

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 7

Date: July 19, 2020

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 41: Wondrous King, All-Glorious
TLH 298: Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy
TLH 409: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
TLH 391: Blessed Are the Sons of God

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 89, TLH p. 141 f.

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Adapted)

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Matthew 10:34-42

Sermon: Romans 6:1-11

¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NKJVTM)

Your Baptism:

Both a Funeral and a Birth

1. It means your sins were buried with Jesus
2. It means His righteousness now lives in you

✠ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✠

- ➔ **Thanks!** Pastor Bruce Naumann from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has graciously agreed to be our guest speaker today. We thank him for preaching the Word, nourishment for our souls.
- ➔ **Today:** The Voters and Dorcas Guild will be meeting. The Voters are asked to remain seated where they are after the worship service. The Dorcas Guild is asked to meet in the fellowship hall, seated at a 6-foot distance from each other.
- ➔ **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. 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 away from the building before and after worship, ensuring that the doorway isn't blocked by a group. Thank you for being mindful of your fellow Christians.
- ➔ **Among Us:** While Grace has been unable to meet normally as of late, members obviously continue to face things in this world of sin. But the LORD sustains and keeps His children. Here are some updates:
 - Ann Radichel continues to heal from her skin cancer removal and subsequent reconstruction. She also had more removal recently, but not nearly as extensive this time. Frank also had some removed.
 - Rick Nelson was recently diagnosed with melanoma and had removal of a lymph node along with part of his ear.
 - Ellen Bergstrom recently had a biopsy to test for any kind of return of cancer. This was negative.
 - Nicole Best this past week had a bone marrow transplant as part of her return to health. Ryan Oman, her brother, was the donor.
 - Pastor Hein now satisfies the COVID-19 recovery checklist.

- ➔ **VBS:** The Council recently decided to cancel our VBS this year due to mitigation of the fire.
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **Invitation:** Prince of Peace Lutheran of Hecla, SD, welcomes you to their annual Harvest Festival 4 pm Sunday, Aug. 9. An outdoor service will be held at the Marvin and Gwen Hansen homeplace, followed by a turkey barbecue dinner. Take either ND-1 or SD-37 to the ND/SD border. Then travel west along the State Line Road to the first home and barn on your left. You will see plenty of parked cars. RV parking and some housing is available. For more information, contact pastor_daub@hotmail.com or (605) 994-2145.
- ➔ **ManUp Retreat:** The 2020 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held Sept. 24-27, 2020, at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register at: www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020. Visit our website, www.manup.clclutheran.org, for more information.
- ➔ **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/B08BTVNDSX?ref_=pe_1724030_132998070
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of Morning Star Lutheran in Fairchild, WI; Peace with God Lutheran in Onalaska, WI; and Trinity Lutheran in Millston, WI, has the call to St. Luke's Lutheran in Lemmon, SD. † Prof. Steve Sippert of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI, has the pastoral call to Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN. † Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Faith Lutheran in Manchester, SO (St. Louis area) has the call to Redeemer Lutheran in Bowdle, SD, and Zion Lutheran in Ipswich, SD.

Council Meeting Notes – July 12, 2020

Meeting conducted via Zoom opened with prayer.

Surveillance Cameras

Brandon Paplow (guest) presented info. to show video surveillance software with multiple camera views and discussed different camera options. Questions and discussion. Brandon gave a recommendation of what he thought would work well for Grace. The Trustees will come up with a plan based on this.

June Council meeting minutes read and approved.

The June Treasurer report was read and approved.

Pastors Report

No report given with Pastor dealing with Covid-19.

Board of Elders Report

- There is an increase in Pastor's health insurance premium (roughly \$730/month). Motion approved to recommend to the Voters to give Pastor a one-time bonus of \$6000 this July to cover the additional insurance expenses he's incurring.
- Pastor's laptop (purchased in 2014) is having issues and not much can be done to upgrade it. Motion to purchase a new laptop for Pastor. Cost to not exceed \$700. Some discussion on Elders purchasing this out of their current budget. While there was a consensus they could, motion approved.
- With Pastor currently dealing with Covid-19 and work needing to be done to clean and repair fire damage, holding VBS this summer doesn't seem very likely. Motion approved to cancel VBS for this summer.
- Pastor returned contact at city hall about Grace being a polling place. His contact at the city said that they would pursue an alternate location.

