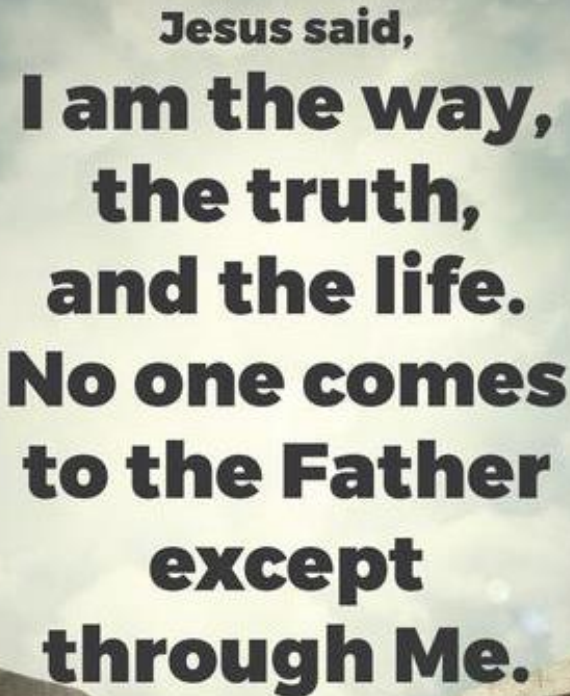


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John 14:6

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

Church Year: Easter 5

Date: May 10, 2020

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 16: Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word  
S.S. TLH 464: Blest Be the Tie that Binds  
TLH 248: Father of Glory, to Thy Name  
TLH 244: Glory Be to the Father  
TLH 49: Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalms 33, TLH p. 131

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)  
Abbreviated

### Scripture Readings:

1 Peter 2:4-10  
Acts 17:1-12

### Sermon: John 14:6-12

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." <sup>7</sup> "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." <sup>8</sup> Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" <sup>10</sup> "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works." <sup>11</sup> "Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves." <sup>12</sup> "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

# See the Father in the Son

## ✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Mother's Day:** A Blessed Mother's Day to all our mothers in the congregation. We thank the Lord for the Christian care and concern that you have imparted to your children through the Word of God. May that same Word strengthen you for the times in which we live, comforting you through God's promises.
- ➔ **Events at Grace:** The Elders are continuing the suspension of worship services and on-site events, reviewing this on a weekly basis. We continue to share an online package of spiritual materials by email, also posted on Grace's website at [FridleyLutheran.org](http://FridleyLutheran.org). Pastor is willing to serve private communion upon request. Please feel free to communicate with Pastor regarding any spiritual need you may have. His number is 612-408-1635.
- ➔ **This Weekend's Service:** The service today is adapted chiefly from May 14, 2017, spliced with a new sermon and hymns.
- ➔ **Among Us:** This past week Ann Radichel had her final phase of reconstructive surgery and is recovering at home. Nicole Best is going through another round of chemo. This past week, Grant Wells' grandfather in Arizona died in a bike accident. Grant is the grandson of Frank and Ann Radichel, currently taking instruction classes with Pastor. The LORD continue to be the steadfast refuge and strength for His children, providing them with the comfort and help they need.
- ➔ **Online Midweek Bible Class:** This coming Wednesday, May 13, 7 pm, Pastor will conduct a live online Bible Class via Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87165441734?pwd=N3VgaFVxdkFtQ25RUUnUzVXMvY2JsUT09>  
Meeting ID: 871 6544 1734/ Password: 005765  
Or call with phone: 1-312-626-6799 (same meeting ID & password)  
Zoom can be used on your computer or on your mobile device by downloading the Zoom app via Google Play or Apple App Store.
- ➔ **Ascension Worship:** While things are still uncertain as to how the Governor will address things after May 18, our Ascension worship service is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 7 pm. Please stay tuned for how this service will be handled.
- ➔ **Summer Schedule:** Per the Grace calendar, the summer schedule is slated to begin on May 24 this year, when we suspend Bible Class and Sunday School for the summer and hold our Sunday worship service at 9 am. Please stay tuned for final plans.
- ➔ **Confirmation:** This year there are no 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the congregation, so there are no confirmands. Perhaps this has been a timely circumstance.

