

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein

Elder: Dale Enns

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

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

Church Cleaners: B. Rust

School: Doucette

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers??? School: NA

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Oct. 13: **Mission Festival** – Guest Speaker Pastor Michael Eichstadt
8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Mission Festival Worship Service
11:15 am – Mission Festival Potluck (Guild Committee #3)
NO SCHOOL

Oct. 14-18: Parent-Teacher Conferences
Mon., Oct. 14: CLC Teachers' Conference @ Fridley, MN
October 16-18: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Teachers Conference Worship w/Lord's Supper
Wed., Oct. 16: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality
11:30 pm – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings
4:00 pm – Joint Mission Festival at Mankato, MN
Wed., Oct. 23: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class (Proverbs)
9:00 am – Grace Work Day
Sat., Oct. 26: Pastor Hein's Mission Trip to Liberia
Oct. 28-Nov. 20: **Reformation Day** (502nd Anniversary – Oct. 31, 1517)
Thur., Oct. 31: Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day
Fri., Nov. 15: 7:30 pm – ILC Musical, "Give My Regards to Broadway" (Music @ 7 pm)
Nov. 15-16: 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Wed., Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day – No Worship
Thur., Nov. 28:



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 18/Mission Festival

Date: October 13, 2019

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 30: Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

Sun School: WS 772: On Galilee's High Mountain

TLH 417:1-5: How Can I Thank Thee, Lord

WS 770: I Hear the Savior Calling

WS 769: Lift High the Cross

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 66, TLH p. 136

Liturgy:

As projected
(TLH 496)

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 10:10-17

Sermon: Matthew 9:35-38

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. ³⁶ But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. ³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." ³⁸ "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (NKJVTM)

Bring in the Lord's Harvest!

1. With compassion for all
2. With prayers for workers
3. With the power of the Gospel



✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

♦ **Mission Festival:** Today we welcome Pastor Michael Eichstadt, plus his wife Sue, from Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners, WI (Milwaukee area) as our guest speaker. Pastor Eichstadt is also the CLC President and is brother to member Brian Eichstadt. We thank him for sharing an update on the CLC and for sharing the Word of God during his guest preaching today. May the Lord richly bless his ministry and grant him a rich measure of wisdom with his synodical duties.



♦ **Mission Festival Potluck:** Following today's worship service is our mission festival potluck meal. Please stay and join us in fellowship! Dorcas Guild Committee #3 will host.

♦ **CLC Teachers Conference:** After months of preparation, the conference will be held this week, October 16-18. There will be about 50 teachers from our CLC congregational schools along with some other visitors. We look forward to the Lord blessing our opportunity to host this and to serve our fellow Christians who are bonded together around the truth of the Lord's Word.

♦ **Teachers Conference Worship Service:** This Wednesday there will be a special worship service here at Grace on Wed., Oct. 16, 7 pm. The Lord's Supper will also be served. The congregation is strongly encouraged to attend as a way to meet the teachers and to show congregational support for our connections within our church body.



♦ **Joint Mission Festival Service:** The MN Conference Joint Mission Festival service will be held on Sun. Oct. 20, 4 pm at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. There will be a joint choir singing LSB 658, and those who play brass are invited to bring their instruments for several selections. Contact Pastor Neal Radichel at nealradichel@gmail.com for more information on the choir or brass pieces. A meal will be served following the service. Please bring a dessert to share. We look forward to seeing you there!

♦ **Anniversary:** Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA, will observe their 75th Anniversary of God's Grace (1944-2019), in a special service of praise and thanksgiving on Sun., Oct. 20, 3 pm. Pastor David Naumann, Pacific Coast Visitor, will bring the message from God's Holy Word and the Gethsemane Church Choir, Spokane Valley, will provide special music. A meal and time for fellowship will follow the service. You are invited to join us on that day of celebration.

♦ **Trip to Israel:** A group trip to Israel is being planned in January of 2021. The dates are set for January 13-22, 2021, with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. The trip will include visits to Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, and En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the events in the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the places which we read and hear about in the Scriptures and where God brought His plan of salvation to completion through the life and the death of Jesus. More information can be found in a brochure on the table in the church entry. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (404-729-4602 or ndmayhew@att.net).

♦ **Mission Helper Trip:** The CLC Mission Helper Program is now accepting applications for the 2020 Trip to Nepal in July. This trip will be limited to eight volunteers so please apply early. An online application and more information can be found at www.MHT.LutheranMissions.org.

♦ **CLC News:** Mr. Stephen Sydow, a former CLC pastor and member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call to Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA.

