#### TODAY AT GRACE 🕆 57

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Dale Enns

Ushers: Michael Ude; James Bomber; Ryan Oman; Al Rosendahl; Eli Wales

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

Church Cleaners: Bomber

School: Pearson

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Ushers: Michael Ude; James Bomber; Ryan Oman; Al **Rosendahl; Eli Wales** 

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

Church Cleaners: Oman

School: NA

#### **OUR SCHEDULE P ት**

Sun., Apr. 14:	PALM SUNDAY
· •	8:30 am – Choir Practice
	9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:00 am – Worship Service w/Grace School Mini-Concert
	12:00 pm – Council Meeting
	3:00 pm – Mary Beth Schierenbeck Funeral @ Eau Claire, WI
Mon, Apr. 15:	1:00 pm – Janet Peer Committal @ Little Falls, MN
Wed., Apr. 17:	4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
Thu., Apr. 18:	MAUNDY THURSDAY (No worship service)
Fri., Apr. 19:	GOOD FRIDAY
· •	7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
Sun., Apr. 21:	EASTER (S.S., Bible Class, Hospitality Suspended)
	7:30 am – Easter Breakfast
	9:00 am – Easter Festival Worship Service
Fri., Apr. 26:	Kindergarten Roundup at Grace Lutheran School
1111, Apri 20.	Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitors' Day
Apr. 26-27:	7:30 pm – Immanuel Play, "The Beverly Hillbillies"
Sat., Apr. 27:	9:00 am – Grace Work Day
Sun., Apr. 28:	8:30 am – Choir Practice
	9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:00 am – Worship Service
	11:15 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild (week later due to Easter)
Fri., May 10:	Field Day @ Inver Grove Hts. (Grades 5-8) (K-4 No School)
Fri., May 17:	3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day @ ILC Fieldhouse
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Sat., May 18:	10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation Service @ Fieldhouse
Sun., May 19:	Confirmation Sunday
Wed., May 22:	7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program
Thu., May 23:	12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer
Sun., May 26:	Graduation Sunday
Thu., May 30:	7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship
Sat., June 8:	10:00 am – MN Delegate Conference @ Okabena, MN
June 18-20:	CLC General Pastoral Conference @ Eau Claire, WI
July 22-26:	Vacation Bible School
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Pastor: John Hein (Cell 612-408-1635) School Phone: 763-784-6340 **Church Year:** Palm Sunday

Phone: 763-784-8784 **Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Date: April 14, 2019

Worship Prep:

#### WORSHIP INFORMATION ₽ ₽

#### Hymns:

TLH 160: All Glory, Laud, and Honor	Psalm 24, TLH p. 128		
TLH 290: We Have a Sure Prophetic Word	Liturgy:		
WS 759: These Are the Facts	WS, p. 12 (Projected)		
WS 757: Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning	Scripture Readings: Philippians 2:5-11		
Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.	Palm Sun. Harmony		

### Sermon: John 7:45-53

<sup>45</sup> Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" <sup>46</sup> The officers answered. "No man ever spoke like this Man!" 47 Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? 48 "Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? <sup>49</sup> "But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." <sup>50</sup> Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, <sup>51</sup> "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" <sup>52</sup> They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee." <sup>53</sup> And everyone went to his *own* house. (*NKJV*<sup>TM</sup>)

### In the Midst of All the Confusion, Who Is Right?

1. Are you also deceived? 2. No man ever spoke like this Man!

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Today's Singing: The Christian Day School will be presenting a mini-concert after the Scripture readings. They will be singing the following:



- ★ The First Song of Isaiah
- ★ May the Lord Bless You

Thanks to the children and the teachers for the preparation they have made for our worship service!

- Good Friday: This Friday, April 19, at <u>7 pm</u>, we will be holding our Good Friday service. The Lord's Supper will also be celebrated. The Day our Savior died is very precious for us as redeemed sinners. Let's honor it by pondering His profound love for us.
- Easter Day: Next Sun., April 21, we will be having the Easter breakfast at <u>7:30 am</u>, followed by the Easter worship service at <u>9 am</u>. What an opportunity we have to gather in worship on the day we commemorate our Lord's glorious resurrection from the dead!



- Easter Breakfast: Those men interested in helping with the breakfast are asked to sign up (at guest book) for various duties.
- Easter Flowers: A sign-up sheet is out by the guest book for anyone interested in purchasing Easter lilies or decorative flowers for Easter Sunday. Please see Mikey Oman with any questions.
- Among Us: Early this week Nicole Best was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). She is at Mercy in Coon Rapids for the next four to six weeks as she undergoes chemotherapy treatment. Due to her vulnerable immune system, she needs to be careful about visitors. Obviously this has been a shock for her and Joey as they adjust to this unanticipated circumstance. But we have the Lord's promise: And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose (Romans 8:28). May we all go boldly before the Lord's throne of grace by keeping Nicole, Joey, and Thea in our daily prayers.
- ◆ Grams Move: Rick and Gloria Grams found an apartment in New Brighton, so they will be close to church upon their move. Pastor Eichstadt is parking the moving truck here at Grace on April 30. Since the move cannot occur until the end of May, we are looking for a place to store their items for a month. Since they aren't doing a full move, it won't take much space. Also, we are looking for a volunteer and crew to unload and return the truck after April 30, and then a crew to help move the Grams' belongings at the end of May. Please speak with Pastor if you are willing and able.