- ➔ **Graduates:** Patrick Baker, Jessica Maki, and Kylee Yang are the high school graduates within Grace this year. We are working on a plan to acknowledge this in a unique manner this year.
- ➔ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is beginning to plan for the 2020-21 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please speak to one of the teachers for an enrollment form. You may also email Janelle Hein at [janellehein@gmail.com](mailto:janellehein@gmail.com).
- ➔ **Parade:** Normally we promote the school in the annual Spring Lake Park Tower Days parade. This has been cancelled this year.
- ➔ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The Lutheran Spokesman is a CLC publication which is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. The congregation covers the cost. Those who currently receive the publication are listed on a spreadsheet. Please follow the instructions at the following link regarding continuing, discontinuing, or being added (the deadline is May 31): <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1K3TP3YHqGA1iOJa1hvn8T9v6Ay-QZcuIunF6FXzLTVk/edit?usp=sharing>
- ➔ **The Branches:** "The Branches" is now up for renewal. This is a quarterly publication for Christian women. Please contact Norma Rust ([sew410@att.net](mailto:sew410@att.net)/763-571-5735) if you wish to continue receiving this publication or if you wish to be a new subscriber. The congregation pays for the subscription. May 31 is the deadline.
- ➔ **Parsonage Project:** Recently a major project was completed in the main upstairs bedroom of the parsonage. All the walls were removed in order to reinsulate and provide space for proper air movement. The intent is to reduce the amount of ice buildup on the roof and have improved energy efficiency. Bathroom fans were also installed while the walls were open. Many men were involved from January to April, including Duane Enns, Larry Brandt, Gerry Anderson, Larry Nelson, Benno Sydow, Ryan Oman, Gary Gunther, Al Rosendahl, Dale Enns, Dan Fleischer, and Rick Nelson. We thank them for all their volunteer help which saved the congregation a lot of money.
- ➔ **Offerings:** During this time when services are suspended, the Lord is still doing all His work to keep our souls and bodies in His keeping. His Gospel work never ends, even as our pastor and teachers continue to function in their divine calls. Therefore, our gratitude continues for the Lord's boundless and bountiful blessings. Please remember this by giving a thank offering to Him. These may be sent by mail directly to the church at:

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The Council will ensure these are accounted for and deposited.

- ➔ **S.S. Memory Work:** #27 – Review of Sacraments

## CLC Financial Report - April

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2019	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 10 Months	Balance 4/30/2020
<b>General Fund (See below)</b>	0	890,796	873,695	885,750	17,101
ILC Operations (incl CLC subsidy)	0	1,221,795	1,128,940	1,203,400	92,855
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	138,303	61,451	12,159		187,595
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	17,072	184,897	180,000		21,969
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	45,020	161,182	153,996		52,206
Kinship	56,634	124,537	103,486		77,685
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,442,490	686,615	280,055		1,849,050
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	50,707	137,992	117,939		70,760
Reserve Fund	278,088	17,552	0		295,640
<b>Total Auxiliary Funds</b>	<b>\$2,028,314</b>	<b>\$1,374,226</b>	<b>\$847,635</b>		<b>\$2,554,905</b>

<b>ILC Building Projects</b> (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance April 30, 2020	\$1,059,322
Principal paid to date	<b>\$401,609</b>

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear." (Psalm 46)*

**General Fund** – April offerings of **\$76,721** (incl \$6,253 special) vs disbursements of \$72,100, resulted in a \$4,621 positive cash flow, increasing our current balance to \$17,101. The General Fund Budget calls for \$88,575 monthly to fund the work of our Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, & Ed-Pub.

**ILC Operations** – Revenue of \$100,613 (incl \$47,875 subsidy) vs disbursements of \$101,710.

**ILC Building Projects** – Offerings of \$2,930 vs the \$8,000 monthly loan payment for the AC loan.

**CEF** – Revenue of \$38,506 (Cong CEF loan repayments) vs disbursements of \$12,091 for promissory note debt service & admin expenses.

**MDF** – Offerings of \$4,698 vs disbursements of \$4,191, (Mission Helper, Exploratory, Admin Expense).

**SAF** – Revenue of \$10,059 (\$7,121 STU loan payments, \$2,937 offerings) vs \$9,924 grants & loans.

**Kinship** – Offerings \$26,227 (\$19,650 Orphan & Student Sponsor gifts; \$6,577 Cong & Special gifts, vs disbursements of \$11,666 (\$10,000 Foreign Missions COVID-19 aid; \$1,166 Admin & students.

Despite our membership having to continue to shelter at home due to pandemic concerns and to endure related difficulties, the General Fund offering shortfall in March did not trend into April and result in a further shortfall. The Lord has continued to bless & strengthen faith by providing alternate ways of bringing His Means of Grace to us, even as He has continued to bless our material means & provide alternate ways to bring them in gratitude for His gracious blessings.

Especially in difficult times like this our Lord counsels & comforts us: *"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" (Psalm 46:10)*

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

# **Council Meeting Notes – April 26, 2020**

Note: March 2020 Council meeting was cancelled by Chairman Rick Nelson.

Meeting (conducted online via Zoom app) opened with prayer and a short devotion at 11:00 am. February minutes read and approved. Treasurer reports for the months of February and March were read and approved.

## **Pastor's Report**

- Alyssa Johannes membership transferred from Messiah in Eau Claire, WI.
- Pastor continues to conduct instruction classes with 3 individuals: Joseph Thomas, Tom Graham, and Grant Wells (grandson to Frank & Ann Radichel).
- Catechism classes are continuing online.
- An online midweek Bible class on Wednesday evening has been started.
- ILC Tour Choir may be rescheduled in June or July (very tentative).
- The Minnesota Delegate Conference and the CLC Convention have been rescheduled to June 8-10, 2020 and July 30-August 2, 2020, respectively.

