

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Sue Nelson**

Elder: **Frank Radichel**

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; Keith Radichel; David Stifter; Joel Stifter; Eli Wales**

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

Church Cleaners: **Wales**

School: **Ude**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; Keith Radichel; David Stifter; Joel Stifter; Eli Wales**

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

Hospitality Team 2: **James & April Bomber; Rachelle Kanneh; Heidi Nelson; Bob & Suki Vandever**

Church Cleaners: **Sydow**

School: **Wales**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Jan. 26: 8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 3)

Wed., Jan. 29: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Feb. 2: 8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Epiphany 4)

11:00 am – Hospitality

Wed., Feb. 5: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

5:00 pm – ILC Care Packages

7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Wed., Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday – Midweek Lenten Worship Begins

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 19, 2020 Sun.: 108 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 42 Wed.: 21

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,374	CLC:	\$780
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-626	CLC:	-170
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$4,874	CLC:	\$1,195
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	8,000	CLC:	1,900
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-3,126	CLC:	-705
GLC Other: 102	Living Faith: 0	Tuition Aid: 50		
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF: 200	Kinship: 110		
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg. 100	IIF: 0	CEF: 0	
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$967			

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 3

Date: January 26, 2020

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 126: Arise and Shine in Splendor

Choir: Come, Let Us Sing (after Prayer of Day)

TLH 106: The People That in Darkness Sat

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Installation of Officers (after Thanksgiving)

WS 792: Let All Things Now Living

Worship Prep:

Psalm 27, TLH p. 129

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ Nevertheless the gloom *will not be* upon her who *is* distressed, As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And afterward more heavily oppressed *her*, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles. ² The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation *And* increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian. (NKJVTM)

**Jesus Comes
to Shed Light
in This World
of Darkness**

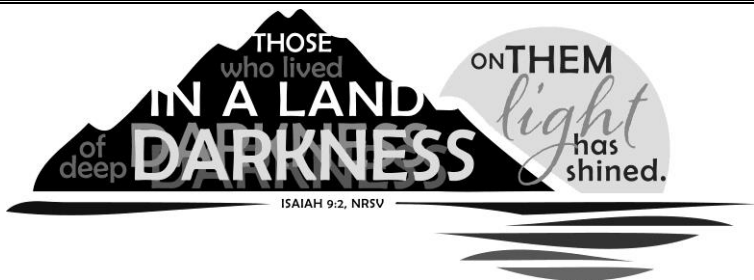


✝ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✝

- ◆ **Appreciation:** We thank the outgoing officers for their service the past few years: Roger Ochsner as secretary, Dale Enns as elder, James Bomber as education, Ryan Oman as trustee.
- ◆ **Baby Shower in a Barrel:** Alvin Jask's wife, Albertha, is expecting around March 17. As a way to have a baby shower, a collection is being made for the baby which will be sent to Liberia in a barrel. Any items should be brought on or before Feb. 2.
- ◆ **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 bags will be assembled at 5 pm on Feb 5, just before the midweek Bible Class.
- ◆ **Offering Statements:** The Offering Statements for 2019 are in your mailboxes. If you have any questions, please contact Benno Sydow.
- ◆ **Organ Fund:** Over the past year, the organ has exhibited some signs that it is reaching its lifespan. Frank Radichel has been active in making various repairs. In order to prepare for replacing our organ, the Voters resolved to start a project called "Organ Fund." There are various options that could be considered, but the goal for now is \$20,000. The Voters seeded this with \$5,000 from the Projects Undesignated.
- ◆ **Tournament:** The annual Grade School Basketball Tournament for CLC Youth will be held at Immanuel Lutheran College, March 13-15, 2020 (Fri.-Sun.). This is for grades 5th through 8th. Registration for teams ends on Feb. 1. Speak with pastor if your child is interested in playing on a team. Website: www.clclutheran.net/tourney.
- ◆ **Tournament Band** will be performing at the above tournament on Sat., March 14. Any CLC student in grades 5-8 that plays a band instrument is invited to play with us. You do not have to be playing on a basketball team to play with the group. Register online and print music for six songs at clclutheran.net/tourney. Click on "Band information". Exact rehearsal and performance times will be announced by mid-Feb. For questions, please contact Laurie Lau, Eau Claire at music@thelaus.com
- ◆ **ILC Tour Choir:** A preliminary FYI ... the Tour Choir will be holding a concert here during the 10 am Sunday morning service on March 22.

