

## ✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Dave Rust

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Nick Duehlmeier;  
Dale Enns; Duane Enns

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

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

Church Cleaners: Anderson School: None

## ✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Nick Duehlmeier;  
Dale Enns; Duane Enns

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

Church Cleaners: Anderson School: Craven

## ✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

- Sun., Mar. 15:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 3)  
11:00 am – Hospitality
- Wed., Mar. 18:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper  
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship
- Sun., Mar. 22:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 4)
- Fri., Apr. 3:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Bible/Hymn Student Fair
- Sun., Apr. 5:** **PALM SUNDAY**  
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Grace School Mini-Concert
- Fri., Apr. 10:** **GOOD FRIDAY**  
7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
- Sun., Apr. 12:** **EASTER** (S.S., Bible Class, Hospitality Suspended)  
7:30 am – Easter Breakfast  
9:00 am – Easter Festival Worship Service
- Sun. Apr. 19:** Council Meeting (delayed due to Easter)
- Sun., Apr. 26:** Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings (delayed due to Easter)  
3:00-5:30 pm – Evangelism Workshop (Messiah, Eau Claire, WI)
- Fri., May 1:** Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitors' Day
- May 1-2:** 7:30 pm – Immanuel Play, "The Jungle Book"
- Thu., May 21:** **ASCENSION DAY**  
12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer
- July 20-24:** Vacation Bible School

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Church Year:** Lent 3

**Date:** March 15, 2020

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### **Hymns:**

TLH 11: Safely through Another Week

TLH 525: As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams

TLH 343:1,4-7: How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

TLH 457: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### **Worship Prep:**

Psalms 25, TLH p. 128

### **Liturgy:**

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 466:4

### **Scripture Readings:**

Revelation 2:1-7

Passion Harmony

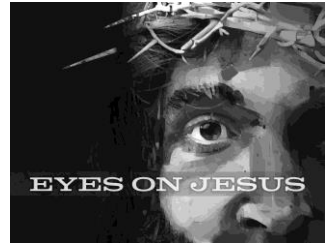
### **Sermon: 2 Samuel 22:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. <sup>2</sup> And he said: "The LORD *is* my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; <sup>3</sup> The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. <sup>4</sup> I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. <sup>5</sup> 'When the waves of death surrounded me, The floods of ungodliness made me afraid. <sup>6</sup> The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. <sup>7</sup> In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry *entered* His ears.'" (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD

# ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek services continue this Wednesday at 7 pm with a soup supper at 6 pm. This Lent, we are using the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by faith people did recognize Him correctly. We have these 40 days of Lent in which we may look within ourselves as people of faith in our day. How are we like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh? Most important, as we gather for worship, we will see what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death.
- ◆ **ILC Tour Choir:** The concert scheduled for next Sunday, March 22, has been cancelled and may be rescheduled for later. All regular Sunday events will be held next week. Please read the following announcement from ILC ...
- ◆ **Immanuel and Tour Choir:** Due to concerns about COVID-19, the governor of Wisconsin has mandated closure of all public and private K-12 schools in Wisconsin until April 6. This includes extracurricular activities. The Regents and ILC administration have had lengthy discussions about this matter. We will be complying with the governor's mandate for our high school (college and seminary yet to be determined), the students directed to return home for spring break with their books in case online classes become an alternative. Besides the obvious concern for exposure to the virus, part of the problem in retaining the original Tour Choir schedule is that students would get done with tour and then have down time away from home until classes might questionably resume. It has been decided to discontinue the Texas portion of this year's Tour Choir schedule and delay the concerts for Austin, Sioux Falls, Sleepy Eye, Mankato, Fridley, and Red Wing with some other potential adjustments. The primary plan is to possibly have the tour during the Easter break (April 9-12), or after graduation as a secondary plan. The situation will be closely monitored so that a well-informed decision can be made for the well-being and best interests of all involved. Please pray for our school and for our choir.
- ◆ **Good Friday:** On Friday, April 10, at 7 pm, 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:** On Sunday, April 12, we will be having the Easter breakfast at 7:30 am, followed by the Easter worship service at 9:00 am. 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 for various duties. The list is by the guest book.
- ◆ **Easter Flowers:** A signup 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.
- ◆ **Grace School Student Fair:** On Fri., April 3, at 7:00 pm the children of the Day School will be presenting a school fair with the theme centered on the Bible and Hymns. Each child will have a booth and will make an individual presentation. Come and listen to our students who, along with the teachers, have prepared extensively for this event.
- ◆ **Parsonage Project Need:** With the work being done on the upstairs bedroom in the parsonage there is a need that more insulation is required. If you have any extra rolls of insulation (with or without backing) and/or regular batts we will take them off your hands. Please give them to Duane Enns. THANKS.
- ◆ **CLC Convention Video:** At our Bible Class last Sunday, we watched a CLC-produced, 14-minute video that explains how the CLC Convention works. It is also to help encourage delegates to be active in the Lord's work. If you did not see this, please watch the video on the homepage of our synod's website: [clclutheran.org](http://clclutheran.org).
- ◆ **Third Full-time Missionary Call:** Over the past two years the Board of Missions has fielded a number of questions about the calling of the third full-time missionary following the 2018 Convention. According to the resolution passed at that Convention the Board of Missions was "authorized to call a third full-time missionary" and a mechanism was offered to fund the costs of this missionary. The calling did not begin right away because our second missionary was refused entry back into India and the Board had to decide where to send him before structuring the call of the third missionary. In the time since Missionary Evensen was resettled in Togo, the Board of Missions has issued several calls, but a number of factors have played a roll in the Board's decision to suspend calling for the time being, one of which was the financial situation our synod was facing at the end of the year. Another factor is the mechanism by which the third missionary was to be funded and concerns the Board of Missions has regarding that. It is hoped that these issues can be addressed at the upcoming 2020 Convention so that we can resume calling.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL, has received the call to Living Savior Lutheran in Eden Prairie, MN. † Teacher and Principal Kirsten Gullerud of St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA, has asked for a peaceful release from her call as teacher and principal to pursue a different path in Wisconsin. St. Stephen Lutheran has now called Teacher Claire Abbas of Gethsemane Lutheran in Spokane Valley, WA. † Teacher Joshua Ohlmann of Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN, has returned the Principal/Teacher call to Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY. † Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call to Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Easter Recitation and Hymn