Board of Ed Report

- Follow-up has been done with families who are planning on sending children to Grace this Fall. Each has confirmed that they are still coming so the projected enrollment remains at 24. There will be 11 non-member students (7 in K-2nd grade; 4 in grades 3-8).
- Additional desks have been ordered as well as thermometers to help with screening children as they arrive each day.
- For the upcoming year, Covid-19 mitigation will include the following:
 - No water fountain use; students must use their own water bottles.
 - Masks may be worn but aren't required.
 - Lunches will be in the Fellowship Hall.
 - No sharing of supplies.
 - List of items which require disinfecting is being generated.
 - Families will be scheduled to help with disinfection.
 - Plan is to add HEPA filters for the school. Trustees more than likely will cover the expense.

- School workday is scheduled for Sat., Aug. 8 without children participating.
- The ice cream social has been cancelled. Info normally provided during this event has been or will be distributed in other ways.
- Ryan Oman is recommended for Sun. School Superintendent for this year.

Board of Trustees Report

- This past week (3:45 am, July 10) there was a fire at the SW corner of the garage. Earlier this morning, Pat met with the field agent representative from the insurance company. The inspector from the insurance company has also done his inspection. Arson is suspected and Pat doesn't expect any issues with the insurance covering the needed repairs and cleaning. As work is being done, some items needing improvement may become evident.
- Because of the fire, there is no power in the garage. This outage is the reason why the internet connection is not working. Pat is working to get an electrician out to make repairs.

Other Business

- With Covid-19, additional cleaning is being done by Norma Rust and 1 or 2 other women. CDC guidelines are being followed but there is some question about the need to continue considering the guidelines mention that the virus can't survive over a 7-day period and currently there is no church use during the week.
- With the social distancing seating, Benno talked about making sure that visitors get to sit in the sanctuary vs. the folding chairs that are setup in the Narthex. Discussion followed on social distancing while seated in the church and visiting in the parking lot after the service.
- Rick is hopeful that the regularly scheduled quarterly voters meeting can be held next Sunday. If church is cancelled again, we will have to figure out when/how to hold the meeting; online via Zoom wouldn't work for a voters meeting.

Adapted from the minutes by Secretary William Rust

Fire Update This Week:

- The ATF is still investigating the arson case, searching for video evidence and soliciting information with a reward offered through an arson hotline.
- Comcast reestablished their service (phone, internet, television) through extensive updates made by a very scrupulous and diligent technician.
- 24Restore came to do a meticulous investigation into the garage damage with the goal to provide an estimate. The Trustees contracted them to restore the garage. They did learn that there is some damage between the garage and the parsonage, mostly with insulation within the knee wall area.
- Cloud Contents came to complete most of the cleaning effort for the parsonage and the two classrooms. Yet to conclude is the carpet cleaning, furniture, and return of all the parsonage laundry. This will be done next week, along with a start in sifting through the debris in the garage.

✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Frank Radichel

Ushers: Gary Gunther; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; Jeff Stifter; Bob Vandever

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

Ushers: Gary Gunther; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; Jeff Stifter; Bob Vandever

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

Sun., July 19: 9:00 am – Worship Service
10:00 am – Voters and Dorcas Guild Meetings

Sun., July 26: 9:00 am – Worship Service

Sat., Aug. 8: 9:00 am – Grace School Work Day

Sun., Aug. 23: 3:00 pm – Opening Service at ILC

Mon., Aug. 31: 8:00 am – Opening Service at Grace Lutheran School

Sun., Sept. 13: 8:30 am – Choir Practice Begins
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School Begin
10:00 am – Worship Service (Regular Schedule Resumes)

October 6-7: Minnesota Pastoral Conference @ Sleepy Eye, MN

Last Week's Stats: June 28, 2020 Sun.: 73

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,440	CLC:	\$440
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,560	CLC:	-510
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$107,767	CLC:	\$24,880
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	112,000	CLC:	26,600
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-4,233	CLC:	-1,720
GLC Other: 50	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50
SAF Endowment: 2	MDF:	0	Kinship:	120
ILC Student Aid: 1	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	\$1,998		



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