

# *Grace Lutheran Church & School*



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

**Church Year:** Pentecost 24

**Date:** November 15, 2020

## ✠ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✠

### **Hymns:**

TLH 407: Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee

TLH 605: The World Is Very Evil

TLH 458, st. 8: Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above

TLH 656: Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

TLH 353, st. 1-3,6-7: Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### **Worship Prep:**

Psalms 34, TLH p. 131

### **Liturgy:**

WS, p. 1 (Projected)

Offering: Plate at organ

### **Scripture Readings:**

Psalms 34:15-22

Philippians 1:19-26

### **Sermon: John 17:15**

<sup>15</sup> "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

Lord's Prayer – 7<sup>th</sup> Petition:  
Deliver Us from Evil

1. What is meant by evil
2. What types of evil occur
3. Why God permits evil to occur
4. What we are asking for

The  
LORD'S  
Prayer

## ✝ ***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. 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 ..."
- ➔ **Physical Distancing:** Post-its are on the pews that are to be used. Please remember to not block areas of foot traffic. Thank you for being mindful of your fellow Christians.
- ➔ **Work:** This past week a number of folks helped with painting the interior of the garage. Many thanks for their labor!
- ➔ **Church Cleaning:** The rest of the year is open for cleaning volunteers.
- ➔ **Poinsettias:** There is a signup sheet for Christmas Poinsettias by the guest book at the church entry. If anyone would like to purchase a plant for church, please indicate it by signing your name and plant information on the sheet. For questions, contact Mikey Oman.
- ➔ **Thanksgiving Service:** On Wed. evening, Nov. 25, 7:00 pm, we will be having our Thanksgiving worship service. We have a wonderful opportunity to bring our hearts and praises before the altar of our Lord to express our thanks to Him. Psalm 92:1-2: "It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night."
- ➔ **Christmas Eve Service:** This year adjustments are being made in accordance with COVID protocols. To limit the attendance, only member children will be participating. To accommodate proper distancing within sanctuary and to keep our occupancy under 100, online registration is required. Please do so at: [signup.com/go/JAJfTHA](http://signup.com/go/JAJfTHA). A seating chart will then be created. Also, the children rehearsals will be on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and 13 following the worship service for about an hour, perhaps the final one being a little longer. We will still have the final rehearsal on the Sunday morning prior, on Dec. 20 at 8:45 am.



- ➔ **Governor's Announcement:** This week the Governor tightened restrictions for gatherings specifically offering food and drink, like receptions for weddings and funerals. This new mandate does not affect our current worship protocols like the 50% occupancy restriction which still applies to Grace. However, these new restrictions would apply to meals or things like our hospitality. Recently the Council discussed possibly having our Christmas meal, but these new restrictions mean we cannot do this.
- ➔ **ILC College Visitors' Day:** Sadly, COVID constraints are affecting our annual College Visitors' Day on Friday, November 20. Due to restrictions Immanuel is unable to issue an open invitation to off-campus visitors, as we normally do. However, if you are a young person or parent who wants to find out more about Immanuel Lutheran College, you may view the Visitors' Day presentations streamed live starting at 10:30 a.m., link available on the home page at ILC.edu. If you still wish to attend in person on Nov. 20, or would like an individualized tour of campus at another time, please contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann to discuss possible arrangements (715-836-6636, or paul.naumann@ilc.edu).
- ➔ **Installation:** Pastor Chad Seybt will be installed as pastor of Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, at the 9:30 am service December 5. He will be installed as pastor of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, at the 8:30 am service December 6. He will be installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, at the 11:00 am service December 6. Due to social distancing requirements, visitors are asked, if possible, to attend the Millston service.
- ➔ **Colloquy:** On Monday the CLC Board of Doctrine met via Zoom with Terry Stringer for the first stage of our colloquy procedure. The interview went very well and upon the board's recommendation, I'm declaring him eligible for a call to serve as a vacancy pastor with the understanding that during this time he would be under the mentorship of a nearby pastor. The board has also recommended that he pursue some additional education at ILC or in another program developed by the CLC, if agreeable to the congregation. Another interview for the second stage of the colloquy process will be scheduled in the future. – CLC President Michael Eichstadt
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN, and Faith Lutheran in New Ulm, MN, has returned the call to Living Savior Lutheran in Eden Prairie, MN.
- ➔ **Sunday School & Adult Memory Work:** 7<sup>th</sup> Petition

**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.



## **The Seventh Petition.**

But deliver us from evil.
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In the Greek text this petition reads thus: Deliver or preserve us from the Evil One, or the Malicious One; and it looks as if He were speaking of the devil, as though He would comprehend everything in one, so that the entire substance of all our prayer is directed against our chief enemy. For it is he who hinders among us everything that we pray for: the name or honor of God, God's kingdom and will, our daily bread, a cheerful good conscience, etc.