## **CLC Financial Report - February**

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2019	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 8 Months	Balance 2/29/2020
<b>General Fund (see below)</b>	0	754,225	707,212	708,600	<b>47,013</b>
ILC Operations (incl CLC subsidy)	0	1,025,942	917,555	962,720	108,387
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	138,303	58,993	11,522		185,774
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	17,072	178,819	164,000		31,891
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	45,020	149,858	129,419		65,459
Kinship	56,634	95,590	75,819		76,405
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,442,490	620,686	167,793		1,895,383
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	50,707	115,388	98,196,		67,899
Reserve Fund	278,088	17,552	0		295,640
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,028,314</b>	<b>\$1,236,886</b>	<b>\$646,749</b>		<b>\$2,618,451</b>

<b>ILC Building Projects</b> (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance February 29, 2020	\$1,068,216
Principal paid to date	<b>\$392,715</b>

*O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and is all Your own. (Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! 1 Chron. 29:14)*

**General Fund** – Offerings this month were **\$84,220** vs disbursements of \$81,460. Special offerings of \$7,300 & underspending our monthly budget by \$7,100 has resulted in our current positive balance of \$47,013 and kept us within our budget year-to-date. Praise God who has moved hearts to recognize the General Fund need to provide the \$88,575 monthly subsidy support for the work of our Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, & Ed-Pub.

**ILC Operations** – ILC February revenue was \$109,345 (including \$47,875 General Fund subsidy) vs disbursements of \$112,107.

**ILC Building Projects** – Offerings were \$4,149 vs a disbursement of \$8,000 for the AC/North Hall loan payment. Special offerings of \$142,000 since July 1, plus regular offerings, have enabled an extra pay down on principal of the AC/North Hall loan, resulting in an interest savings of \$90,000 and a 2-year decrease of the payment schedule.

**CEF – February** revenue was \$99,446 (incl. a \$60,000 cong extra payment on loan principal, \$29,000 cong monthly loan payments & \$10,000 note renewal), vs disbursements of \$50,686 for debt service for 17 notes (\$14,400 interest paid), 3 notes paid off (\$32,000), plus administration expenses.

**MDF** – Offerings were \$12,846 vs disbursements of \$9,619, including \$5,600 missionary visitation, and \$2,500 pastoral conferences.

**SAF** – Revenue of \$7992 (\$5,600 STU loan payments, \$2,380 offerings) vs \$11,400 grants & loans.

**Kinship** – Offerings of \$31,985 (\$22,970 sponsors; \$9,000 special), vs disbursements of \$3,525.

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

# CLC E-Devotion – December 1, 2007

2 Samuel 22:2-3 My God is my Rock, in whom I take refuge, my Shield and the Horn of my salvation. He is my Stronghold, my Refuge.

