

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Eli Wales

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

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

Church Cleaners: Oman

School: NA

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

Hospitality Team 4: Bonnie Baker; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Jenny Kleifgen; Pat & Dawn Paplow

Church Cleaners: Wales

School: NA

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Dec. 29: 10:00 am – Worship Service (No Bible Class, Sun. School)

Tue., Dec. 31: **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper

Sun., Jan. 5: 8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper

11:00 am – Hospitality

Mon., Jan. 6: **EPIPHANY**

Grace School Return from Christmas Break

Wed., Jan. 8: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Sun., Jan. 12: 8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 1)

12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Sun., Jan. 19: Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

Last Week's Stats: Dec. 22 Sun.: 88 S.S.: 25 B.Cl.: 41 Eve: 160 Day: 75

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$7,540*	CLC:	\$1,830	
Tue. Offering:	Grace:	\$775	CLC:	\$80	
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,275	CLC:	\$100	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	1,000	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+6,590	CLC:	+1,010	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$204,677**	CLC:	\$48,892	
Total Budget for Year:	Grace:	210,000	CLC:	52,000	
Difference from budget (+/-)	Grace:	-5,323	CLC:	-3,108	
GLC Other:	1,019	Living Faith:	8	Tuition Aid:	36
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	4	Kinship:	110
ILC Student Aid:	60	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF:	10
				CEF:	0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$667

* Includes \$0 in school tuition ** Includes \$9,460 year-to-date school tuition

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Christmas 1

Date: December 29, 2019

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 89: To Thee My Heart I Offer
TLH 273: Sweet Flowers of the Martyr Band
TLH 76: A Great and Mighty Wonder
TLH 97: Let Us All With Gladsome Voice

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 2, TLH p. 123

Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Projected)
Psalm 96: WS, p. 26

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 63:7-9
Galatians 4:4-7

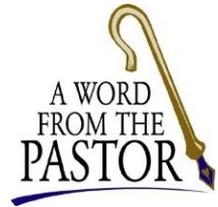
Sermon: **Matthew 2:13-18**

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." ¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, ¹⁵ and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." ¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: ¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more." (NKJV)

The Gruesome Reality of Keeping Christ in Christmas

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Among Us:** Ellen Bergstrom will be undergoing a biopsy tomorrow to determine the full extent of her liver fibrosis. After some recovering at the surgery center, she will be returning home the same day. ✠ Marie Miller has decided to forego chemotherapy. She writes: "Thank you dear friends of Grace for your prayers on my behalf, for your encouragement and support, and for your well-wishes during my recent surgery. Thank you, dear Lord, for providing such Christian friendship. God Bless, Marie Miller." ✠ Grace's former teacher, Lindsey Lueck, received a lung transplant on Christmas Eve day. She had been waiting since March 2017. She has been eating and walking. Lindsey is a member at Gethsemane Lutheran in Spokane Valley, WA. *Deuteronomy 33:27: "The eternal God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms."*
- ◆ **New Year's Eve:** On New Year's Eve, Tues., Dec. 31, we will be having a 7:00 pm worship service with the Lord's Supper. Also, a fellowship evening will follow the service and go until 10 pm. Please bring snacks and games to share. Speak with Heidi Nelson with questions.
- ◆ **Gratitude:** My family and I are truly thankful for the generous spirit of the congregation in sharing their prayers, cards, gifts, and encouragement this Christmas season. We pray that our ministry reflects our appreciation of your support. It is a privilege to share the Good News of our Savior's birth with you. May He continually be born anew in our hearts, giving you light to brighten your outlook during the upcoming year as we are blessed through His Word of grace. – Pastor Hein
- ◆ **Caroling:** Many thanks to those who caroled last Sunday. Pastor would like to greatly encourage more to participate in the future. Participation in recent years has been rather limited. The joy and gratitude that the recipients express makes this particular event heart-warming and memorable for those who do sing. Please give serious consideration in joining us in the future.
- ◆ **2020 Cleaning:** The 2020 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ◆ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Jim Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran in Okabena, MN, has returned the call to Berea Lutheran in Sioux Falls, SD. ✠ Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA. ✠ Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran in Saginaw, MI, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran in Bowdle, SD, and Zion Lutheran in Ipswich, SD.



