

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; David Stifter; Joel Stifter

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

Hospitality Team 3: James & April Bomber; Rachelle Kanneh; Heidi Nelson; Bob & Suki Vandever

Church Cleaners: F. Radichel School: Nelson

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Nick Duehlmeier; Dale Enns; Duane Enns

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

Church Cleaners: Sydow School: Oman

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Nov. 4: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School (Gospel of John)
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
11:00 am – Hospitality
4:00 pm – MN Reformation Service (Inver Grove Hts.)

Mon. Nov. 5: 10:00 am – MN Pastoral Study Club @ Mankato, MN

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

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

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

Sun., Nov. 11: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School (Gospel of John)
10:00 am – Worship Service
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Wed., Nov. 21: 12:00 pm – School's Thanksgiving Break Begins
7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service @ Grace

Thu., Nov. 22: **THANKSGIVING DAY** – No Worship
9:00 am – Thanksgiving Day Worship Service @ Berea

Sun., Dec. 2, 9, 16: 12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal

Wed., Dec. 5, 12: 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship

Sun., Dec. 9: 3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital

Fri., Dec. 14: 7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert

Wed., Dec. 19: 6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Dinner
7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship

Thu., Dec. 20: 2:00 pm – Christian Day School Concert at Northtown Mall

Sun., Dec. 23: 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
12:00 Council Meeting

Mon., Dec. 24: 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship

Tue., Dec. 25: 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship

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Church Year: Pentecost 24/Reformation

Date: November 4, 2018

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 346: Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be
TLH 265: Thine Honor Save, O Christ, Our Lord
TLH 451: Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus
Communion: TLH 313
TLH 283: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage
Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 119 III, TLH p. 149

Liturgy:

Projected

Scripture Readings:

Habakkuk 2:1-4
Matthew 10:16-23

Sermon: Acts 4:5-13, 18-20

⁵And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, ⁶as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: ⁹If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, ¹⁰let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. ¹¹This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' ¹²Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." ¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. ... ¹⁸So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. ²⁰For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." (NKJV^{7/19})

Boldly Confess Christ and His Word!

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

♦ **Reformation:** The Minnesota Area Joint Reformation Festival will be held today, 4 pm, at Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, MN. The theme will be "The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation is Over. Now What?" The guest speaker will be Pastor Doug Libby and the liturgist will be newly-installed Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer. A fellowship luncheon will be served following the service. Members are invited to sing with the joint choir which will be singing "Christ is Our Cornerstone" with a rehearsal at 3 pm. The children are invited to sing "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less." We hope that many will be able to join us in celebrating God's grace and our Biblical Lutheran heritage in these last days.



♦ **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).

♦ **Retirement:** Pastor David Baker's farewell service is set for Sun., Dec. 9, at Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing. A retirement party is planned for the Bakers on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 18, at 3:30 pm at the church. A dinner will follow at 5 pm.

♦ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran in Saginaw, MI, has returned the call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN.

♦ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #8 – Sixth Commandment

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 28, 2018 Sun.: 96 S.S.: 13 B.Cl.: 42 Wed.: 16

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,564*	CLC:	\$640	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,700	CLC:	1,000	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-136	CLC:	-360	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$149,377**	CLC:	\$41,933	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	159,100	CLC:	43,000	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-9,723	CLC:	-1,067	
GLC Other:	4	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	25
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	60
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF: 0	CEF: 0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$1,899

* Includes \$160 in school tuition ** Includes \$4,048 school-year-to-date tuition

CLC E-Devotion - October 23, 2018

Romans 1:16 I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes.

GOSPEL PREACHING – OUR REFORMATION HERITAGE

Under God Luther unwittingly spawned the rebellion against spiritual tyranny that would eventually return the Gospel to its rightful place in the life of the church. The Reformation put the Gospel in its rightful place as the focus of Christian teaching and preaching. The Gospel was "the sermon that Christ gave Himself for us that He might save us from sin, that all who believe this might certainly be saved ... and that thus sinners, despairing of their own efforts, might cling to Christ alone and rely on Him" (What Luther Says, Vol. II, p. 562).

The repository of the pure Gospel after the Reformation was the Lutheran Church. Today the Lutheran Church for the most part is in need of another Reformation lest another word of Luther come true. Said the Reformer: "Very well, all sorts of plagues will follow upon this attitude" -- an attitude of indifference and lack of unadulterated Gospel preaching manifested by a failure to hold Christ and His cross at the center of things.



Purity of doctrine, sanctification, a fervent spirit of religiousness, a social conscience are important. But unless they are born of the Gospel and are in the service of the Gospel, the exercise and pursuit of the same is a replay of the self-deception that enveloped the church before the Reformation.