## THE LORD IS MY ROCK AND MY FORTRESS

I believe in God the Father, Maker of heaven and earth. I put my trust in no one on earth: not even myself or any power, skill, possession, saintly character, or whatever else I may possess. I put my trust in the one true, invisible, and incomprehensible God, Maker of heaven and earth, who is above all creation. I am not afraid of the wickedness of the devil and his followers, for my God is high above them all! I believe in Him even though I am poor, foolish, unlearned, despised, abandoned, persecuted, and lacking in all things. I do not ask God for a sign or token, for I do not wish to tempt Him. No matter how long He waits, I do not limit Him as to terms or time, measure or means. In a sincere and trusting faith, I leave all things to His divine will. Since He is almighty, what could I desire, that He would not give or do for me? Since He is the Maker of heaven and earth and Lord of all things, who will rob me or harm me? He makes all things work for my good. Because He is my Father, He does it gladly.

Prayer: Dear Father, I come to You for refuge. You are my Rock of strength and Fortress of protection against all that would harm me in body or spirit. In the church year to come, may I always realize You are there, willing and ready to aid me. Despite my best intentions, I still sin against Your holy will. Forgive and keep me in Your grace for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

-- Devotion and prayer authored by Martin Luther

**Last Week's Stats:** Mar. 8, 2020 Sun.: 72 S.S.: 9 B.Cl.: 36 Wed.: 55

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,081	CLC:	\$840
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$421	CLC:	\$70
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,498	CLC:	-40
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$36,781	CLC:	\$9,160
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	40,000	CLC:	9,500
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-3,219	CLC:	-340
GLC Other: 471	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	155
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	125	Kinship:	110
ILC Student Aid: 11	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	\$310		

**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!



## The Office of the Keys and Confession

Because God's Word is based on absolute truth, which applies the same to all people; and because we are fallen sinners, there will be times when our witness of God's Word is uncomfortable to give and to receive. In our culture, we're used to hearing responses to God's Word such as, "Who are you to judge me?" or "I'm free to do what I want, you can't tell me what to do!" If you've been on the receiving end of such a response then you've probably contemplated if you have the right to speak or not.

The reality of being a believer in Christ is that we have the pressing duty of sharing parts of His Word that people do not want to hear. Perhaps the most ardent of opponents that come to mind in this regard are those who reject God's Word. But, even Christians should know what the sting of God's moral law feels like to a conscience burdened by sin — we wrestle with the same thing!

When you face situations where people are resistant to God's Word, it's easy to feel embarrassed, surprised, or ashamed. The knee-jerk reaction is to slink back into your confessional shell and keep your faith to yourself. The world's demand of, "What gives you the right?" echoes in your mind. You might think — maybe they're right.

It's critical for our witness of Jesus not to get caught off-guard in these moments. Rejection comes with the territory of being a Christian who is standing for Christ. Jesus Himself, who also was rejected by many, said this, "A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also (John 15:20)."

We don't have to be afraid or ashamed of rejection because we know how a sinner thinks and feels when confronted with God's truth. But even more importantly, we have authority from Jesus to speak on His behalf. Who gives you the right? Jesus does!

This what we call the Office of the Keys; it's the privilege that Jesus gives believers to speak the law (message of judgment and sin) and the gospel (message of salvation in Christ). You might think "That's nice and all, but I'd rather not," or "I'm just not qualified or skilled at witnessing." Sorry to say, God doesn't want your excuses. Giving up or ignoring this privilege is not an option. You see, this is what the Christian life is all about — proclaiming God's power,

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glory, and grace in Christ to the world. If you're a Christian, this is what you're supposed to be doing. It's part of why Jesus suffered and died in your place - to earn this right for you.

This doesn't mean that preaching or standing in front of a crowd is the only way to exercise the Office of the Keys. It's also important to remember the rest of the title — ...and Confession. This blessed work of the believer also takes place each time sinners are directed to confess before the Lord and receive forgiveness (often called Absolution). Regular confession and assurance of forgiveness in this way is the life of the Christian's faith. This practice is not based on our outstanding ability to achieve what God commands, but rather on the precious Gospel proclamation of full and free pardon of sins in Christ's name. Wherever this gift is being practiced by Christians, faith is begun and sustained.

Indeed, confession may be seen on Sunday at church. But, let it also be present in our homes, between husband and wife, among relatives and co-workers, and even on the playground. A healthy and functioning faith, no matter what your vocation is, will lead you to "proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9)."

Imagine what the world would be like without Jesus. That's what's at stake when we shrink back from declaring and defending His Word today. You are blessed to have the right to speak for the eternal and almighty God of heaven and earth! Don't allow any mere human to make you doubt that. It is your right, duty, and blessed privilege in Jesus' name.

### **Read More About This Topic**

Isaiah 6:1-8

Hebrews 10:19-25

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## **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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