♦ **Sunday School Memory Work: #5 – Third Commandment**

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 6, 2019 Sun.: 79 S.S.: 13 B.Cl.: 40 Wed.: 24

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,430*	CLC:	\$538	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	1,000	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-570	CLC:	-462	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$150,661**	CLC:	\$37,426	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	160,000	CLC:	40,000	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-9,339	CLC:	-2,574	
GLC Other:	101	Living Faith:	100	Tuition Aid:	120
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	200	Kinship:	75
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$114

* Includes \$0 in school tuition ** Includes \$8,474 year-to-date school tuition

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 Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to visit with you!



CLC Financial Report - September

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2019	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 3 Months	Balance 9/30/2019
General Fund (see below)	0	179,689	269,132	265,725	- 89,443
ILC Operations (incl CLC subsidy)	0	383,046	344,742	361,020	38,304
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	138,303	732	3,386		135,649
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	17,072	6,375	24,000		- 553
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	45,020	27,322	36,799		35,543
Kinship	56,634	15,514	32,576		39,572
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,442,490	148,105	101,061		1,489,534
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	50,707	67,559	35,358		82,908
Reserve Fund	278,088	0	0		278,088
Total	\$2,028,314	\$265,607	\$233,180		\$2,060,741

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance September 30, 2019	\$1,189,528
Principal paid to date	\$271,403

General Fund – Offerings this month were \$60,654 vs disbursements of \$96,463, a shortfall of \$35,800 added to last month's deficit balance. A September deficit is typical, but steadily climbing in recent years: **2018:** -\$89,827; **2017:** -\$45,683; **2016:** -\$21,140. **For Q.1 General Fund expenses were \$3,400 over budget, while offerings for Q.1 fell short by \$86,000. The budgets of the Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Ed & Publications count on their major funding from CLC General Fund (CBP) offerings.**

ILC Operations– ILC September revenue was \$103,766 (\$55.1 from student payments, plus \$44.8 from CLC subsidy) vs disbursements of \$119,990.

ILC Building Projects – Offerings were \$2,400 vs a disbursement of \$8,000 for the AC/North Hall monthly loan payment, leaving a -\$553 deficit. Last year the account received \$72,400 in congregational offerings & \$133,432 in special offerings. Expenses for last year were \$96,000 for Academic Center/North Hall loan payments, plus \$108,250 extra payments directly on loan principal, saving \$115,000 in long term interest and reducing the loan term by 2 years. The account is mainly for loan payments and needs \$8,500 to cover the next monthly loan payment.

CEF – September revenue was \$33,567 (from CEF congregational loan repayments), vs disbursements of \$89,887 (\$80,000 in notes redeemed, and \$9,887 for CEF debt service & admin.

MDF –Offerings were \$12,338 vs disbursements of \$7,260, including \$2,500 for India church building assistance, \$2400 Africa Outreach, \$500 India/Asia Exploratory, \$500 Bibles & pamphlets, with the balance for admin expenses.

SAF – Revenue of \$5,776 (incl \$4,850 STU loan repayments) vs disbursements of \$12,345 for student loans, grants, & scholarships.

Kinship – Offerings of \$6,068 vs disbursements of \$15,256, for orphans & students support.

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

Council Meeting Notes – October 6, 2019

Meeting was called to order with prayer. September Council meeting minutes read and approved. September Treasurer's report presented and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Sunday School staff is set.
- Catechism classes consist of 3 in Grace School and 1 outside of our school.
- The MN Pastoral Conference went well.
- Next Sunday, October 13, is Mission Festival with Pastor Michael Eichstadt.
- The 2020 Grace calendar was reviewed. Motion passed to recommend to the voters to accept this calendar.
- October is the 500th anniversary of The Leipzig Debate. A short presentation of the debate is being planned for the last Sun. in October during Bible Class.
- Pastor plans to travel to Liberia for 3 weeks, October 28 to November 20.

Elder Report

- No report.

Education Report

- The Teachers' Conference will be held at Grace Oct 16-18. There will be a service Oct 16, CPR training, and a visit to Target Field, the Twins stadium.
- A letter will be sent to a non-member student's parents who are late on their tuition payments. The student did not return for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Motion passed to recommend to the voters to update the school's computer systems for about \$980.
- The treasurer will provide detailed info. to the Board for budgeting purposes.

Trustee Report

- Bids for snow plowing are being obtained.
- Repair of the leak in the supply line to our buildings has been completed.
- Business as usual with maintenance items.
- We will be getting ideas from some church interior designers.

