

✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Sue Nelson Elder: Frank Radichel

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

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

Hospitality Team 1: Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Janelle
Hein; Chris Lentz

Church Cleaners: Oman School: Onyinge

✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

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

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: Oman School: Pearson

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

Sun., Dec. 9: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 2)
11:00 am – Luncheon
12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital

Wed., Dec. 12: 4:30-6:15 – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship Service

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

Sun., Dec. 16: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 3)
11:00 am – Luncheon
12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal

Wed., Dec. 19: 4:30-6:15 – Catechism for Public School Students
6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Dinner
7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship

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

Fri., Dec. 21: Grace School - Christmas Party & Christmas Break Begins

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

Sun., Dec. 30: 10:00 am – Worship Service (No Bible Class, Sunday School)

Mon., Dec. 31: 7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper

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"Every tree
therefore that
does not bear
good fruit is
cut down and
thrown into
the fire."

LUKE 3:9



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Church Year: Advent 2 **Date:** December 9, 2018

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 130, TLH p. 153*

Hymn: *TLH 63: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 5 ff. (Laminated Sheet in Pew Also Available)*

Note: Today we will sing the introit and have the Advent candle lighting in place of the liturgy from pages 6 - 9.

Introit: *Tune of TLH 58: O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee*

Behold, Daughter of Zion, Salvation now draws near;
The Lord will speak His message That all may rightly hear.
Grant us a heart with gladness, Shepherd of Israel, dear,
Thou leadest us like Joseph, With Thee we have no fear.

Advent Candle Lighting: *The Bethlehem Candle*

We light this candle as a symbol of proclamation. This we experience because Christ came to earth at Bethlehem. May the Word sent from God through the apostles and prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Response: *TLH 62: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*

Oh, come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh,
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



First Reading: *Malachi 3:1-6*

Gradual:

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C: Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!

P: See, your King comes to you,

C: Righteous and having salvation.

P: Alleluia, Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for Him;

C: All mankind will see God's salvation! Alleluia.



Second Reading: *Philippians 1:3-11*

Confession of Faith: *Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12*

Hymn: *WS 704: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

Sermon: *Luke 3:7-8*

⁷ Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" ⁸ "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones." ⁹ "And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰ So the people asked him, saying, "What shall we do then?" ¹¹ He answered and said to them, "He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." ¹² Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³ And he said to them, "Collect no more than what is appointed for you." ¹⁴ Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages." ¹⁵ Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, ¹⁶ John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." ¹⁷ "His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸ And with many other exhortations he preached to the people. (NKJVTM)

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Guest Speaker: Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 73: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: *TLH p. 14*

Hymn: *WS 709: God Loves Me Dearly*

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Thanks** to Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck from Eau Claire, WI, for presenting the Advent message today while Pastor Hein recovers from back surgery.
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Service:** This is the rehearsal schedule:
 - Sun., Dec. 9: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start & end a bit early)
 - Sun., Dec. 16: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start & end a bit early)
 - Sun., Dec. 23: 8:45-9:45 am (please be here at 8:45 am so that we can start promptly)
 December is a busy month, but please remember the importance of these rehearsals for a successful Christmas Eve service. The last rehearsal on December 23 is the most critical as it is the dress rehearsal. The children have a wonderful opportunity to express the Good News of our salvation through Jesus Christ. The parents' help is greatly appreciated.
- ◆ **Midweek Advent Services:** This coming Wednesday, 7 pm, continues our Midweek Advent worship services. Our last one on Dec. 19 will be our annual candlelight service preceded by the congregational Christmas meal at 6 pm. Our theme this year is "The Season of Advent," considering how it is a time of promise, preparation, and anticipation. Join us during this precious time of year to ponder our Savior's coming.
- ◆ **Christmas Meal:** Please join us for a fellowship meal at 6 pm prior to the Candlelight service on Dec. 19. Those attending may bring something to share. Dorcas Guild committee #2 is hosting.
- ◆ **ILC Recital:** The ILC Piano/Organ Recital is today at 3:00 p.m. in the ILC Fieldhouse.
- ◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** Immanuel's Christmas concert this year will be held this Fri., Dec. 14, 7:30 pm, at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire.
- ◆ **Northtown Concert:** This year the Grace School children will be singing at the Northtown Mall on Thurs., Dec. 20, 2 pm.
- ◆ **Christmas Worship:** Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 6:00 pm with our children presenting the Christmas Gospel. The theme this year is: *Flow, River, Flow*. The children are asked to be here 1/2 hour prior to the service so that we can take a group picture and run through things. Christmas Day worship will be held at 10:00 am.
- ◆ **Catechism Break:** We will be having a two-week break for midweek Catechism students on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.
- ◆ **Sunday School Teachers:** Perhaps something to consider this Christmas is extending our Sunday School teachers an expression of gratitude for what they do for our children each week.
- ◆ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ◆ **2019 Cleaning:** The 2019 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.



- ◆ **Parking Reminder:** For those members who are able, please park further away to permit those with physical impairments to be able to park closer to the church.
- ◆ **Large Print Hymnals:** As a reminder, there are three copies of The Lutheran Hymnal in large print. These are by the guest book. Feel free to use these and return at the end of the worship service.
- ◆ **Women's Retreat:** The Midwest Christian Women's Retreat, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN, will be held March 22-24, 2019, at the Riverport Inn & Suites, Winona, MN. Registration is \$75 and opens on January 1, 2019. Register at www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net. Choose the "Midwest Spring Retreat." Deadline to register is February 22, 2019 (with a late fee of \$25). Hotel reservations (separate from retreat registration) can be made by calling (507) 452-0606, beginning on 2/22/19. Be sure to say it is for the Christian Women's retreat to get the group rate!
- ◆ **KINSHIP Sponsors:** The CLC KINSHIP Committee is seeking sponsors to support overseas orphans and seminary students. There are both students and orphans that will not have financial support starting in January if we do not find new sponsors. Please give this prayerful consideration. For more information, please see, email, or text Dan Roehl (danroehl@hotmail.com / 507-381-2042).
- ◆ **Mission Helper Trip:** Applications for the upcoming CLC Mission Helper Trip to India will be accepted until January 7. You can apply online at: www.mht.lutheranmissions.org. There is still lots of room for more volunteers. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Missionary Todd Ohlmann at thohlmann@gmail.com / (314) 517-0177.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Christmas Eve Parts and Hymns

The following is the nomination slate for 2019:

- Chairman: Rick Nelson; Michael Ude
- Elder: Phil Radichel; Eli Wales
- Education: Larry Nelson, Phil Radichel
- Trustee: Still working on as no one has been willing
- Delegates: Rick Nelson, Ryan Oman, Bill Rust, Dave Rust, Benno Sydow

Last Week's Stats: Dec. 2, 2018 Sun.: 99 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 32

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,858*	CLC:	\$635
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,700	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+158	CLC:	-365
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$170,348**	CLC:	\$47,527
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	177,600	CLC:	48,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-7,252	CLC:	-473
GLC Other: 26	Living Faith: 112	Tuition Aid: 100		
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF: 70	Kinship: 80		
ILC Student Aid: 20	ILC Bldg. 100	IIF: 0	CEF: 0	
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$2,709			
* Includes \$0 in school tuition ** Includes \$4,342 school-year-to-date tuition				