

## ✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Maureen Ochsner      Elder: Frank Radichel

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: Oman      School: Pearson

## ✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

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

Counting Team 3: Brian Eichstadt; Duane Enns; Dan  
Degnan; Benno Sydow

Church Cleaners: Oman      School: Pearson

## ✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

- 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:** 12:00 pm – School Christmas Party (Gift Opening @ 2 pm)  
Grace School Dismissal for Christmas Break
- Sun., Dec. 23:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal  
9:00 am – Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 4)  
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Mon., Dec. 24:** **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
5:30 pm – Children Arrive at Church  
6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship
- Tue., Dec. 25:** **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship
- Sun., Dec. 30:** 10:00 am – Worship Service (No Bible Class, Sunday School)
- Mon., Dec. 31:** **NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper
- Sun., Jan. 6:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany)

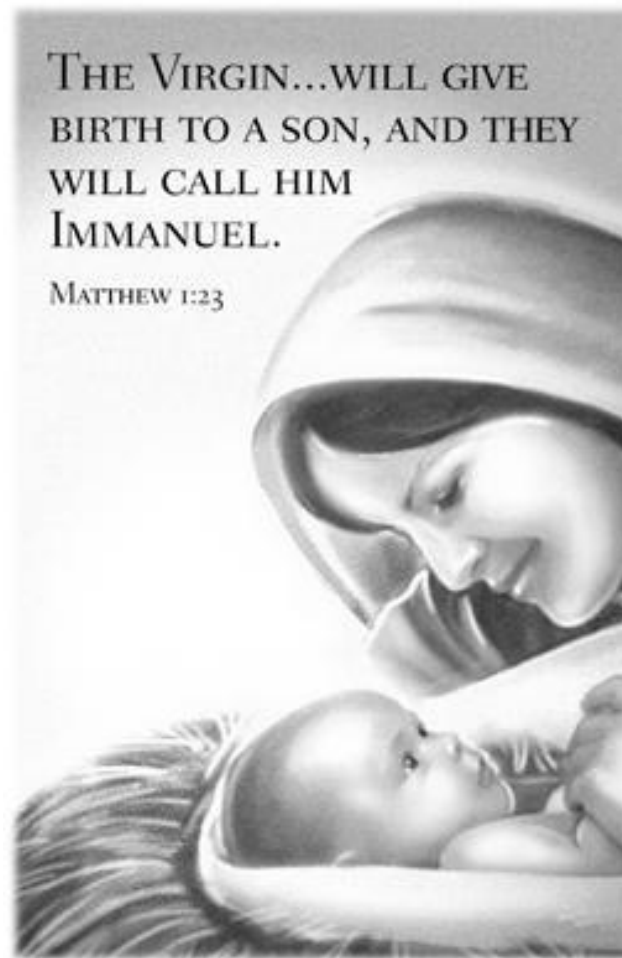
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# Grace Lutheran Church & School

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THE VIRGIN...WILL GIVE  
BIRTH TO A SON, AND THEY  
WILL CALL HIM  
IMMANUEL.

MATTHEW 1:23





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**Phone:** 763-784-8784

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

**Date:** December 16, 2018

## ✝ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✝

**Worship Preparation:** .....*Psalm 146, TLH p. 156*

**Hymn:** .....*WS 711: See in Yonder Manger Low*

**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*

Rejoice, rejoice, ye Christians, Again I say: Rejoice!  
Lead lives of moderation, The Savior is at hand;  
Be full of care for nothing, Address the Lord in prayer.  
He leads us out of prison, Brings Jacob safely there.

**Advent Candle Lighting:** .....*The Shepherd Candle*

*We light this candle as a symbol of joy. This we experience as Christ comes into our hearts. May the joyful promise of Your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation, just as it did for the shepherds that first Christmas night!*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel!*

**Response:** .....*TLH 62, st. 3: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*

Oh, come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



**First Reading:** .....*Isaiah 11:1-6, 10*

## 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. I will send My messenger ahead of You,

**C: Who will prepare Your way before You. Alleluia.**



**Second Reading:** .....*Philippians 4:4-7*

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

**Hymn:** .....*WS 710: Once in Royal David's City*

**Sermon:** .....*Matthew 1: 20-21*

<sup>20</sup> But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## Why a Christmas Baby?

1. Because God's Christmas Covenant So Promised

2. To Show His Complete Humanity And Law-Fulfillment

3. To "Embody" God's Gospel Love

Guest Speaker: Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck

**Offertory:** .....*TLH p. 12 f.*

**Hymn:** .....*LSB 362: O Sing of Christ*

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

**Hymn:** .....*LSB 359: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

*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 the Pastor. He would be delighted to visit with you!*

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Thanks** to Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck from St. Paul Park (where he lives with his wife, Mary), for presenting the Advent message today while Pastor Hein recovers from back surgery.
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Service:** This is the rehearsal schedule:
  - 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.
- ◆ **Candlelight Worship:** This Wednesday, December 19, 7 pm, will be our annual candlelight service with hymns and Bible readings. We continue our meditations on "The Season of Advent," considering how it is a time of promise, preparation, and anticipation. The Sunday School and Christian Day School children will be singing.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Northtown Concert:** The Grace School children will be singing at the Northtown Mall this 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.
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Video:** A reminder that we are having a Christmas Eve service instead of a Christmas Eve program. Therefore, we ask that parents and friends avoid taking flash pictures and videotaping during this service so that the focus remains on the joyous message of our Savior's birth. Our Christmas Eve service will be discreetly videotaped and made available by request. If you are interested in a copy, please speak with Pastor, Frank Radichel, or Rick Nelson.
- ◆ **Catechism Break:** We will be having a two-week break for midweek Catechism students on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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](http://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](mailto:thohlmann@gmail.com)/(314) 517-0177.

