Joel Stifter

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker

Hospitality Team 2: Andrea Dahl; Dan & Cindy Degnan; Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow;

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Oct. 14: Mission Festival (Missionary Peter Evensen as Guest Speaker)
8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sun. School (India Presentation)
10:00 am – Mission Festival Worship Service
11:00 am – Mission Festival Potluck (Guild Committee #1)

Mon., Oct. 15: No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

Wed., Oct. 17: 4:30-6:15 – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class (Proverbs)

Sun., Oct. 21: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School (Gospel of John)
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings
4:00 pm – Pastor Pfeiffer Installation @ Berea in Inver Grove Hts.

Sat., Oct. 27: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Wed., Oct. 31: Reformation Day (501st Anniversary – Oct. 31, 1517)

Sun., Nov. 4: 4:00 pm – MN Reformation Service (Inver Grove Hts.)

Fri., Nov. 9: Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day

Nov. 9-10: 7:30 pm – ILC Musical, "Willy Wonka" (Music @ 7 pm)

Wed., Nov. 21: 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Thu., Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Day – No Worship



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 21/Mission Festival

Date: October 14, 2018

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 5: Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear

CDS: TLH 496: Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying

TLH 289: The Law Commands and Makes Us Know

TLH 499: Look from Thy Sphere of Endless Day

TLH 508: Thou Whose Almighty Word

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 66, TLH p. 136

Liturgy:

As projected
(WS 764 & TLH 498)

Scripture Readings:

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

John 5:24-29

Sermon: Ezekiel 2:1-3:3

^{2:1} And He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you."
² Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me. ³ And He said to me: "Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. ⁴ For they are impudent and stubborn children. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' ⁵ As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse—for they are a rebellious house—yet they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶ "And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they are a rebellious house. ⁷ You shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they are rebellious. ⁸ But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you." ⁹ Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. ¹⁰ Then He spread it before me; and there was writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it were lamentations and mourning and woe. ^{3:1} Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." ² So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll. ³ And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness. (NKJVTM)

God Sends Us to Speak His Bittersweet, Powerful Word

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ♦ **WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. If you are looking for a church home, the pastor will be happy to visit with you at your convenience.
- ♦ **Mission Festival:** Today we welcome our CLC Missionary, Peter Evensen, as our guest speaker. He is currently stateside as things get ironed out for his next phase of work overseas. We thank him for sharing an update on our CLC mission program and for sharing the Word of God during his guest preaching today. May the Lord richly bless his ministry and guide things so that Missionary Evensen can return to his responsibilities in teaching and preaching the Word.
- ♦ **Mission Festival Potluck:** Following today's worship service is our mission festival potluck meal. Please stay and join us in fellowship! Dorcas Guild Committee #1 will host.
- ♦ **Singing:** The Sunday School will be singing next Sunday.
- ♦ **Box Tops:** Our goal for our submission of Box Tops for Education is \$150. We are currently at about \$90. Please keep clipping the box tops and send them in to school. The deadline is October 30.
- ♦ **Installation:** The installation of Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer at Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Hts. will be on Sun., Oct. 21 at 4 pm. A lunch will follow. Note that Robert Street is closed for road work.
- ♦ **Minnesota Reformation Festival:** A joint Reformation festival worship service for CLC congregations in Minnesota will be held at Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Hts., MN, on November 4, 4:00 pm. Following the worship service there will be a potluck meal in which you may bring a dish to share.
- ♦ **Anniversary:** Morning Star Lutheran in Fairchild, WI, will be celebrating 25 years of CLC services on Sunday, November 4. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm, with Worship following at 2:00 pm. Guest speakers include Pastor Paul Tiefel, and Pastor/Professor Emeritus David Lau. Our address is 250 N Center St, Fairchild, WI 54741. Please come join us in thanking the Lord!



- ♦ **New Devotion Book:** Pastor Mark Weis, a CLC pastor serving in Lemmon, SD, has a unique and wonderful ability to express Biblical encouragement and teachings in writing. He recently published a new devotional book called, "One Thing Needful, Volume 2." This volume has devotions which fall into four categories: general devotions, along with devotions on the seven letters to the seven churches of Revelation, the seven 'words' Jesus spoke from the cross, and the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer. Those interested can find the book on Amazon by searching for "One Thing Needful, Volume 2, Mark Weis." The cost is \$9.75. His two former books are also on Amazon, entitled, "One Thing Needful," and "On Eagles Wings."
- ♦ **Visitors Day:** Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day is November 9 beginning at 10 am in the gymnasium for chapel. It will feature presentations and classroom visits until 3 pm. Come and learn more about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ. There is also the opportunity to see the ILC fall musical: Willy Wonka. It will be performed both Fri. and Sat. at 7:30 pm. A band concert will precede it Fri. at 7 pm. and a variety of student musical performances on Sat. at 7 pm. Speak with your pastor about questions and attendance or contact Prof. John Ude, the ILC Academic Dean, by Nov. 6 (715-271-5641/john.ude@ilc.edu).
- ♦ **2019 Mission Helper Trip:** Applications for the 2019 CLC Mission Helper Trip to India are being accepted. The application deadline is January 7. Space is limited so it is best to apply early. Apply online and find more information at: www.MHT.LutheranMissions.org or contact Todd Ohlmann at thohlmann@gmail.com
- ♦ **CLC News:** Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck, member at Living Word in Blue Springs, MO, has accepted the call to serve as Professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. This call is to replace Prof. Paul Schaller who is retiring at the end of June 2019. ✠ Pastor David Schaller of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran in Dowagiac, MI, has returned the call to Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA.