Therefore we finally sum it all up and say: Dear Father, pray, help that we be rid of all these calamities.

But there is nevertheless also included whatever evil may happen to us under the devil's kingdom – poverty, shame, death, and, in short, all the agonizing misery and heartache of which there is such an unnumbered multitude on the earth. For since the devil is not only a liar, but also a murderer, he constantly seeks our life, and wreaks his anger whenever he can afflict our bodies with misfortune and harm. Hence it comes that he often breaks men's necks or drives them to insanity, drowns some, and incites many to commit suicide, and to many other terrible calamities.

Therefore there is nothing for us to do upon earth but to pray against this arch-enemy without ceasing. For unless God preserved us, we would not be safe from him even for an hour.

Hence you see again how God wishes us to pray to Him also for all the things which affect our bodily interests, so that we seek and expect help nowhere else except in Him.

But this matter He has put last; for if we are to be preserved and delivered from all evil, the name of God must first be hallowed in us, His kingdom must be with us, and His will be done. After that He will finally preserve us from sin and shame, and, besides, from everything that may hurt or injure us.

Thus God has briefly placed before us all the distress which may ever come upon us, so that we might have no excuse whatever for not praying. But all depends upon this, that we learn also to say Amen, that is, that we do not doubt that our prayer is surely heard, and [what we pray] shall be done. For this is nothing else than the word of undoubting faith, which does not pray at a venture, but knows that God does not lie to him, since He has promised to grant it.

Therefore, where there is no such faith, there cannot be true prayer either.

It is, therefore, a pernicious delusion of those who pray in such a manner that they dare not from the heart say yea and positively conclude that God hears them, but remain in doubt and say, How should I be so bold as to boast that God hears my prayer? For I am but a poor sinner, etc.

The reason for this is, they regard not the promise of God, but their own work and worthiness, whereby they despise God and reproach Him with lying, and therefore they receive nothing.

As St. James 1:6 says: But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering; for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.

Behold, such importance God attaches to the fact that we are sure we do not pray in vain, and that we do not in any way despise our prayer.

## Lord's Prayer: Seventh Petition

**But deliver us from evil.**

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil to body and soul, property and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a joyful end and graciously take us from this valley of sorrows to Himself in heaven.

**Last Week's Stats:** Nov. 8, 2020 Sun.: 59 Bible Cl.: 31 S.S.: 13 Wed.: 20

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,022	CLC:	\$480
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-2,978	CLC:	-470
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$175,109	CLC:	\$41,687
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	180,000	CLC:	42,750
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-4,891	CLC:	-1,063
GLC Other: 203	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	50
ILC Student Aid: 100	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	\$292		

# **Council Meeting Notes – November 8, 2020**

Meeting opened with prayer. October Council meeting minutes read and approved. October Treasurer's report reviewed and approved. Trustee's spending includes \$3,162.55 for parsonage carpet fix in the parsonage. This item is not part of the fire restoration expenses. Tuition aid was disbursed.

## **Pastor's Report**

- Marie Miller passed away Oct. 30 with funeral held on Nov. 5.
- Grant Wells completed instruction classes. He professed his faith during the service on Nov. 1. Motion passed to recommend to the voters that they ratify the communicant membership of Grant Wells.
- Motion approved to accept the transfer of Robert and Cindy Bruckbauer's membership from Berea pending receipt of transfer.
- Thanksgiving Eve and midweek evening Advent services to be held as usual.
- Christmas Eve service will be held with member children participating. To better accommodate all who wish to attend the Christmas Eve service, an online RSVP form will be used to help with seating.
- No Liberia trip for Pastor this November because of political unrest in Liberia and Covid-19 related travel restrictions. With Pastor Joseph Kwiwalazu hopeful for a visit, a February trip is being considered.

## **Board of Elders Report**

- A Christmas meal is being considered for the night of the candlelight service. Discussion on how food would be provided (catered/members), serving of food, seating, and masks for attendees. Elders will decide.

## **Board of Education Report**

- A nonmember family is withdrawing their 3 children from school effective this coming Friday. Reason given was that it was not a good fit for them.

## **Board of Trustees Report**

- Several things were accomplished with workdays on Oct. 24 and Nov. 4.
- New carpet has been installed in the school and parsonage.
- Heat cables installed on north-side parsonage roof to minimize ice dams.
- Work is being done to install security cameras.
- New signage for the outdoor sign has been received. Besides individual character placards there are also placards containing commonly used lines of text which will make updating the sign a little easier.
- Pastor has found a lot of nails, screws, and scrap metal lying around and is concerned about it damaging tires and injuring children. He mentioned that it would be nice if the garage walls could be painted. The garage floor seems to still have soot residue that is getting tracked in.

