

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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

**Church Year:** Pentecost 16

**Date:** September 20, 2020

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 1: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

TLH 294: O Word of God Incarnate

WS 770: I Hear the Savior Calling

WS 780: Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalms 19, TLH p. 126

### Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Projected)

Offering: Plate at organ

### Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Luke 10:38-42

### Sermon: Acts 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. <sup>27</sup> So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup> And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. <sup>33</sup> In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." <sup>34</sup> So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. <sup>36</sup> Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, *here is* water. What hinders me from being baptized?" <sup>37</sup> Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." <sup>38</sup> So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. (NKJV<sup>M</sup>)

## God Makes Wonderful Things Happen!

1. The opportunity
2. The messenger
3. The understanding
4. The outcome

## ✝ ***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 coming to worship, online worship is still available at [FridleyLutheran.org](http://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.
- ➔ **Among Us:** Brian Bergstrom experienced a stroke very early Sat. morning. He did have a procedure at North Memorial to successfully remove the clot. He is communicating with Ellen who requests your prayers for Brian. Also, this week Marie Miller had a bad reaction to her chemo treatment. Apparently she was hospitalized and treatment is discontinued. She is now in hospice care at home. Please pray for her as well. Psalm 94:17-19: Unless the LORD had been my help, My soul would soon have settled in silence. If I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O LORD, will hold me up. In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul.
- ➔ **AED Presentation:** A presentation to train our members with our new AED will be held on Sun., Sept. 27, 9 am. An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. Note: Bible Class was suspended until Oct. 4 to help ease into physical distancing, seeing how foot traffic was with Sunday School.
- ➔ **CLC Coordinating Council Addendum:** The CLC Board of Trustees has produced a financial addendum to the June, 2020 report of the Coordinating Council. You may see this, which reports on fiscal year 2019 and 2020, online at [tinyurl.com/20CC-addendum](http://tinyurl.com/20CC-addendum). The original CC Report can be seen in full at [tinyurl.com/2020springcc](http://tinyurl.com/2020springcc).
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran in Lakewood, CO (Denver area), has returned the call to Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #1 – Books of the Bible

# **Council Meeting Notes – September 13, 2020**

August Council meeting minutes read and approved. Treasurer's report presented and approved. The annual non-profit corporation filing with the State of MN has been by completed.

## **Pastor's Report**

- Instruction class with Grant Wells continues.
- Pastor presented a draft copy of the 2021 church calendar.
- Catechism this year has 5 students at Grace and 1 public school student.
- Sunday School teachers for this year are Julianna Hein (pre-K-K), Mikey Oman (1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>), and Bonnie Baker (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>).

## **Board of Elders Report**

- The guest speaker for Mission Festival on Oct. 11 will be Pastor Mark Bernthal. Reminder: reimbursement for mileage/guest speaking per policy.
- The Elders are looking into putting the hymnals back into use for the church services. Prior to doing so, Covid-19 guidelines for this will be verified.
- To stay current on background checks, Rick will be submitting names to be checked. This includes Sun. School teachers and any new school volunteers.

## **Board of Education Report**

- A non-member student will be starting school this week bringing the total number of students to 23. 11 are member students, 12 are non-member.
- School is going well. The additional school cleaning is taking place as planned. Temp. scans of volunteers are being done upon their arrival.
- No CLC Teachers Conference this year. Plan is to have the new carpet installed in the classrooms on these days since school won't be in session.
- A projector has been installed in the lower grade room.

## **Board of Trustees Report**

- A check (roughly \$55,000) arrived from the insurance company.
- Discussion on the work being done in the garage and bringing it up to code.
- An audit of the 2019 books was conducted on Aug. 27 by the Trustees (Rick & Pat) and the Treasurer (Brian). Everything is in order.
- All the vacuums have been checked and confirmed to be in working order.

## **Other Business**

- The AED has been installed. Training should now be scheduled. Rick suggests having training on the morning of Sun., Sept. 27 before church since there is no Bible Class scheduled for that day. Rick plans to contact the City to see if someone from the fire department can do the training.
- Budgets for 2021 should be prepared and presented at the next council meeting since they need to be presented to the voters at the quarterly meeting in October.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

## ✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: **Janelle Hein**

Elder: **Dave Rust**

Ushers: **Brian Eichstadt; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow**

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

Church Cleaners: **R. & H. Nelson**    School: **K. Baker**

## ✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

Ushers: **Brian Eichstadt; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow**

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

Church Cleaners: **R. & H. Nelson**    School: **K. Baker**

## ✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

**Sun., Sept. 20:** 9:00 am – Sunday School (no Bible Class yet)

10:00 am – Worship Service

**Wed., Sept. 23:** CLC Coordinating Council Meeting

**Sun., Sept. 27:** 9:00 am – Sunday School (no Bible Class yet)

9:00 am – AED Presentation

10:00 am – Worship Service

**Wed., Sept. 30:** Grace School: School Pictures

**Sun., Oct. 4:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class (Bible Class begins)

10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper

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

**Sun., Oct. 11:** Mission Festival w/Pastor Mark Bernthal

**Mon. Oct. 12:** Grace School: Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Oct. 12-16:** Grace School: No School

**Last Week's Stats:** Sept. 13, 2020    Sun.: 74    S.S.: 13

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,887	CLC:	\$580
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,113	CLC:	-370
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$147,934	CLC:	\$33,132
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	148,000	CLC:	35,150
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-66	CLC:	-2,018
GLC Other: 31	Living Faith: 7	Tuition Aid: 67		
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF: 10	Kinship: 77		
ILC Student Aid: 15	ILC Bldg. 0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0	
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$3,292			

**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 the Pastor. He would be delighted to visit with you!