

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Frank Radichel

Ushers: Roger Ochsner; Paul Lentz; Bob Maki; Jack Maki;
John Maki

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

Hospitality Team 5: Bonnie Baker; Nick & Miranda
Duehlmeier; Jenny Kleifgen; Pat & Dawn Paplow

Church Cleaners: Anderson School: Wales

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Rick Nelson; Keith Radichel; David Stifter; Joel
Stifter; Bob Vandever

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

Church Cleaners: Anderson School: Wales

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Feb. 3 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Epiphany 4)
11:00 am – Hospitality

Wed., Feb. 6: Grace School Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Feb. 10: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 5)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Sun., Feb. 17: 3:30 pm – Installation of Pastor Starkey @ Red Wing, MN

Mon. Feb. 18: President's Day – No School

Wed., Mar. 6: ASH WEDNESDAY – Midweek Lenten Worship Begins

March 8-10: CLC Grade School Basketball Tourney @ Immanuel

March 8-13: Grace School Spring Break

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 27 Sun.: 97 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 40 Wed.: NA

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$6,620*	CLC:	\$2,175
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+2,620	CLC:	+1,175
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$17,102**	CLC:	\$4,099
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	16,000	CLC:	4,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+1,102	CLC:	+99
GLC Other: 103	Living Faith: 50	Tuition Aid: 145		
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF: 0	Kinship: 210		
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg. 250	IIF: 0 CEF: 0		

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$4,063

* Includes \$0 in school tuition ** Includes \$200 year-to-date school tuition

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: February 3, 2019

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

WS 743: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

TLH 598, st. 1-4: Who Knows When Death

Choir: Create in Me a Clean Heart

WS 784: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Communion: TLH 311

TLH 309: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

Worship Prep:

Psalm 84, TLH p. 139f.

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 15 (Projected)

Abbreviated w/o pp. 6-9

Scripture Readings:

1 Cor. 12:27-13:13

Luke 4:20-32

Sermon: Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." ⁶Then said I: "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth." ⁷But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD. ⁹Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant." (NKJVTM)

Soul Plans of the LORD



✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Among Us:** This past week Tracy Baker had a minor stroke and was hospitalized at Mercy in Coon Rapids. She has not had any noticeable permanent damage, but has some weakness on her left side. She can swallow and eat just fine. However, something like this obviously is startling to her, Kevin, and their children. Please keep Tracy and her family in your prayers as she looks to God's promises in His Word. Romans 8:31-32: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?
- ◆ **Bridal Shower:** A bridal shower will be held for Emily Hein on Sat., March 2, 11 am, in the fellowship hall. Please RSVP to Heidi Nelson. Additional details are on the invitation on the narthex bulletin board.
- ◆ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek services will begin this Wed., Ash Wednesday, March 6, 7 pm. The theme of our series is "Mementos of Our Savior's Passion." When the Second World War ended, American servicemen and women came home victorious, bringing back mementos of the war. There was another war of far greater importance in which we have mementos. These items in themselves were of no great value, but played a role in Jesus' passion. We will be considering how they tie in with what He did for us. These midweek services can deepen our appreciation of the redemptive work our Savior, Jesus Christ, accomplished in our behalf.
- ◆ **Lenten Soup Suppers:** These gatherings are a way for people to eat between work and our Midweek Lenten worship services. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall for those who are willing to provide soup and do setup and cleanup. There are still openings!
- ◆ **Tournament:** The 34th annual Grade School Basketball Tournament for CLC Youth will be held at Immanuel Lutheran College, March 8-10, 2018 (Fri.-Sun.). Registration for teams ends on Feb. 1. Teams are co-ed, composed of 5th-8th graders. See www.clclutheran.net/tourney.
- ◆ **Care Packages:** The Dorcas Guild is making care packages for the ILC dorm students, with larger packages for our member students, as well as one for our away-from-home active military service member, Karie Davis. If you would like to contribute items or money toward this effort, contact Norma Rust. The packages will be assembled on Feb. 9 from 9-11 am in the fellowship hall. Anyone interested in helping with this project can join in.
- ◆ **Keys:** As a reminder, please return any church keys after using them for cleaning or other tasks. We certainly appreciate what everyone does behind the scenes. We just need to make sure others can use the keys.

- ◆ **Installation:** Pastor Starkey will be installed at Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN, on Sun., Feb. 17, 3:30 pm, meal to follow.
- ◆ **Black Hills Family Bible Camp:** Family camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God's Word on July 19-23. For more information and registration, contact Pastor Aaron Ude (605) 393-1311/aaronude@gmail.com.
- ◆ **ILC After-Banquet Party:** The ILHS Parent Committee is preparing for this year's After Banquet party which will be held May 4, 2019. They are looking for a variety of donations to help with this effort. Please see the posted letter (in the entry/on the bulletin board/etc) for further details. Questions can be directed to Joanna Gamble via email - joannagamble@hotmail.com or phone/text 651-253-3050.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor John M. Johannes of St. Paul Lutheran in Ponsford, MN, has resigned from the public ministry for health reasons, effective immediately. ✠ Trinity Lutheran of Spokane, WA, has submitted a request for a seminary graduate. ✠ There is one seminary grad this spring: Sam Naumann. Two are graduating from the education program: June Schmid and Nathan Buck. The call meeting for graduates will be held on Wed., May 1. ✠ After initially being able to enter India this weekend, Missionary Peter Evensen's visa was cancelled and he now has to return back to the USA. ✠ Missionary Peter Evensen has received the call to be pastor at Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX. ✠ Pastor Terry Stringer of the Independent Lutheran Diocese has requested to be considered for colloquy into the ministerium of the CLC. The Board of Doctrine has been in contact with him and will be providing him with information and guidance regarding our colloquy procedures. ✠ Since accepting the call to serve as professor at ILC, Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck has resigned his position on the Board of Regents. CLC President Eichstadt has appointed Mr. Steve Ludvigson, a member of Berea, Inver Grove Heights, MN, to serve the remainder of the term. ✠ Recently Ron Roehl, retired ILC professor, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. May the Lord keep him in His baptismal faith.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #14 – First Article (Part 1)



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 Lord's Supper Preparation

As a reminder, communicants are to examine themselves prior to communing. 1 Corinthians 11:27: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup."

Prayer before the Lord's Supper:

Lord God, You invite all who are burdened with sin to come to You for rest. In the sacrament of Holy Baptism You called me to be Your child by the Holy Spirit. I now come at Your invitation to receive the holy body and blood of my Savior, Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Prepare my heart, Lord, to receive this precious meal with a repentant heart: sorry for my sins and recognizing they deserve punishment, but also rejoicing in the full forgiveness You have granted me by grace through Jesus' holy and precious blood shed for me at the cross. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope in You, and assure me of Your blessed peace. Hear me for the sake of Jesus, my dear Savior. Amen.

Prayer after the Lord's Supper:

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to me in this holy sacrament. Thanks and praise be to You for Your divine tenderness and love shown to me, Your child. I humbly ask you, now that I've received Your body and blood in the Sacrament, continue to fill me with the power of Your Holy Spirit. May I be led to ever embrace by faith the treasures of Your grace imparted to me, especially the forgiveness of sins and fellowship with You. Keep me in Your faith and favor that I may live in You and You may live in me. Let the love that You have shown me enable me, with a forgiven and tender heart, to love You and my neighbor. Preserve me in the true faith until everlasting life. Hear me, O Jesus, for the sake of Your dear name. Amen.

TLH 306

1. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast prepared
A feast for our salvation,
It is Thy body and Thy blood;
And at Thy invitation
As weary souls, with sin opprest,
We come to Thee for needed rest,
For comfort and for pardon.

4. We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Thy precious Word believing
That Thy true body and Thy blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This word remains forever true,
And there is naught Thou canst not do;
For Thou, Lord, art almighty.

7. Grant that we worthily receive
Thy Supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving o'er our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Thy grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8. For Thy consoling Supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in every place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this Sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

CHILDREN ARE A HERITAGE OF THE LORD

Proverbs records, "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate" (Proverbs 8:13). Notice that the Lord does not hate the sinner. He hates what is produced by the corrupt heart of the sinner. Proverbs says again, "These six *things* the Lord hates, Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him: A proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness *who* speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren" (Proverbs 6:16-19). The Lord calls the sinner to turn from every manifestation of evil.

The consequence of such actions as the Lord hates is the death of the sinner who lives in sin and dies in impenitence. Through the prophet Ezekiel the Lord said, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel" (Ezekiel 33:11)? Why? Even Jesus weeps.

That our Lord earnestly desires the repentance of the wicked and desires the salvation of the sinner is proven by the promise and sending of the Savior Who said, "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32). Jesus then proceeded to confirm His love. He gave up His life as He bore the sins of the world upon His shoulders. He said on the cross, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they do" (Luke 23:34). At the cross, the rulers looking on sneered, and soldiers mocked. How deep the depth of unbelief and hatred that was directed at Jesus by those who rejected Him! And so it is today.

How dark is the heart of those who live in rejection of Christ and His cross! We see the darkness of unbelief – let *us* beware – in the hypocrisy, hatred, and evil all around us from the halls of congress to the streets of our cities. We have seen the face of the devil in the face of fallen man. We have heard the sounds of evil. We daily witness the coarseness of evil. "God, for Jesus' sake have mercy on us, and forgive us our sin. Help us to hate evil as You hate evil."

Life begins at conception. Among countless manifestations of evil that the Lord hates is the destruction of the unborn. The irony is that those who promote and perform abortion of the child at any stage within the womb would not be here if their parents had destroyed them in the womb.

