

## ✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Maureen Ochsner      Elder: Frank Radichel

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

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

Church Cleaners: Rust      School: NA

## ✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?      School: Rinne

## ✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

**Sun., Dec. 30:** 10:00 am – Worship Service (No Bible Class or Sunday School)  
**Mon., Dec. 31:** **NEW YEAR'S EVE** (worship service cancelled)  
**Wed., Jan. 2:** No Catechism  
**Sun., Jan. 6:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Epiphany)  
 11:00 am – Hospitality  
**Wed., Jan. 9:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class Resumes  
**Sun., Jan. 13:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 1)  
 12:00 pm – Council Meeting  
**Sun., Jan. 20:** Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings  
**Sat., Jan. 26:** 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

**Last Week's Stats:** Dec. 23 Sun.: 115 S.S.: 28 B.Cl.: 19 Eve: 146 Day: 67

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$10,583*	CLC:	\$595
Christmas Eve Offering:	Grace:	\$370	CLC:	\$25
Christmas Day Offering:	Grace:	\$1,790	CLC:	\$100
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,700	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+9,043	CLC:	-280
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$190,607**	CLC:	\$50,358
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	188,700	CLC:	51,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+1,907	CLC:	-642
Total Budget for Year:	Grace:	192,500	CLC:	52,000
Difference from budget (+/-)	Grace:	-1,893	CLC:	-1,642
GLC Other: 692	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	135
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	120
ILC Student Aid: 110	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF: 100	CEF: 0

Current Balances:      Tuition Aid: \$2,997

\* Includes \$1,950 in school tuition      \*\* Includes \$6,292 school-year-to-date tuition

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

**Church Year:** Christmas 1

**Date:** December 30, 2018



## ✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 96, TLH p. 144*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 114: Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love*

**Liturgy:** ..... *TLH, p. 5 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

**Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie):** ..... *TLH, pp. 6-7*

P: Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given,

**C: And the government will be upon His shoulders.**

P: And He shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,

**C: The Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

P: Sing to the Lord a new song,

**C: For He has done marvelous things. Glory be to God!**

**Gloria in Excelsis:** ..... *TLH 102, st. 3-4*

3. Hark, hark, to the angels all singing in heaven,

“To God in the highest all glory be given!”

To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

4. To Thee, then, O Jesus, this day of Thy birth

Be glory and honor through heaven and earth,

True Godhead incarnate, omnipotent Word!

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

**First Reading:** ..... *Genesis 17:7-13*

God gave the promise to send the Savior and sealed this covenant with the visible sign of circumcision.

## Gradual:

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us.

**C: We have beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,

**C: Shout for joy before the Lord, the king.**

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Let the peace of God rule in your hearts.

**C: For all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!**

**Second Reading:** ..... *Romans 10:1-4*

As Jesus fulfilled the Law, He is the end of the Law for righteousness unto salvation to everyone that believes --Jew or Gentile.

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

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 363: To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name*

**Sermon:** ..... *Luke 2:21; 25-32*

<sup>21</sup> And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. ... <sup>25</sup> And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, <sup>28</sup> he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: <sup>29</sup> "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; <sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen Your salvation <sup>31</sup> Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## “Made Under the Law to Fulfill the Law”

Guest Preacher: Rev. Emeritus Daniel Fleischer

During sermon the following will be sung ...

**TLH 117: The Ancient Law Departs**

**Offertory:** ..... *TLH p. 29 f. Nunc Dimittis (TLH p. 29)*

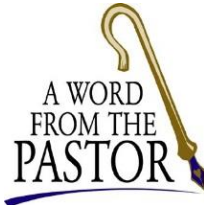
**Offering, Prayers, Benediction:** ..... *TLH p. 14*

**Hymn:** ..... *TLH 97: Let Us All with Gladsome Voice*

*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 Daniel Fleischer for presenting the Gospel message today while Pastor Hein recovers from back surgery.
- ◆ **Gratitude:** Each passing year at Grace is a treasure as the Word of our Lord's grace shepherds our souls. I humbly stand in awe at what the Lord accomplishes through His mighty power in Word and Sacrament. My family and I are truly thankful for the generosity of the members of Grace in sharing their prayers, cards, gifts, and encouragement this Christmas season. We pray that the Lord Himself will continue to shepherd us along the path He has before us in 2019. – Pastor Hein
- ◆ **Among Us:** This past week Joyce Stifter was hospitalized at Mercy due to another compression fracture in her back. Also, recently Karen Schlegel had knee replacement surgery. She is now undergoing physical therapy. Pastor Hein is still healing from fusion surgery. While limited with standing and sitting, things are progressing well. We pray for our fellow Christians that the Lord will provide healing.
- ◆ **New Year's Eve:** The Council has cancelled this year's New Year's Eve worship service.
- ◆ **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 in Mankato, MN, will be held March 22-24 at the Riverport Inn & Suites, Winona, MN. Registration is \$75 and opens on Jan. 1, and will be limited to the first 120 applicants. Register at [www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net](http://www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net). Choose the "Midwest Spring Retreat." Hotel reservations (separate from retreat registration) can be made by calling (507) 452-0606, with the special block rate (mention "retreat") for our group available now. Deadline for both retreat registration and hotel reservations is Fri., Feb. 22, 2019.
- ◆ **The KINSHIP Committee** would like to offer our sincerest thanks for your generous responses to our recent request for sponsors. We praise the Lord for this generous outpouring of support! All of the Direct Sponsorships have now been filled, and we have begun a waiting list for anyone who would like to directly sponsor a seminary student or orphan in the future.



## Council Meeting Notes – December 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order. November Council meeting minutes were read and approved. November treasurer's report presented and approved.

### Pastor's Report

- Vanessa Vandever was baptized November 25, and profession of faith was December 2. Motion passed to recommend to the voters to ratify Vanessa as communicant member, with children Madison Glover, Harleigh Fuerstenberg, and Devin Vandever under parental care.
- Motion passed to accept the transfer of Beth Sorensen from St John's Lutheran Church in Okabena.
- Motion passed to set Pastor's Accountable Reimbursement figures for 2019.
- Motion passed to set Pastor's Fair Rental Value at \$7,200.
- Pastor had back surgery on December 5. Guest speakers have been established through January 6, 2019.

### Board of Elders Report

- The Secretary is to send a thank you to Phil and Jackie Radichel for getting the Christmas Tree.
- The Secretary is to give voter attendance records to the Elders for their critique.
- The use of hymn boards is necessary when we have guest pastors. Electronic hymn boards will be researched to eliminate the need to manually handle the wooden boards and hymn numbers.
- A deeper baptismal bowl is being researched to eliminate spilling, etc.
- Motion passed to cancel New Year's Eve service this year.

### Board of Education Report

- Turnout for the Christmas Concert at Northtown was very good.

### Board of Trustees Report

- A pipe from the building to the street has problems with tree roots. An initial estimate of just less than \$6500 has been received to repair. This is being checked into.
- Decorators for the enhancement of the interior of the church will be pursued.
- The classroom thermostat has been repaired.

### Other Business

- Thank you to Rick Nelson for the passage in the school hallway.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Roger Ochsner