- ◆ **Midwest Women's Retreat:** The Midwest Women's Retreat is coming up! It has a new location in Amery, WI, and is occurring a little earlier than normal the weekend of March 20-22. Details are on the flyer in the narthex, or speak to Heidi Nelson with questions.
- ◆ **CLC Nominations:** Nominations for CLC Officers and Board Members will be received from January 1 through March 31, 2020. Pastors, professors, male teachers, and any voter of a CLC congregation can nominate individuals to fill the four synodical offices: President, Vice-President, Moderator, and Secretary; as well as positions on the four synodical boards: Trustees, Missions, Regents, and Education & Publications. Go to this link: www.clclutheran.net/nominate/
- ◆ **Trip to Israel:** A group trip to Israel is being planned in January of 2021, less than a year away. The dates are set for Jan. 13-22, 2021, with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. Join this group of like-minded believers in the CLC as we see the places where God stepped into History to fulfill His plan of salvation for sinners! 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. If you have any questions or would like more info., contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (404-729-4602/ndmayhew@att.net).
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran in Saginaw, MI, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran in Bowdle, SD, and Zion Lutheran in Ipswich, SD. † Pastor Mark Bernthal of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran in Middleton, WI (Madison area) has returned the call to Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN.
- ◆ **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!



Voter Meeting Notes – January 19, 2020

Meeting called to order with prayer. Oct. minutes were read and approved. 4th quarter and annual treasurer's reports were presented and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Paul Lentz and family, Michael Ude and family, and Adam Wales were transferred to other CLC congregations this past quarter.
- Pastor's trip to Liberia went well.
- The ILC tour choir is scheduled to be at Grace on March 22 at 10 am.
- The called workers express their thanks for the Christmas gift.
- Daniel Hein and Natalie Story express their thanks for their tuition payments.
- Pastor has returned the call to ILC.
- Ministrations for 2019 were reviewed.
- Joseph Thomas has started instruction classes with Pastor.

Board of Elders Report

- After changing health insurance plans for the Pastor's family this summer, no changes are currently necessary.
- The Elders request input as to possibly changing the number of members on each board from 3 members to 2 members.
- Motion passed to create an Organ Fund to replace our organ. Estimate \$20,000.
- Motion passed to set the 2020 CBP at \$49,400.
- Motion passed to have the loose offering on the date of the Tour Choir at Grace be donated to the Tour Choir.
- Videos on the web site have been moved to a different site.

Board of Education Report

- Computer repair/upgrades are completed.
- Glass windows are being placed in 2 school doors.
- Motion passed to have James Bomber fill the remainder of Michael Ude's term as Sunday School Superintendent.

Board of Trustees Report

- Snow plowing is being done.
- Repair of the parsonage upstairs is underway.
- Saturday, January 25, is a Grace workday.
- It was suggested that the Trustees consider handicap access for our doors.

Other Business

- Motion passed to make GLC Key Executive changes at Wells Fargo as follows: Remove: Paul Lentz, Janelle Hein, Ellen Bergstrom; Add: Anthony Nelson, William Rust
- Motion passed to seed the Organ Fund with \$5000 from the Project Undesignated.
- Election results are as follows: Elder – Dave Rust; Secretary – Bill Rust; Education – Ryan Oman; Trustee – Pat Paplow; Delegates – Dale Enns and Benno Sydow, Bill Rust and Dave Rust as alternates

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Roger Ochsner

Light to Lighten the Gentiles

Based on Matthew 2

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, Epiphany 2020

It was not happenstance or fate,
That Jesus came to light the world.
He came as prophets long had said,
To be the Savior of mankind.

Nor was it fate the Magi came,
The Savior of the world to see.
The Scriptures also had foretold,
The Gentiles, too, the Light would see.