## **Board of Elders Report**

- Services at Grace remain suspended per the Covid 19 executive order by the Governor of MN. Plans are to continue with the present weekly service pack emailed by Pastor. The Elders continue to monitor the situation.
- Ryan Mueller is keeping his eyes open for a used pipe organ to replace our current organ and has one to consider. Frank shared pictures of the organ. Some discussion regarding this, but no need yet for a decision.

## **Board of Education Report**

- Teachers providing weekly lessons and getting feedback from the families.
- The doors for two classrooms have been updated to include windows and locks. An updated school office door has also been installed.
- Spring Lake Park has cancelled its parade for this summer.

## **Board of Trustees Report**

- Carpet has been installed in upstairs bedrooms of parsonage.
- Spring cleanup day has been postponed.
- Work on the church grounds continues, including clean up in the lilacs.
- Service was done on the parsonage furnaces. Gas pressure was checked, a gas regulator was checked and cleaned up, and a new fan was installed.
- Pastor mentioned that a lot of members have been helping with various tasks. He is thankful for all the work being done.
- The mower has been worked on and should be ready to go for the summer.
- Work needs to be done on the lawn north of the parsonage. This is in the area that was dug up when work was done on the water line.

## **Other Business**

- Discussion regarding online contributions from members. A service could be used, but with a cost involved. Receiving contributions via US Mail seems to be working fine for now although Pastor requests to have less direct involvement with it. Option of setting up a PO Box was considered.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

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# MINISTRIES FOUND ONLINE

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[www.FridleyLutheran.org](http://www.FridleyLutheran.org)

## Some website links:



- Grace Lutheran Church: [www.FridleyLutheran.org](http://www.FridleyLutheran.org)
- Grace on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CLCGraceLutheranChurch](http://www.facebook.com/CLCGraceLutheranChurch)
- Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC): [www.clclutheran.org](http://www.clclutheran.org)
- Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, & Seminary (ILC): [www.ilc.edu](http://www.ilc.edu)
- CLC Missions: [www.lutheranmissions.org](http://www.lutheranmissions.org)
- The CLC Book House (CLC book store): [www.clcbookhouse.org](http://www.clcbookhouse.org)
- The Lutheran Spokesman (CLC publication): [www.lutheranspokesman.org](http://www.lutheranspokesman.org)
- The Branches (women's publication): [www.thebranchesonline.info](http://www.thebranchesonline.info)

## Check out the following online devotional materials:

- Weekly video of the Grace Lutheran Church sermon: [www.clcgracelutheranchurch.org/category/sermons/](http://www.clcgracelutheranchurch.org/category/sermons/)
- Weekly CLC "Ministry by Mail" sermon: [www.clclutheran.org/ministrybymail](http://www.clclutheran.org/ministrybymail)
- Daily email devotions from The Bread of Life (The Lutheran Spokesman): [www.glcdailydevotion.wordpress.com](http://www.glcdailydevotion.wordpress.com)
- Daily email devotions from CLC pastors: [www.redeemerclc.info/devotional.html](http://www.redeemerclc.info/devotional.html)
- Daily email for a CLC Three-Year Bible reading program: [www.threeyearbiblereadingplan.wordpress.com](http://www.threeyearbiblereadingplan.wordpress.com)
- Daily audio of the chapel address from our Immanuel campus: [www.ilc.edu/chapel.htm](http://www.ilc.edu/chapel.htm)

Also, check out the Grace Lutheran Church on Google Play for Android devices.

**Facebook Page:** If you're on Facebook, be sure to like or share items that are on the Grace Lutheran Church page. This can help promote the page to others, along with events that we publicize there.

The more shares, etc., the more Facebook promotes our church page to others.



## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

*Please keep in mind that this schedule is tentative given the circumstances. Stay tuned by the email announcements.*

- Sun., May 10:** Online Worship Service  
**Wed., May 13:** 7:00 pm – Online Midweek Bible Class (Zoom)  
**Thu., May 14:** 1:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students (Zoom)  
**Sun., May 17:** Online Worship Service  
**Thu., May 21:** **ASCENSION DAY**  
 Grace School Official Dismissal for Summer  
 7:00 pm – Ascension Worship Service (Tentative)  
**Sun., May 24:** Summer Schedule Begins  
 9:00 am – Worship Service (Tentative)  
**June 8-10:** CLC Boards & Coordinating Council  
**Sat., July 11:** 10:00 am – MN Delegate Conference @ Mankato, MN  
**July 20-24:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School (Tentative)  
**July 30-Aug. 2:** CLC Convention @ Eau Claire, WI  
**Sun., Aug. 23:** 3:00 pm – Opening Service at ILC (Tentative)  
**Mon., Aug. 31:** Opening Day for Grace Lutheran School (Tentative)

**Last Week's Stats:** May 3, 2020    Sun.: Online    S.S.: Online    B.Cl.: Online

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,860	CLC:	\$695
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-140	CLC:	-255
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$77,537	CLC:	\$16,645
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	72,000	CLC:	17,100
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+5,537	CLC:	-455
GLC Other: 100	Living Faith: 150	Tuition Aid: 50		
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF: 0	Kinship: 0		
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg. 200	IIF: 0    CEF: 0		
<i>Current Balances:</i>		<i>Tuition Aid: \$970</i>		

