

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Dale Enns

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: Hein/Nelson School: NA

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers? School: Doucette

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Oct. 20: 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)

Sat., Oct. 26: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Sun., Oct. 27: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service

Oct. 28-Nov. 20: Pastor Hein's Mission Trip to Liberia

Thur., Oct. 31: Reformation Day (502nd Anniversary – Oct. 31, 1517)

Fri., Nov. 15: Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day

Nov. 15-16: 7:30 pm – ILC Musical, "Give My Regards to Broadway" (Music @ 7 pm)

Wed., Nov. 27: 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Thur., Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day – No Worship

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 13, 2019 Sun.: 102 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 46 Wed.: 108

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,493*	CLC:	\$1,760
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$180	CLC:	\$0
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-327	CLC:	+760
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$154,334**	CLC:	\$37,426
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	164,000	CLC:	41,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-9,666	CLC:	-1,814
GLC Other: 913	Living Faith:	22	Tuition Aid:	22
SAF Endowment: 210	MDF:	130	Kinship:	170
ILC Student Aid: 15	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$136

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

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: October 20, 2019

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 27: Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul
WS 789: Consider How the Birds Above
TLH 425: All Depends on Our Possessing
TLH 648: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 146, TLH p. 156

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)
Gloria: TLH 246:1,4

Scripture Readings:

Amos 6:1-7
Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: 1 Timothy 6:6-16

⁶ Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. ¹¹ But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and *before* Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴ that you keep *this* commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, ¹⁵ which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen. (NKJVTM)

Value the Lord's Great Deal

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ♦ **Today:** Voters and Dorcas Guild meetings after hospitality.
- ♦ **Appreciation:** This past week was a very successful CLC Teachers' Conference. A huge word of thanks goes out to the many people who did so much behind the scenes. The teachers applauded your efforts with thanksgiving, many also sharing expressions of thanks to you through the staff here at Grace.
- ♦ **Joint Mission Festival Service:** The MN Conference Joint Mission Festival service will be held today at 4 pm at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. A meal will be served following the service.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Visitors Day:** Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day is November 15 beginning at 10 am in the gymnasium for chapel. It will feature presentations and classroom visits until 3 pm. Come and learn more about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ. There is also the opportunity to see the ILC fall musical: Give My Regards to Broadway. It will be performed both Fri. and Sat. at 7:30 pm. A band concert will precede it Fri. at 7 pm. and a variety of student musical performances on Sat. at 7 pm. Speak with your pastor about questions and attendance or contact Prof. Dan Schierenbeck, ILC Academic Dean, by Nov. 12 (660-864-9231/ dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu).
- ♦ **CLC News:** Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran in Spokane Valley, WA, has returned the call to serve as Professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. ✠ Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI, has returned the call to serve as the CLC's third foreign missionary. ✠ Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has returned the call to Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN. ✠ Pastor Ben Libby of Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA, has been called by Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA. ✠ Pastor Timothy Wheaton of Living Word Lutheran in Blue Springs, MO, has accepted the call to Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, CO.
- ♦ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #6 – Fourth Commandment

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!

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To the artist He is the One Altogether Lovely.
To the architect He is the Chief Cornerstone.
To the astronomer He is the Sun of Righteousness.
To the baker He is the Living Bread.
To the banker He is the Hidden Treasure.
To the biologist He is the Life.
To the carpenter He is the Sure Foundation.
To the doctor He is the Great Physician.
To the educator He is the Great Teacher.
To the farmer He is the Sower and Lord of the Harvest.
To the florist He is the Lily of the Valley.
To the geologist He is the Rock of Ages.
To the horticulturist He is the True Vine.
To the judge He is the Righteous One.
To the juror He is the True Witness.
To the jeweler He is the Pearl of Great Price.
To the editor He is the Good Tidings of Great Joy.
To the oculist He is the Light of the Eyes.
To the philosopher He is Wisdom.
To the printer He is the True Type.
To the servant He is the Good Master.
To the student He is the Incarnate Truth.
To the toiler He is the Giver of Rest.
To the Sinner He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.
To the Christian, He is the Son of the Living God, the Savior, the Redeemer and Lord!



President's Devotion

At mile 20 on the Boston Marathon course is a dreaded half-mile stretch called Heartbreak Hill. The hill is not exceptionally steep, but its place toward the end of the makes it especially problematic. It comes just at the time when the last reserves of a runner's stamina and willpower are depleted. Just when it seems as though the next step is impossible, the hill looms ahead standing between the athlete and the finish line. It's the point where runners "hit the wall." So where does the sweaty, exhausted, and discouraged runner find the strength to push on up and over the hill and continue on for the final six miles to the finish?

That was the question facing the Jewish Christians to whom the book of Hebrews was first addressed. They had already endured severe persecution and more was on the way. *"Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you know that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. So do not throw away your confidence . . . You need to persevere . . . Therefore strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. 'Make level paths for your feet'"* (Hebrews 10:35-36; 12:12-13).

Can we relate to those early Jewish Christians? Does it seem as though we are facing our own Heartbreak Hill as we run the race set before us by the Lord? The challenges can make it seem as though we are struggling to run uphill. We want to go full speed ahead with the mission of discipling the world, yet we face an ongoing shortage of pastors and teachers for pulpits and classrooms. There are thousands of souls overseas eager

to hear the news of a Savior who loves them, who died for them, and who is coming again. Yet increasing government opposition is a frustration and obstacle. Congregations closer to home struggle with declining interest and involvement, along with increasing costs to maintain buildings and ministries. One congregation has been suspended for calling a pastor outside the fellowship of the CLC. Another has announced its dissolution at the end of the year. All of these things are truly heartbreaking.

Heartbreak Hill is the point at which the runner needs to take a deep breath, refocus, and find renewed strength for the final stretch. Obsessing over how tired the arms are, how much the legs ache, the feet hurt, and how distant the finish line is won't help. To look to our own strength for the spiritual race before us would be useless. Instead, *"Fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart"* (Hebrews 12:2-3).

We stumble, trip, and fall along the way, but Jesus never did. His perfect life, not our feeble effort, is our righteousness before God. His death on the cross is the complete payment for the guilt of the entire world. Our faith is all about Jesus from start to finish. Salvation in Christ, fully accomplished and guaranteed by faith, is the source of strength to keep running our race. He has already won the victory. In Word and Sacrament He provides refreshment and renewed energy for the course ahead—all the way to the finish! *"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint"* (Isaiah 40:31).

Pastor Michael Eichstadt / CLC President's Report / CLC Coordinating Council September 2019

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