

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 4

Date: June 28, 2020

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 4: God Himself Is Present
TLH 27: Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul
TLH 39: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
TLH 15: From All that Dwell Below the Skies

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 100, TLH p. 144f.

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Adapted)

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 19:2-8
Romans 5:6-11

Sermon: Psalm 148

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! ² Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! ³ Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! ⁴ Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created. ⁶ He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away. ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths; ⁸ Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word; ⁹ Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars; ¹⁰ Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl; ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth; ¹² Both young men and maidens; Old men and children. ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven. ¹⁴ And He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all His saints-- Of the children of Israel, A people near to Him. Praise the LORD! (NKJVTM)

Soli Deo Gloria:
To God Alone the Glory

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Caution:** If anyone is high risk, vulnerable, recently exposed to a COVID-19 patient, or has symptoms of illness (especially high temperature and cough), the individual along with any others in that person's household are strongly urged to stay home for one's own well-being and the well-being of others. If any member remains uncomfortable about returning to worship, online worship is still available at [FridleyLutheran.org](https://www.fridleylutheran.org).
- ➔ **Physical Distancing at Worship:** Given the circumstances with COVID-19, there are a large variety of personal opinions regarding what sort of precautions should be taken. This variety exists among our members. For example, some elect to wear masks while others don't. We do not wish to disturb everyone about our differences of opinions or be judgmental about them. Instead, in Christian love we are to bear with one another over matters that are not doctrinal. Thus we need to be mindful of the various sensitivities that exist about these precautions. During our Council meeting this past Sunday, some concerns were expressed about doing our best to honor physical distancing while at worship. The pews are set up to be alternating, post-its on the pews that are to be used. Our ushers are being asked to be proactive in ushering people in so that distancing between household units can be better accomplished. Also, please remember to do your visiting outside before and after worship. Thank you for being mindful of your fellow Christians.
- ➔ **Lord's Supper:** Beginning next Sunday, July 5, the Lord's Supper will be served. There will be some adjustments to hopefully provide communicants a comfort level with doing this. Each table ushered forward will be smaller with household groups to space out from each other. Pastor will solely be serving this as he ensures sanitization. The wafers will be dropped into people's hands, so be sure to extend both of them together for him to be able to do this easily. Also, only individual cups will be served. Pastor will extend the cup as communicants are asked to grab the cup without touching pastor's hands. Private communion will still be served if communicants desire this.
- ➔ **VBS:** The Council recently decided to do VBS with member children and grandchildren of members. Pastor sent an email to parents this week. For planning purposes, please email him soon in response.
- ➔ **CLC Coordinating Council Report:** Recently the various boards and officials of the CLC met to discuss business of our church body. The report for this is now available per request of Pastor Hein, or electronically at: tinyurl.com/2020springcc.

- ➔ **Fall 2020 CLC Teachers' Conference:** This has been postponed until Oct. 20-22, 2021, at Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners.
- ➔ **ILHS Graduation:** Due to COVID-19, Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI, has rescheduled its graduation for Sat., Aug. 1, 10:30 am. While in the past this has been a public worship service open to anyone, attendance this year will be "by invitation only" due to local gathering limitations. This will be viewable as live stream or archived at ilc.edu. The college and seminary had their graduation service on May 30. May the LORD continue to keep our graduates in His care as they look to His Word with all their future endeavors.
- ➔ **New Book Available:** Deborah Ude's second book, "Came By Train," is now available. This historical portrayal of life in small town Wisconsin circa 1918 instills an appreciation for our ancestors with their challenges and our privileges, leading to delighted grins at the antics of children and foibles of people. She shares her profession of Christ by painting the daily life of Christian faith. This is published on Amazon Kindle Direct. The digital version of "Came By Train" is \$2.99 and the printed paperback is \$11.99. This is a stand-alone sequel to her first book, "Steeple in the Distance," which is also available on Amazon for \$20. Deborah is the deceased wife of Grace's former pastor, Prof. John Ude. Her author link for Amazon is at:
www.amazon.com/-/e/B08BTVNDX?ref_=pe_1724030_132998070
- ➔ **CLC News:** Recently a congregation in Melrose, WI, has had contact with Pastor Chad Seybt of Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY. The original connection arose between his wife (Carrie) and her friend. She inquired more about the CLC and began watching online services. She and her husband are members of a small Lutheran congregation (20+ souls, St. Paul Ev. Lutheran) that is part of the Protes'tant Conference, a very small group of loosely confederated congregations that share similar beliefs having broken away from WELS in the 1920's. This congregation in Melrose has been without a pastor for three-plus years so began using Pastor Seybt's written sermons and now, with his approval, has been playing the audio of his sermons during their worship services. While the final outcome of this is unknown, the congregation has expressed its gratefulness to have sermons which proclaim the truth of the Word.