So came these wise-men from afar
To see the Savior sent for them.
Led by a star, lo, they did find
The promised Child in Bethlehem.

Not all were happy at the news,
Some stumbled at the glorious light.
Though Jesus came the king to save,
Yet godless Herod loved the dark. .

The wise-men ne'ertheless went on,
They worshiped Christ and gave Him gifts.
But they received more than they gave,
Salvation was the gift they found.

All people who on earth do dwell,
Who sin confess, and trust in Christ,
Shall life eternal e'er possess.
How broad God's love, how rich His grace!

Shunning light and loving darkness,
In this sad world of sin and death,
Many choose the path of Herod--
They trod the Savior under foot.

Not so with you who've seen the light.
In faith hold fast to Christ, your Lord.
He is the Light. He lights the way,
And leads you to your heav'nly home.

"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life." (John 8:12).



The First Article

“I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.”

“Knowledge is power.” That famous saying is often attributed to Sir Francis Bacon, a British philosopher from the late 16th century. It’s likely that you’ve heard this saying before as it’s applied to many situations in our modern age. However, what you may not know is that the context in which Bacon wrote this phrase was about mankind’s relationship with God. Bacon was also an ardent Christian who believed that all knowledge was a gift from God and that the highest form of wisdom was in relation to God’s Word. Much of the secular world which lauds Bacon’s achievements is either unaware of this fact or blatantly ignores it.

It’s sad that a saying attributed to a Bible-believing Christian who submitted to God’s power is now held up as a beacon for atheistic humanism. When our culture thinks of knowledge as power it’s not the same type of knowledge that Bacon was talking about. Certainly, knowledge can be powerful in the hands of any person - believer or non-believer. But knowledge that is without God cannot be compared to knowledge that conforms to His Word and humbly recognizes mankind’s limitations because of sin. Whether a person wants to admit that God exists or is powerful does not change the fact that God continues to oversee the world and provide for all of creation. It’s foolish, at best, for men and women who live within such a small sliver of world history to think that they have more figured out than the eternal God.

Sir Francis Bacon recognized the vast power of God and its impact on our lives, so also did Martin Luther as he elaborated on the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed in his Small Catechism. The First Article, attributed to the Father, is all about God’s power. There was a time in Luther’s life that he feared the almighty God. He didn’t enjoy meditating on God’s works or contemplating God’s infiniteness.

That changed for Luther when he came to learn of God’s grace in Christ. As it is in the Apostles’ Creed, so also should we understand the three articles in the Catechism - they are all connected and dependent on each other because they are about the same Triune God. God’s power cannot be fully understood, and certainly not trusted, without the blessing of a Spirit-delivered faith

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through the redemptive merits of Jesus Christ. And as Bacon explained, man's knowledge will always be limited if viewed outside of the context of God's power; for as the First Article explains, God is the Creator and Preserver of everything in the world.

Today, man's pursuit of knowledge is so often set in contrast to God's will and word. This often happens through man's quest of the very thing that Bacon paired with knowledge — power. Our inborn sinful nature craves power and will often stop at nothing to attain it. History teaches us many lessons, but we are left with a deeper impression from our own hearts. We feel that desire for power and it affects our thoughts, words, and actions.

The First Article can be used as a powerful witnessing tool by leading people to see the true meaning of power under the cross of Christ. Paul wrote, "We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:23-24). The greatest example of power and knowledge in relation to God is found through Christ, not through our own efforts to control and manipulate the events of this fallen world. Bacon was correct that "knowledge is power," and whether you're a Christian or not that saying will ring true. But how much more meaning there is behind this thought when we recognize it under the context of faith in the Triune God. Knowledge of His gospel message (also called a powerful thing in Scripture - Romans 1:16) truly unlocks to lowly sinners the power of Christ by faith.

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Romans 11:33-12:2
Psalm 8

Catechism Evangelism

The Ten Commandments

The First Article

The Second Article

The Third Article

The Lord's Prayer

Baptism

The Lord's Supper

The Office of the Keys and Confession



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