Said Job, "Your hands have made me and fashioned me, an intricate unity; yet You would destroy me. Remember, I pray, that You have made me like clay. And will You turn me to dust again? Did You not pour me out like milk, and curdle me like cheese, clothe me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews? You have granted me life and favor, and Your care has preserved my spirit" (Job 10:8-10). God forms the child within the womb. Jesus was not a nothing; He was not a blob in the womb. Jesus was a child, a living

being, from His conception. The Lord knew Jeremiah before he was born. The Lord Who blessed Adam and Eve and told them to bring forth children knows and cares about the child in the womb.

It is not part of the ceremonial law, it is not part of the civil law; it is part of the moral law. "If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman's husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges *determine*. But if *any* harm follows, then you shall give life for life..." (Exodus 21:22-23). Life is a gift of God; it is sacred.

Margaret Sanger (1879-1966), the patron saint of the women's movement today, and the founder of the abortion promoter and provider now known as *Planned Parenthood*, said:

1. **"But for my view, I believe that there should be no more babies."** -- Interview with John Parsons, 1947
2. **"The most merciful thing that the large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it."**
-- *Woman and the New Race*, Chapter 5, "The Wickedness of Creating Large Families." (1920) <http://www.bartleby.com/1013/>
3. **"We don't want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro [sic] population ..."**
-- Letter to Dr. Clarence J. Gamble, December 10, 1939, p. 2 [https://libex.smith.edu/omeka/...](https://libex.smith.edu/omeka/)

In New York recently (January 2019) the abortion industry has shown the face of evil. We saw the celebration of evil. We heard the mouth of evil spilling forth verbal vomit in praise of what is called hypocritically and deceptively, the **"Reproductive Health Act."** Allowances for abortion in New York have been expanded so widely as to be meaningless to one bent on aborting a child "just because". The recently passed abortion bill in New York broadened a "woman's right" to destroy a child, if she chooses, up to the moment of birth. The passage of this bill was met with applause, laughter, and back-slapping by politicians who passed it and by the gallery of abortionists who were present. The governor called it a "victory for all New Yorkers." The evil is a slap at the Lord God, the Creator of life. It is a slap at those who fear the Lord and respect His Word. However, it is not without consequence. "The Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish" (Psalm 1:6)

It is against the law to destroy a turtle egg on a beach. It is not against the law to abort a child. An individual can be tried for killing an unborn child in an auto accident or for murdering an expectant mother and the fruit of her womb. It is not against the law to abort a child. Next to each of the names of expectant mothers memorialized at the World Trade Center after 9/11 appears the

phrase "and her unborn child." The only difference between the murder of those children and children wantonly killed by abortion is the name of the terrorists. The unborn killed on 9/11 are memorialized. The death of those under the misnamed **"Reproductive Health Act"** is celebrated as the governor ordered the World Trade Center and other landmarks to be bathed in pink light.

Without question the issue of abortion has been politicized. However, it is not a political issue. It is a moral issue. On judgment day, the Lord will not inquire about one's politics. He Who knows the heart will look for recognition of sin, confession of sin, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. And He will without fail know each by their fruits. No one will sneak into heaven who in impenitence and unbelief robbed the unborn child of its time of grace.

Scripture declares, "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward" (Psalm 127:3). And again, "Children's children [grandchildren] are the crown of old men, and the glory of children is their father" (Proverbs 17:6). Only of a woman who has borne children can it be said, "Her children rise up and call her blessed: her husband also, and he praises her ... A woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised" (Proverbs 31:28,30).

Children are "persons" of the Father's love from conception. Without His blessing they would not be conceived. They are not by some arbitrary desire of parents, or politicians, to be denied their time of grace. They are not to be denied the opportunity to be brought to Jesus in baptism through which He counts them as His children and makes them heirs of eternal life. Of this, of course, unbelief knows nothing and cares even less.

We pray to God it is not so, but if there are some who read this who have in weakness or from lack of understanding had an abortion and are now troubled in conscience, you should know that for the sake of the Savior, Jesus Christ, God is merciful to those who confess their sin. He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1). Whatever our conscience accusation, we all may go to the precious and abiding Word of our God to be assured of His love, as well as strength to overcome evil when confronted with it. Our Lord invites us to come to Him with our burdens and He will give us rest (Matthew 11:28). Speak to your pastor or fellow believers who will lead you to the precious promises of the Lord.

Pray that hardened hearts will respond positively to God's call to repentance so that the suicidal course of this nation will be stopped, and more importantly that every child who is conceived may be born and brought to know the grace of God. Pray that the people of this nation will seek out leaders who respect the Lord and His will so that the Gospel may without hindrance be preached to the salvation of souls for whom the Lord Jesus died.

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 1/2019