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 speak with you!

CLC Daily E-Devotions –June 27, 2020

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Pebbles in Our Shoes

Imagine a beautiful, sunny day. Your plan is to hike a mountain trail. As you begin, you can't help but notice the beauty of the trees, the blue sky, the birds and animals scurrying about.

After walking for a while, you notice that there is a pebble in your shoe. Well, you don't want to bother sitting down and taking your shoe off, so you try to ignore it and enjoy your hike anyway. It may not take long for the pebble in your shoe to seem bigger than the entire mountain you're climbing!

Sometimes we focus our attention so much on the uncomfortable things in life, that we miss many of the wonderful things. Truly, the pebbles in our shoes can make us very angry. We can also think of things like stubbing our toe on the chair or getting a flat tire. Some people call these things bad luck.

Our text says "In everything give thanks." When you first read it, did you wonder about it? In EVERYTHING give thanks? When changing a flat tire or washing our skinned knee, it's not likely that we are going to feel particularly thankful. Yet the Lord does tell us that we can and should be thankful in everything.

Since that is what He wants, He is going to do everything necessary to make it possible. Start with the big things. "Everything" includes sending His beloved Son Jesus Christ to suffer and die on the cross for us. He punished Jesus for our sins, so that we need not be punished. So we could live forever.

But "everything" also includes all the little things in life. He knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows when to give us things that make life fun and cozy. He also knows when something uncomfortable is needed.

That is why we can thank God for everything, even for the pebbles in our shoes.

- From the Lutheran Spokesman

Council Meeting Notes – June 14, 2020

Meeting opened with prayer. April Council meetings read and approved. The Treasurer's reports for April and May read and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Completed instruction classes with Joseph Thomas. Motion passed to recommend to the voters to ratify his communicant membership.
- Completed instruction classes with Tom Graham. Motion passed to recommend to the voters to ratify his communicant membership.
- Instruction classes continue with Grant Wells.
- Talked with the Elders about resuming communion the first Sun. of July with Pastor being the only one administering. Tables would be by family and small groups to help with the recommended social distancing as we deal with COVID-19. Private communion is still available upon request.
- Pastor recommended having VBS with member children and possibly relatives of members. Dates to be the same as already scheduled in July. Motion passed to limit VBS to member families and their grandchildren.
- The CLC Convention has been rescheduled for June 24-27, 2021.
- The MN Delegate Conference will likely be rescheduled as well.
- The ILC Tour Choir may still be rescheduled. Prof. Reim is hopeful that the tour can still happen in some form.
- Mission Festival is scheduled for Sun., Oct. 11, 2020. The Elders plan to invite Pastor Mark Bernthal to serve as guest preacher.
- Pastor thought today's service went well as everyone gets accustomed to the new guidelines in place as we deal with COVID-19.

Board of Elders Report

- Elders looking at health insurance for Pastor.

Board of Ed Report

- School year finished via online learning.
- Preparations for the upcoming school year are ongoing. The anticipated enrollment is 24 students (12 in K-2nd grade, 12 in grades 3-8).

Board of Trustees Report

- Project work continues. New carpet to be installed in the parsonage.
- Security cameras were discussed. Some work done in the past – number of cameras, placement, access to video and for what period. Technology has improved and the expense might not be as great as when last discussed.

Other Business

- The City of Fridley is looking into new locations for election day voting in November and has contacted Grace about being a possible site. Concerns about how it would affect the school and liability from an insurance standpoint. Motion to have Pastor notify the City that we are willing to be a polling location; support; passed 5-4.
- Social distancing by members during service. Are we following the plan we have in place? Ushers will have to be more involved in implementing.
- Rick continues looking into an AED and has one that he'd like to consider purchasing. Unit cost is \$1180 and it has pads for both children and adults. He was given the go-ahead to purchase without a vote.

Adapted from the minutes by Secretary William Rust

✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: **Jan Davis**

Elder: **Dave Rust**

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

Counting Team 2: **Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker**

Church Cleaners: **N. Rust**

✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Vandever**

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

Sun., June 28: 9:00 am – Worship Service

Sun., July 5: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper

July 20-24: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

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: June 21, 2020 Sun.: 85

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,655	CLC:	\$1,400
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+655	CLC:	+450
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$105,327	CLC:	\$24,440
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	100,000	CLC:	23,750
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+5,327	CLC:	+690
GLC Other: 128	Living Faith: 5	Tuition Aid: 190		
SAF Endowment: 10	MDF: 37	Kinship: 277		
ILC Student Aid: 5	ILC Bldg. 105	IIF: 25	CEF: 0	
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$1,948			



For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9