- ◆ **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](http://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](mailto:danroehl@hotmail.com) / 507-381-2042).
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of Morning Star Lutheran in Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran in Onalaska, WI, and Trinity Lutheran in Millston, WI, has the call to Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN. ✠ Carol Sandeen, wife of Pastor Em. James Sandeen, concluded chemo treatments and had recent surgery for breast cancer. ✠ Cindy Hartmann, wife of Pastor Jay Hartmann, has been struggling with migraines for many, many years. After attempting another medication, she will be going to Mayo for a cutting edge stimulator.
- ◆ **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: Larry Nelson, Phil Radichel, Eli Wales
- Delegates: Rick Nelson, Ryan Oman, Bill Rust, Dave Rust, Benno Sydow

Last Week's Stats:		Dec. 9, 2018	Sun.: 116	S.S.: 17	B.Cl.: 34	Wed.: 44
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,050*	CLC:	\$891		
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$345	CLC:	\$130		
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,700	CLC:	1,000		
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-305	CLC:	+21		
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$174,208**	CLC:	\$49,170		
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	181,300	CLC:	49,000		
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-7,092	CLC:	+173		
Total Budget for Year:	Grace:	192,500	CLC:	52,000		
Difference from budget (+/-)	Grace:	-18,292	CLC:	-2,830		
GLC Other:	329	Living Faith:	23	Tuition Aid:	28	
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	100	Kinship:	70	
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF: 0	CEF: 0	
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid: \$2,737				
		* Includes \$0 in school tuition    ** Includes \$4,342 school-year-to-date tuition				

## CLC Financial Report - November

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2018	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 5 Months	Balance 11/30/2018
General Fund	0	342,918	434,047	\$408,000	- 91,129
ILC Operations	0	618,972	526,205	\$229,000	92,767
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$961,890</b>	<b>\$960,252</b>	<b>\$637,000</b>	<b>1,638</b>
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	108,123	13,632	65,221		56,534
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	15,500	118,337	125,253		8,584
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	55,340	55,804	76,038		35,106
Kinship	36,637	29,017	59,991		5,663
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,356,241	259,439	143,908		1,471,772
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	77,286	52,280	61,337		68,229
Reserve Fund	298,855	0	0		298,855
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,947,982</b>	<b>\$528,509</b>	<b>\$531,748</b>		<b>\$1,944,743</b>

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance November 30, 2018	\$1,251,693
Principal paid to date	<b>\$209,238</b>

**General Fund** – Offerings in Nov. totaled \$88,200 vs disbursements of \$91,846. While offerings this month exceeded the monthly average needed (\$81,600), the large deficit is due partly to a YTD offering shortfall (\$66,000) and partly to a YTD budget disbursement overage (\$25,000). Hopefully this deficit will be reduced over the next months. The General Fund is one of our main funds which subsidizes the budgets of the Boards of Trustees, ILC Regents, Missions, and Ed & Publications. It is supported by congregational offerings to the CLC Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP)

**ILC Operations** – November ILC revenue was \$114,461 vs disbursements of \$119,754.

**ILC Building Projects** – November congregational offerings were \$2,884 vs disbursements of \$8,000 for the monthly loan repayment on the Academic Center & North Hall.

**CEF** – November revenue was \$40,353 from CEF loan repayments vs disbursements of \$3,382.

**MDF** – November offerings totaled \$9,456 vs disbursements of \$18,653 mostly for BELC Rice & Christmas gifts (\$12,500), but also for foreign mission church repairs (\$2,500), exploratory outreach (\$1,200 India tracts & Mexico travel), bibles (\$500), part-time missionaries' travel (\$317).

**SAF** – November revenue of \$6,862 included congregational offerings (\$1,661) and student loan re-payments (\$5,201) vs disbursements of \$12,123, for Student Grants, Loans, & Scholarships.

**Kinship** – November cong & sponsor offerings of \$9,344 vs disbursements of \$24,243 for foreign missions: Christmas gifts for 518 India & Africa children (\$2,990), India pastor medical aid (\$2000), annual leprosy aid (\$1,150), bimonthly pastor support (\$6,640), bimonthly orphan support (\$7,740), BELC semi-annual widow support (\$3,300).

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer / Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

## LSB 362: "O Sing of Christ"

1. O sing of Christ, whose birth made known the kindness of the Lord,  
Eternal Word made flesh and bone so we could be restored.  
Upon our frail humanity God's finger chose to trace  
The fullness of His deity, the icon of His grace.
2. What Adam lost, none could reclaim, and Paradise was barred  
Until the second Adam came to mend what sin had marred.  
For when the time was full and right God sent His only Son;  
He came to us as life and light and our redemption won.
3. He came to that which was His own, but he was not received;  
Yet still through Him God's glory shone, and some his name believed.  
To these He gave the right to be the heirs of heav'n above,  
Born not of human ancestry but born of God in love.
4. Lord Jesus Christ, You deigned to dwell among us here on earth  
As God with us, Emmanuel, to bring this holy birth  
Though rich, You willingly became one with our poverty,  
That we might share Your wealth and name for all eternity!

## LSB 359: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

1. Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as prophets long have sung.  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.
2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.
3. This flow'r, who's fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death He saves us and lightens ev'ry load.
4. O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, King of glory, who dost our weakness know:  
Bring us at length we pray  
To the bright courts of heaven, and to the endless day.