- Soup Suppers Appreciation: Thanks to all those who hosted soup suppers this Lenten season. It helped spread the work and cost among the families involved.
- ◆ Daily Rest: Daily Rest is a new daily devotion book printed by the CLC. The first issue is provided to all Grace mailbox holders at no charge. Paid subscriptions will begin with issue #2, available at \$15/year for four issues. To subscribe, write your name on the signup list and give your payment (check made out to "CLC"), to Norma Rust. Issues will be delivered to the church.
- Visitor's Day: Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitor's Day will be on Fri., April 26 starting at 8 am. Students (grades 7 and up) will have an opportunity to experience firsthand what it would be like to attend Immanuel. Please speak with Pastor regarding your interest as he will be bringing students to campus that day.
- ♦ Arise and Shine Retreat: Registration is now open! Our theme for this year is "Confidence!" In this post-truth age that we live in, so many have a hard time knowing what to believe. The Lord does not want us to have uncertainty but rather calls us to be confident in His Word and the salvation which He has won. If you are in your 20's or 30's and are looking for a relaxing getaway weekend of fun and fellowship, consider signing up for this retreat. The cost is \$140 per adult and \$100 per child. The retreat will be held June 13-16 in Pillager, MN. For more information, visit our website: ariseandshineretreat.com.
- Klatt Retirement: A special afternoon worship service is planned for Sun., June 30, 4 pm, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland, CO, to thank the Lord for the gift of Pastor John Klatt's service in the pastoral ministry. Cards or words of encouragement may be set to: Kirk Kesterson; 2138 S Custer Ave.; Loveland, CO, 80537 or email him at knckester@msn.com.
- CLC News: Valley Bible Academy at St. John's Lutheran in Clarkston, WA, has requested a 2019 ILC teacher graduate. † Teacher Matt Thurow of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN, has returned the call to St. John's Lutheran in Okabena, MN. † Teacher Seth Schaller of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call to Holy Trinity in West Columbia, SC.
- Sunday School Memory Work: Easter Recitation and Hymn

Last Week's Stats: Apr. 7	Sun.: 101 S	S.S.: 12 B.C	I.: 39 Wee	d.: 36	
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,182*	CLC:	\$631	
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$621	CLC:	\$120	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	1,000	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-197	CLC:	-249	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$54,913**	CLC:	\$13,353	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	56,000	CLC:	14,000	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,087	CLC:	-647	
GLC Other: 24	Living Faith:	26	Tuition A	id: 160	
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF.	210	Kinship:	10	
ILC Student Aid: 15	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF: 0	CEF: 0	
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Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$643

\* Includes \$0 in school tuition \*\* Includes \$2,050 year-to-date school tuition



### GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF MERCY

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 2/2019

God of grace and God of mercy, We confess our many sins. Forgive them all for Jesus' sake, In Whose bless-ed name we pray.

God of grace and God of mercy, Christ's own blood and righteousness Inspires our prayer and gives us hope, In every prayer we offer.

God of grace and God of mercy Who's invited us to pray, We come to You in dire need, Oh, tune Your ears to hear us.

God of grace and God of mercy, Many things are on our heart. Yet living in this world of sin, Gracious Lord, Your will be done.

God of grace and God of mercy, Save this **nation** from itself. Righteousness exalts a nation, Change, O Lord, its wayward path.

God of grace and God of mercy, As the world in darkness lies, Daily tempting and alluring, Give us faith to walk in light.

God of grace and God of mercy, In such **homes** as call on You, There keep father, mother, child, In firm faith 'til heavenly joy.

God of grace and God of mercy' In those homes devoid of You, Extend, we pray, their time of grace That dark hearts the Light may see. God of grace and God of mercy, Keep Your Church both safe and sound. Keep it pure from all false doctrine, And from those who wish it harm.

God of grace and God of mercy, Keep the lamp of life alive. Oh, may Your **Church** fore'er proclaim: "Jesus is the Light of Life."

God of grace and God of mercy, Father, Son, and Spirit too, By Your grace you have redeemed us, Justified us unto life.

So, when our life on earth is o'er And You call us to Yourself, We'll praise You through eternity, O God of grace and mercy.