♦ Sunday School Memory Work: #5 – Third Commandment

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 7, 2018 Sun.: 100 S.S.: 8 B.Cl.: 38 Wed.: 25

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,784*	CLC:	\$1,294	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,700	CLC:	1,000	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-916	CLC:	+294	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$139,558**	CLC:	\$38,050	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	148,000	CLC:	40,000	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-8,442	CLC:	-1,950	
GLC Other:	10	Living Faith:	2	Tuition Aid:	170
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	207	Kinship:	50
ILC Student Aid:	3	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF: 0	CEF: 0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$1,834

* Includes \$500 in school tuition ** Includes \$3,794 school-year-to-date tuition



Board of Missions' Devotion

"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from

My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11

One of the challenges we face in life is the fact that sometimes things work and sometimes they don't. We rely on all sorts of things in our daily lives. We probably don't even think about most of those things, that is, until they stop working. For example, we don't think twice about how we're going to get somewhere until our car, for some reason, stops working.

We stop working, too. As we get older, our eyes stop working so that we need glasses. Our legs stop working as they used to, and we need a walker. Eventually, we run into all sorts of things that don't work, and this will continue because nothing lasts forever. Nothing works forever.

Well, almost nothing. There is one thing that always works, and that's God's Word as our passage makes clear. In this world where everything eventually stops working, we have something that we can hold on to that lasts forever. What a wonderful truth this is for us to cling to!

Our text compares God's Word to rain and snow coming down from heaven and watering the earth. Water is vitally important. We wouldn't live very long without it. Where there is water, there is green and life. Where there is no water, there is only dry and

weary dust. If you want proof of that, look at a satellite view of Egypt. Where there is water because of the Nile River, it's green. But if you move away from the river, there is nothing but desert.

Do we see how well this comparison fits God's Word? If you want something good for giving eternal life and keeping people alive, the Word of God is what you're looking for. As surely as the rain falls from the sky and waters the ground, supplying "*seed to the sower and bread for food*" (2 Corinthians 9:10), so God's Word goes out and accomplishes what He purposes. When God spoke at creation, there was no doubt that light and land and water and everything else would come into existence. When Jesus spoke to heal the blind and the lame and raise the dead, the Word was always sure to accomplish its purpose. When God speaks, His Word does what He sends it to do.

God's Word works. Just as when He said, "*Let there be light*" and there was light, so also, when God says through the pastor at one's Baptism, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," that one is truly baptized. God has claimed that one to be His own dear child. The water connected with the Word works at creating faith and causes one to trust in Jesus for salvation.

It's God's Word alone that accomplishes what we never could. If not for God's Word, all of our efforts would be in vain. It's God's Word alone that succeeds in creating faith and bringing about salvation. Paul says in Romans 10:17, "*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" We who were born dead in trespasses and sins could never bring ourselves to faith. Thank God that His Word accomplishes His purposes and succeeds in bringing us to faith so that we might have eternal life with Him. In all that we seek to accomplish, may God grant that we ever cling to His Word.

Council Meeting Notes – October 7, 2018

Meeting called to order. Roll was taken. Sept. Council meeting minutes read and approved. Sept. treasurer's report presented and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Motion passed to recommend to the voters to honor Brad Kitzman's request to terminate his and his children's memberships at Grace.
- Motion passed to recommend to the voters to terminate Phil Flesner's and his family's memberships at Grace due to no response to contact.
- The Pastoral Conference was held in Red Wing this past week.
- Mission Festival is next Sunday (Oct. 14) with Missionary Peter Evensen as guest speaker.
- Motion passed to recommend to the voters to approve the 2019 Grace Calendar.
- Sue Anne Kirkham is moving back to the Twin Cities. Her move-in is scheduled for Oct 23, if anyone can help her move in.
- Beth Sorensen will be transferring to Grace soon.
- Motion passed to recommend to the voters to move Rick Nelson from the Board of Ed. to the Board of Trustees to fill that position which was vacated. Then a vacancy on the Bd. of Ed. would need to be filled.
- Sunday School teachers this year are as follows:

Jan Davis	Music
Emily Hein	Level 1
Mikey Oman	Level 2
Michael Ude	Level 3 and Superintendent

Elder Report

- Nothing additional to report.

Education Report

- Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Oct 15.

Trustee Report

- Nothing to report.

Other Business

- Motion passed to recommend to the voters to approve the following 2019 budget:

	2019	2018	2017	2016
Trustees	37,000	37,000	36,000	36,000
Education	91,000	75,000	59,000	57,000
Elders	82,000	80,500	77,400	79,000
Totals	\$210,000	\$192,500	\$172,400	\$172,000

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Roger Ochsner



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Application deadline is January 7, 2019