For our part we say with Luther that the Gospel of eternal salvation by grace through faith in Christ shall "be diligently presented in my sermons, for I see well enough what it does where it is present and what harm is caused where it is absent" (loc. cit., p. 564). God help us!

As we are committed in our church to proclaim the Gospel of Christ without shame or apology, we invite "all who are in distress of mind and heart because of their guilt and condemnation in the sight of Almighty God and seek the pardon and comfort which only the Gospel of Jesus Christ can confer" (CLC Statement of Faith and Purpose).

-- From the "Lutheran Spokesman"

Grace Alone † Faith Alone † Scripture Alone

ILC Chapel by Prof. John Pfeiffer, November 5, 2009

One of the stained glass windows on the Academic Center is Luther's seal. Around the rim of the seal are found the words: "grace alone; faith alone; scripture alone." This was one of the mottos in the Lutheran Reformation, except that they used the Latin: ***sola gratia, sola fide, sola scriptura***.

If the word "alone" is used, how can there be three "alones"? If something is alone, isn't it by itself? The three "solas" address three different factors which pertain to our salvation; within each factor, each of these things stands alone:

Sola gratia pertains to the divine factor.

Sola fide pertains to the human factor.

Sola scriptura pertains to the intermediate factor.

Sola Gratia

Sola gratia: the divine factor. When it comes to God's contribution to our salvation, grace stands alone. Grace: the undeserved love of God. Grace is that love which God pours out upon us, but which we have in no way earned. And remember what you learned in freshman religion: the love of God is not a feeling that He has; it is an activity. When God loves us, He is actively doing something to bring us into a close, intimate relationship with Him.

That activity was the sacrificing of His own, beloved Son. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son ..." (John 3:16). That activity continued when God caused the message of Christ Jesus to be accurately written down in the Bible. His love continued when He brought the Gospel to us and caused us to believe it. Thereby He poured out on us all the benefits of His Son's sacrifice: forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and life eternal.

Sola gratia: grace alone. Nothing else moved our God to do this. He was not moved by any goodness in us, for there was none. Grace alone and what a monumental grace it is: boundless love which looks not at what we did or do or will contribute, but looks only at God's own desire to save us from our hellish condemnation and embrace us in His eternal arms.

Luther lived in a time when the church taught that almost everything had to be done by man. Man had to pay for his sins either here on earth or in a fictitious place called "Purgatory." Among those who separated from Catholicism were preachers who taught that Christ did everything, but, in order to get the benefits, a man has to make a decision to accept Christ. However, Luther learned from Scripture, as well as from personal experience that man can contribute nothing, for even the best of our efforts are nothing but filthy rags in God's sight.

Sola Scriptura

Sola gratia; sola scriptura. More than once I have mentioned Scripture. This is the intermediate factor. The Bible is the tool through which God exercises His underserved love in our lives. The Gospel message is the power of God unto salvation. It is the two-edged sword that can pierce through the hard shell of unbelief that covers the human heart and lay bare what is within, excising what is evil and applying what is good. And what is good? The good tidings of great joy: salvation through Jesus Christ.

Luther found that his own church taught that the pope was the source of truth and that scripture always had to be interpreted by the church. He also found that some who desired to join him in the reformation did not believe in sola scriptura. They said that God comes to people directly and reveals Himself to them. Of course, that gave them the right to claim that God told them to do this and to do that. In this way they could put their own ideas alongside of Scripture. They could claim that God was guiding them directly.

Luther learned that it is only through the Bible that God reveals Himself to us, not through the pope, not through direct revelation. ***Sola scriptura***.

Sola Fide

He also learned through it was through God's Word alone that we gain saving faith. Moreover, this faith alone is what saves. ***Sola fide***.

When we say, "faith alone," we are not saying that faith is alone. Faith does not exist in a vacuum. Faith clings to Jesus Christ. It is Jesus who puts the salvation into faith. We do not believe in faith; we believe in Jesus.

Imagine that faith is your hand. God created this hand. The Holy Spirit places in that hand the redemption earned by Jesus and then He closes our fingers around this salvation. Thus, we come into full possession of forgiveness, righteousness, and eternal life. ***Sola fide***.

Luther found that many taught that it is not faith alone, but faith and good works together. But Scripture teaches (sola scriptura) that if we ever want to make a personal contribution to our salvation, we lose our salvation. Redemption has been paid in full by Jesus. Any desire to add anything to it is actually a denial of Jesus, a rejection of what He has done. ***Sola fide***.

What Luther found in his religious world still exists today. Therefore, pray that the Lord will keep your hands firmly clinging to the principles of the Reformation: sola gratia; sola scriptura; sola fide.