Council Meeting Notes – December 22, 2019

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

Pastor's Report

- Motion passed to transfer the communicant membership of Paul and Chris Lentz, along with Olivia and Beatrice (also communicants), to Living Savior Lutheran in Eden Prairie, MN.
- Motion passed to transfer the communicant membership of Michael and Jessica Ude, along with children Roran and Ryker (pre-communicants) to Living Savior Lutheran in Eden Prairie, MN.
- Motion passed to transfer the communicant membership of Adam Wales to Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL.
- Motion passed to set Pastor's 2020 Accountable Reimbursement.
- Motion passed to set Pastor's 2020 Fair Rental Value of \$7,200.
- Midweek Advent services are going well.
- Eli Wales replacing Michael Ude on Calling Tree for urgent member contact.

Board of Elders Report

- Thank you to Phil and Jackie Radichel for delivering the Christmas tree.
- A gift will be given to the organists for their services in 2019.
- Since our organ is having problems, there are 3 options being looked at:
 - Check into a company that could repair the organ.
 - Check into a new organ.
 - Check into a used organ.
- Motion passed to recommend to the Voters to start an Organ Fund.

Board of Education Report

- The CDS Northtown Mall Christmas concert went well.
- A new student started in our school in November.

Board of Trustees Report

- A project will begin in January to resolve the problem we have with ice forming on the parsonage roof edge. The bedroom will be ventilated better. The cost will be about \$3000.

Other Business

- Motion passed to begin the discussion of reducing boards to 2 members instead of the current 3 members.
- Due to a decrease in available individuals, the number of Hospitality Teams has been reduced from 5 to 4.
- Due to a decrease in available individuals, the number of monthly Usher Teams has been reduced from 6 to 5.
- Pastor's call to ILC was discussed.

Adapted from Minutes submitted by Secretary Roger Ochsner

The following is the nomination slate for 2020:

- Secretary: Bill Rust, Benno Sydow
- Elder: Al Rosendahl, Dave Rust
- Education: Roger Ochsner, Ryan Oman
- Trustee: Pat Paplow, Bill Rust, Bob Vandever
- Delegates: Dale Enns, Bill Rust, Dave Rust, Benno Sydow

CHRISTMAS – WITH A SONG IN THE HEART

Christians, sing out with exultation
And praise your Benefactor's name!
Today the Author of salvation,
The Father's Well-beloved, came.
Of undefiled virgin mother
An Infant, all divine, was born,
And God Himself became your Brother
Upon this happy Christmas morn (Hymn 100).

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity (59).

Rejoice, rejoice, this happy morn,
A Savior unto us is born,
The Christ, the Lord of Glory.
His lowly birth in Bethlehem
The angels from on high proclaim
And sing redemption's story.
My soul, extol God's great favor,
Bless Him ever For salvation,
Give Him praise and adoration (79).

If Thy beloved Son, O God,
Had not to earth descended
And in our mortal flesh and blood
Had not sin's power ended,
Then this poor, wretched soul of mine
In hell eternally would pine
Because of its transgression (375).

Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom,
They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer (377).

Thee will I love, my Life, my Savior,
Who art my best and truest Friend;
Thee will I love and praise forever,
For never shall Thy kindness end;
Thee will I love with all my heart,
Thou my Redeemer art (399).

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand (370).

Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me (552)!

Savior, sprinkle many nations,
Fruitful let Thy sorrows be;
By Thy pains and consolations
Draw the Gentiles unto Thee.
Of Thy Cross the wondrous story,
Be it to the nations told;
Let them see Thee in Thy glory
And Thy mercy manifold (510).

Note: Hymn stanzas are from *The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941 CPH, St. Louis, MO*