### **CLC Financial Report - March**

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2018	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 9 Months	Balance 3/31/2019
General Fund	0	701,675	768,429	\$734,400	- 66,754
ILC Operations	0	1,126,477	967,149	\$1,058,256	159,328
Total	\$0	\$1,828,152	\$1,735,578	\$1,792,656	\$92,574
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	108,123	79,643	65,244		122,522
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	15,500	191,491	157,263		49,738
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	55,340	124,083	135,558		43,865
Kinship	36,637	102,405	92,391		46,651
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,356,241	369,261	502,397		1,223,105
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	77,286	85,006	120,570		41,722
Reserve Fund	298,855	-9,424	0		289,431
Total	\$1,947,982	\$942,465	\$1,073,413		\$1,817,034

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center Balance & N	Vorth Hall)
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance March 31, 2019	\$1,236,306
Principal paid to date	\$224,625

**General Fund** – Offerings were \$62,165 vs disbursements of \$91,708. March General Fund receipts were \$19,500 short of the average budget needs of \$81,600/month, while disbursements were about \$10,000 more than the average, resulting in a \$29,500 deficit increase from last month. The General Fund provides major subsidy to the board budgets of the Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Ed & Publications. Monthly congregational offerings to the General Fund (CBP) support this fund.

ILC Operations- ILC revenue (incl subsidy) was \$104,194 vs disbursements of \$119,033.

**ILC Building Projects** – Revenue was \$2,626 from congregation offerings vs disbursements of \$8,000 for the Academic Center/North Hall CEF loan.

**CEF** – Revenue was \$42,522 from CEF loan repayments vs disbursements of \$3,367 for monthly administration expenses.

**MDF** – Offerings of \$19,712 (incl. \$12,000 Mission Helper Trip) vs disbursements of \$8.010 (incl. \$3,100, India - BELC building; \$3,000 Zambia – church/pars/school, 2<sup>nd</sup> installment); \$500 Bibles for India/Africa outreach; \$400 Tanzania seminary.)

**SAF** – Revenue of \$6,832 included congregation offerings (\$1,625) and student loan repayments (\$5,207) vs disbursements of \$11,848, mainly for Student Grants, Loans, & Scholarships.

**Kinship** – Offerings of \$12,062 vs disbursed \$16,090, incl \$6,210 for orphans & \$8,600 Sem students, \$280 widows, \$1,000 Christmas/Grad gifts.

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

# EASTER SEASON 2019! Grace Lutheran Church



### The Events of Palm Sunday

The next day when they were getting near Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples and told them: "Go into the village ahead of you, and just as you go into it, you will find a donkey which is tied and a colt, tied with her, on which nobody has ever sat. Untie them, and bring them to Me. And if anybody asks you, 'Why are you doing that?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will promptly return it to you.' And immediately he will send them."

The disciples whom He sent went and did as Jesus had directed them. They found a colt tied to the gate, outside in the street, as He had told them.

While they were untying the colt, its owners, who stood there, asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

"The Lord needs it," they said. Then the owners let them take it.

So they brought the donkey and the colt to Jesus, put their clothes on them, and set Jesus on the colt.

The people who had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the grave and raised him from the dead were telling what they had seen. When the large crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus had done this miracle and that "Jesus is coming to Jerusalem," they took branches from the trees in the fields and spread them on the road.

This happened in order that what the prophet had said would come true:

Tell the daughter of Zion, "Don't be afraid! Look! Your King is coming to you, Gentle, riding on a donkey, the colt of a donkey."

His disciples didn't understand this at first, but after Jesus was glorified, they remembered that this had been written about Him and had been done to Him.

As He was coming near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples who went ahead of Him and followed Him began to praise God joyfully and loudly for all the mighty works they had seen. They were shouting:

Our Savior, the Son of David! Blessed is He who is coming in the name of the Lord! He is the King of Israel! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Then the Pharisees said to one another: "You see, you can't do anything. Look! The world is running after Him."

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, urge your disciples to be quiet."

"I tell you," He answered them, "if these will be quiet, the stones will cry out."

When He came near and saw the city, He wept aloud over it and said: "If today you only knew – yes, you – the things that give peace, but now they are hidden from your eyes. The time will come for you when your enemies will put up ramparts against you, and they will surround you and press against you from every side. They will dash you and your children to the ground and will not leave one stone on another within you, because you didn't know the time when your help came to you."

When He came into Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred, and it asked, "Who is this?"

The crowds answered, "This is the Prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

He went in the temple and looked around at everything. The blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

When the ruling priests and the men of the Law saw the wonderful things He did, and the children shouting in the temple, "Our Savior, the Son of David!" they didn't like it at all. "Do you hear what they are saying?" they asked Him.

"Yes," Jesus answered them. "Have you never read, Out of the mouth of babies and sucklings You have prepared praise?"

Since it was late now, He left them and went with the twelve out of the city to Bethany and spent the night there.

(From The Christ of the Gospels by William Beck p. 144-146; published by Concordia Publishing House)