Other Business

- Two short videos were viewed regarding electronic offerings. All options would have fees for using the product. It was decided that it is not a fit.
- Motion passed to recommend to the voters the following 2020 budget:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Elders	77,400	80,500	82,000	82,000
Education	59,000	75,000	91,000	89,000
Trustees	<u>36,000</u>	<u>37,000</u>	<u>37,000</u>	<u>37,000</u>
TOTAL	\$172,400	\$192,500	\$210,000	\$208,000

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Roger Ochsner



Board of Missions' Devotion

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." 3 So he told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred

sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." Luke 15:1-7

What a beautiful picture of the Lord's mercy. In the picture of the shepherd leaving the ninety-nine sheep to find one that is lost, you would have to say that his reaction is over-the-top. But it pales in comparison to Jesus. His love for sinners is so over-the-top that He went so far as to live and die and rise again to save us. Our sin was so great that we could be saved by nothing less than His extravagant mercy, and that's exactly what He shows to us. And so, we have reason every day to rejoice in that mercy.

But Jesus isn't telling this parable about us. He's telling it to us. Specifically, He's telling this parable to Pharisees who grumble that Jesus eats with tax collectors and sinners. In their minds, sinful people like these don't deserve time with Jesus.

The Pharisees want justice. There's nothing wrong with that in itself. Justice is a good thing. The problem with the Pharisees is that they think they are just and they don't want God to be merciful. So, Jesus warns grumblers – those who want justice more than mercy for others.

Does He speak to us? Think of this example. You're driving home at the end of a long day, and you've just about had enough of people. As you approach an intersection where the long light is just turning yellow, some irresponsible driver cuts you off and goes through the intersection at high speed, forcing you to slam on the brakes and miss the light. I can tell you what you're thinking: Nothing would give you greater satisfaction than seeing that guy's car bathed in red and blue flashing lights while you drive past him slowly and watch the police officer collect his license and registration. He broke the law, and a reckless guy like that should be made to pay. That would only be just, after all, and isn't justice a good thing? But do we also desire mercy? Do we reflect on the fact that Christ died for that driver and pray that he might also be a sheep who is gathered?

We're far more inclined to justice than to mercy when it comes to others, because we also naturally consider ourselves to be just and thus in far less need of mercy. That's the sinful grumbling that springs forth from us, forgets about God's mercy for us, and couldn't care less about God being merciful to anyone else. For this, we repent.

We repent and give thanks for the Shepherd who carried us in. We rejoice that, even when we're so petty that we resent the celebration He hosts on behalf of lost sheep who are found, He still keeps us in His flock and at the party anyway. He keeps speaking merciful words of forgiveness and healing to us. He keeps strengthening our faith so that we might rejoice in His mercy to others, even our enemies. He keeps feeding us His own body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins – all our sins, including these.

With these gifts of His grace, we join the search for other lost sheep. We know that it is the Lord's desire to seek and save the lost. We know that He has given us His great commission to make disciples of all nations – in other words – He has given us the task of seeking and saving the lost. That's how we respond to, how we rejoice in God's mercy. Our work as a church body is all about the redemption of sinners, the gathering and feeding of sheep of Jesus' flock. By His grace, we rejoice in the Lord's mercy, for in His mercy, we are forgiven of all our sins and eternal life is ours!

The CLC Mission Helper Program, under the direction of the CLC Mission Board, is beginning to make preparations for another Group-Mission Trip to **Nepal** for the summer of 2020. The exact dates have yet to be determined, but the work was determined by our Savior when He told us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

The main focus of this trip will be proclaiming the Gospel, through a series of child evangelism lessons, to member and non-member children in village congregations of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal.

For those with the necessary qualifications, there will also be opportunity to assist in the training and encouragement of pastors and seminary students.

Listed below are a few ways you can be involved:

Pray for this effort to share the love of Christ in Nepal. Ask the Lord for guidance and to show you how you can help spread the Gospel.

Begin planning, praying, and saving so you can travel to one of our foreign mission fields to help share the Good News of Christ crucified.

Offer your financial support so others may participate. There are many things you will need to prayerfully consider as you think about volunteering for this trip. What follows is a short list that could be helpful in your consideration:

- The length of the trip will be approx. 3 weeks.
- The approximate cost is \$3000.00—\$3,500.00. This includes airfare and other expenses such as lodging, transportation, travel insurance, passports, visas etc. Vaccinations, anti-malaria meds, and other medical costs are not included in this figure.
- Participants must be at least 18 years of age (unless accompanied by a parent)
- An application accompanied by a letter of recommendation from your pastor will be required.
- Deadline for applications is January 5th, 2020.
- A \$2000 payment will be due in February.



PRAY, SUPPORT & ENCOURAGE!

July 2020



Space is limited to

8volunteers
Please apply early!



For More Information Contact: Missionary Todd Ohlmann | tohlmann@gmail.com

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **JANUARY 5, 2020**

www.mhlt.lutheranmissions.org