## **Other Business**

- Phil presented a document detailing the process for making stock donations to Grace. A brokerage account at Wells Fargo can be done easily and without cost. Grace's Key Executives for the bank account (currently Rick & Bill) would be responsible for initiating the stock sale. Some discussion. Motion approved to move ahead in setting up the brokerage account at Wells Fargo and follow the stock donation process as presented by Phil.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

## **CLC Financial Report - October**

<b>CLC Financial Report Operating Funds</b>	<b>Balance 7/1/2020</b>	<b>YTD Revenue</b>	<b>YTD Disbursed</b>	<b>Budget 4 Months</b>	<b>Balance 10/31/2020</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	0	276,254	348,964	365,800	- 72,440
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	494,992	408,430	344,535	86,562
<b><u>Auxiliary Funds</u></b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	201,448	1,766	124,500		78,714
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	14,542	2,000,059	1,058,486		956,115
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	84,054	76,693	64,267		96,480
Kinship	86,093	67,433	35,286		118,240
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,914,371	1,367,286	127,732		3,153,925
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	84,280	37,468	41,445		80,303
Reserve Fund	294,092	0	0		294,092
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,678,880</b>	<b>\$3,550,705</b>	<b>\$1,451,716</b>		<b>\$4,777,869</b>

**General Fund – October** offerings of \$72,598 vs disbursements of \$74,960 nearly covered expenses for the month, yet there remains a sizeable CBP General Fund deficit. Looking down the last Balance column above, we can rejoice at the blessing of the very positive balances in all our other funds! But our CBP General Fund is our most critical fund to support because it pays the general operating expenses of our church body. It does bear repeating that **our Boards of Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Ed & Publications receive their major funding through our regular offerings to our CLC General Fund.** It's nearing that time of the year & church year when God's people typically are taking stock of all His blessings, naturally the material part, but especially His spiritual blessings flowing from His Word & Sacrament. These work the marvelous response of thanks-giving from the heart & lips & treasury. Please remember our CLC General Fund.

**ILC Operations–** ILC October revenue of \$103,203 vs disbursements of \$110,739, a little more than received this month, but still a positive balance.

**ILC Building Projects –** With the CLC long term indebtedness on the Academic Center & North Hall paid in full, leaving a million dollar balance on hand from a member Charitable Remainder Trust, an ILC Planning Committee has been named to recommend to our next CLC Convention a new gym on campus, and continuing to use the 50-year-old gym for ILC chapels, band/choir practices, plays, musicals, & CLC larger gatherings. All glory to our gracious God from whom these blessings flow!

**CEF – October** revenue was \$28,283 from congregations' CEF loan payments vs disbursements of \$92,663 in CEF debt service for a new \$69,000 congregational loan and \$20,000 in CEF Promissory Notes repaid to members. The Trustees are aware of possible loans to use the \$3 million balance.

**MDF – October** offerings of \$8,190 vs disbursements of \$11,910, which includes the 5th of 12 \$10,000 construction loan installments for the Nepal Bible Institute classroom.

**IIF – October** disbursements included \$65,674 for ILC 24-hr security locks on all campus buildings.

*"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. (Malachi 3:10 NKJ)*

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

## ✝ **TODAY AT GRACE** ✝

Organist: **Sue Nelson**

Elder: **Eli Wales**

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: **Volunteers?**      School: **Jankowski**

## ✝ **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: **Volunteers?**      School: **Volunteers**

## ✝ **OUR SCHEDULE** ✝

- Sun., Nov. 15:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service
- Wed., Nov. 18:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
- Fri., Nov. 20:** Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day
- Nov. 20 & 21:** 7:30 pm – ILC Musical "High School Musical, Jr."  
Limited attendance by invitation but available via video
- Sun., Nov. 22:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service
- Wed., Nov. 25:** 12:00 pm – Grace School T-Giving Break Begins  
7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
- Thu., Nov. 26:** **THANKSGIVING DAY** – No Worship @ Grace  
9:00 am – Thanksgiving Day Worship @ Berea
- Sun., Nov. 29:** Advent Begins
- Sun., Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13:** 11:00-12:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- Mon., Nov. 30:** Grace School Resumes after Thanksgiving Break
- Wed., Dec. 2, 9:** 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship
- Sun., Dec. 13:** 3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital
- Wed., Dec. 16:** Congregational Christmas Dinner (cancelled)  
7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship
- Fri., Dec. 18:** 7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert (tentative)
- Sun., Dec. 20:** 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal  
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Wed., Dec. 23:** Grace School's Christmas Party & Christmas Break Begins
- Thu., Dec. 24:** 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship
- Fri., Dec. 25:** 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship
- Thu., Dec. 31:** 7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper