

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 8

Date: July 26, 2020

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 244: Glory Be to God the Father
As We Begin Another Year (Tune of TLH 7)
TLH 410: Jesus, Lead Thou On
TLH 436: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 65, TLH p. 136

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Adapted)

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 55:10-11
Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Sermon: Romans 8:18-25

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance. (NKJVTM)

Pathology to Doxology

✝ ***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).
- ➔ **Masks:** Due to the Governor's executive order, face coverings or masks are now required during worship at Grace. Children under the age of 2 are exempt. Ages 2-5 "are encouraged to wear a face covering when in public if they can do so reliably ..." Also, pastor does not need to wear one while leading the worship service.
- ➔ **Physical Distancing:** The pews are set up to be alternating, post-its on the pews that are to be used. Our ushers are asked to be proactive when 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.
- ➔ **Lord's Supper Next Week:** With all that is going on, Pastor and the Elders have not discussed what to do for the Lord's Supper next Sunday. Please look forward to an email about this during the week.
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **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.

- ➔ **Trip to Israel:** A group trip to Israel is still scheduled and is now less than six months away. The dates are set for January 13-22, 2021 with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. We currently have 17 members of CLC congregations registered for the trip, and over a dozen more have expressed an interest. The tour company is expecting that our tour will be possible, but they do have options available for us if it has to be cancelled due to the situation at that time. You are invited to join this group of like-minded believers 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, 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 information, please contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (404-729-4602 or nmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com).
- ➔ **Book Available:** Deborah Ude's third book, "Sunshine in Shadows," is now available. This book paints the dark miasma of this life's valley of tears but shows the Light from above is shining. By faith we too must continually struggle, yet we do not walk in shadows but in the light of Christ's empty tomb. Though part of a series, this book stands on its own. Here is the link to its sale on Amazon: <https://tinyurl.com/SunshineinShadows>. (The digital version is \$2.99 and the printed paperback is \$11.99.) All three of Debi's books are also available in printed form at the CLC Bookstore or directly from John Ude, john.ude@ilc.edu.
- ➔ **Maintenance Position:** A full-time position has opened in the maintenance department of ILC following the faithful service of John Fox. In service to the LORD and for the welfare of our students, the responsibilities include: 1) the maintenance and improvement of the grounds and roads on the campus (e.g., mowing, tree trimming, plowing, road repair, etc.); 2) the repair, maintenance, and improvements of the buildings on the campus (e.g., equipment maintenance, plumbing, electrical, furnace and boiler care, building improvements, furniture repair, etc.); and 3) being available for certain scheduled 'on call' evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays. Those who are interested may contact Prof. Dan Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu/660.864.9231) who can provide more details along with compensation. Applications will start being reviewed on August 15, 2020.
- ➔ **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 accepted 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 returned the pastoral call to Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN.

CLC E-Devotion – April 22, 2008

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ...

OUR LIVING HOPE

Have you ever felt as though you were facing a hopeless situation? If so, you are not alone. Sometimes when people receive news that they have a serious disease, feelings of hopelessness begin to creep upon them. Perhaps the strain and struggle of life, paying the bills, caring for our children, or working our jobs can also cause us to descend at times into the pit of hopelessness -- as we wonder if things will ever get any better or any easier.

But no matter how bad things might be, the truth is, there is always hope. How can we say that? Because the Bible says it. The bright hope for the future which God promises to all who trust in Him is our own resurrection from the dead and the receiving of the inheritance which God has ready and waiting for us: life in heaven, a place free from the curse of sin where we can live our lives to the fullest without being hindered by disease, discomfort, and distress. Romans 8:18 speaks of the splendor of this hope when it says: "Our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."

This hope is a living hope. It is real. It is relevant. It affects the way we live from day to day. It colors our outlook on life. It changes the way we interact and deal with others, even with those who mistreat us. It changes the way we cope with disappointment and sorrow, drying our tears in the hours of tragedy. For in all things, no matter what the circumstances, the Christian always has the hope of eternal life shining brightly before him, like the brightest beacon leading him to safety -- helping him to overcome the frustrations of this world.

Fire Update This Week:

- Pastor and his family moved back into the parsonage this past Monday.
- The carpets in the parsonage and the school were cleaned. Some carpets in the classrooms and school hallway will need to be replaced due to soot that got tracked in by the firefighters.
- An inventory was taken of all the items in the garage, separating those that belong to the church from those that belong to the Hein's. Some items will be cleaned and returned. But most items were damaged due to smoke or by being burned. Everything was removed this past Friday.
- During the move on Friday, the items in the attic of the garage were removed. This is an area that had not yet been inspected. Many things, especially desks and tables, were burned quite badly. By appearances, the floor of the attic is compromised. We are quite fortunate that the fire damage did not lead to the attic floor collapsing to accelerate further fire.
- Pastor's and Janelle's clothes were cleaned and returned on Friday.

CLC Financial Report - June

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2019	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 12 Months	Balance 6/30/2020
General Fund (See below)	0	1,092,389	1,092,389	1,062,900	0
ILC Operations (incl CLC subsidy)	0	1,420,462	1,420,462	1,444,080	0
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	138,303	97,508	34,363		201,448
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	17,072	193,470	196,000		14,542
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	45,020	167,158	156,731		55,447
Kinship	56,634	167,597	138,138		86,093
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,442,490	759,763	287,883		1,914,370
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	50,707	160,904	127,331		84,280
Reserve Fund	278,088	17,923	1,919		294,092
Total Auxiliary Funds	\$2,028,314	\$1,564,323	\$942,365		\$2,650,272

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance June 30, 2020	\$1,050,369
Principal paid to date	\$410,562

General Fund – June offerings were **\$86,543 vs** disbursements of \$125,412. The FY20 General Fund CBP Budget estimated offerings at \$1,062,900 to support the work of our Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, & Ed-Pub. The General Fund actually received offerings \$27,372 more than the CBP estimates. However, the General Fund actual expenses were \$29,489 over the CBP estimated needs, so \$1,919 was withdrawn from the Reserve Fund to adjust the FY21 GF account to \$0.

ILC Operations – June revenue of \$115,718 (incl \$100,776 subsidy) **vs** disbursements of \$168,432. ILC underspent its approved budget of \$1,444,080 by \$23,617. However, with the shortfall of student R&B due to the pandemic closing, the CLC President & Coordinating Council approved extra-budgetary subsidy to cover final FY20 expenses to adjust the FY21 Regents account to \$0.

ILC Building Projects – Offerings of \$5,063 **vs** the \$8,000 monthly loan payment for the AC loan.

IIF – June gifts of \$32,567 (\$7,100 bequest, \$25,000 special gift for a 2017 15 passenger van)

CEF – Revenue of \$41,999 (Cong CEF loan repayments) **vs** disbursements of \$3,765 for admin.

MDF– Special Offerings of \$33,044 **vs** disbursements of \$4,436 (Mission Helper & administration).

SAF – Revenue of \$9,214 (\$8,038 STU loan payments, \$1,176 offerings) **vs** \$968 administration.

Kinship – Offerings \$34,134 (\$28,814 Cong & special gifts, \$5,320 orphan & student sponsor gifts) **vs** disbursements of \$8,140 (COVID disaster aid for India CLCI & BELC).

Thanks to our congregational treasurers for their extra efforts to send their congregation's monthly offerings in time for the close of the fiscal year 2020! What a successful year, despite the pandemic complications & hindrances. All glory & thanksgiving to our Lord!

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. ...Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Cor. 9:10ff)

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Sue Nelson**

Elder: **Frank Radichel**

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: **N. Rust**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Anderson**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., July 26: 9:00 am – Worship Service
Sun., Aug. 2: 9:00 am – Worship Service
 10:00 am – Voters Meeting (7:00 pm by Zoom if not a quorum)
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: July 19, 2020 Sun.: ??

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,992	CLC:	\$1,412
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+992	CLC:	+462
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$112,759	CLC:	\$26,292
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	116,000	CLC:	27,550
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-3,241	CLC:	-1,258
GLC Other: 98	Living Faith: 5	Tuition Aid: 18		
SAF Endowment: 3	MDF: 7	Kinship: 557		
ILC Student Aid: 18	ILC Bldg. 205	IIF: 0	CEF: 0	
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$2,016			



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
