

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Advent 2

Date: December 6, 2020

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 272: When All the World Was Cursed

TLH 61: Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

WS 773: Rise, Shine, You People!

Communion: Meditative music

WS 702, st. 4,6-7: As Angels Joyed w/One Accord

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 85, TLH p. 140

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 15 (Communion)

Gloria: TLH 58 & 62

Scripture Readings:

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

Sermon: Isaiah 40:9-11

⁹ O Zion, You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift *it* up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong *hand*, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward *is* with Him, And His work before Him. ¹¹ He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry *them* in His bosom, *And* gently lead those who are with young. (NKJVTM)

COURAGEOUSLY PROCLAIM YOUR SALVATION

1. It is coming
2. It is completed
3. It is comforting



✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **COVID-19 Pre-Cautions:** 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. Due to the Governor's executive order, face coverings are required during worship at Grace. Children under the age of 2 are exempt. For 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.
- ➔ **Private Communion:** For those who are uncomfortable about communing publicly at this time, Pastor is willing to provide this privately. If you desire this, please speak with him.
- ➔ **Among Us:** Doris Hallauer was called by the Lord to her eternal rest last Sunday. The funeral was this past Friday. Doris was the wife of retired Pastor Elton Hallauer, mother to Jan Davis, and grandmother to Laura Wales and Alyssa Johannes. May the Lord comfort the family with the message of salvation that we have in Christ Jesus.
- ➔ **Midweek Advent Worship:** This coming Wednesday, 7 pm, continues our Midweek Advent worship services. Our last one on Dec. 16 will be our annual candlelight service. Due to restrictions, we will be unable to have our congregational Christmas meal this year.
- ➔ **Christmas Eve Worship:** This will be on Thu., Dec. 24, 6 pm. The children at Grace will be presenting the theme "God's Love Eternal," considering how His love planned the birth of Jesus, the Savior to save the world from eternal punishment, offering forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Join us during this precious time of year to ponder our Savior's coming. This year adjustments are being made in accordance with COVID protocols. To accommodate proper distancing within sanctuary and to keep our occupancy under 100, online registration is required: signup.com/go/jAJfTHA. A seating chart will then be created. Also, the children rehearsals will be on today and next Sunday 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.
- ➔ **Christmas Day Worship:** This will be on Fri., Dec. 25, 10 am. Christ's birth is the reason for the season. May the love of this Child be the gift you open up your heart to on Christmas Day!

- ➔ **New Tour Choir CD:** A new ILC Tour Choir CD has been released. A poster is by the mailboxes. Cost: \$12/each or \$20 for two. Pastor has copies available on consignment.
- ➔ **2021 Cleaning:** The 2021 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ➔ **Parking Reminder:** For those members who are able, please park further away to permit those with physical impairments to be able to park closer to the church.
- ➔ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ➔ **Liberia:** To make a contribution to the work in Liberia, write in "Liberia" on one of the Project lines of your offering envelope.
- ➔ **Organ:** A key current project that the Voters determined to have as a goal is the replacement of the organ. There is a fund open for that purpose. You may designate donations as "Organ Fund."
- ➔ **Stock Donations:** In the October meeting the Voters of Grace resolved to provide a process for members to donate equities to the Congregation. The process has now been set up and anyone interested can get information on how to proceed from President Rick Nelson or Secretary Bill Rust. Such a donation spares the donor from being taxed on any capital gains.
- ➔ **Qualified Charitable Distribution:** For those over 70½ it may be beneficial for you to send your offerings directly from an IRA fund to the church. The advantage of this procedure is those amounts are NOT considered as income and your adjusted gross income is less. For more information see Phil Radichel or Benno Sydow.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY. † Teacher Paul Tiefel III of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to serve as principal and upper grade teacher at Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners, WI (Milwaukee area). † Teacher Matt Thurow of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN, has returned the call to teach grades 4-8 and serve as principal at Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC.
- ➔ **Sunday School & Adult Memory Work:** Christmas Eve Parts

The following is the nomination slate for 2021:

- Treasurer: Phil Radichel
- Elder: Dale Enns; Al Rosendahl
- Education: Dale Enns; Roger Ochsner; Bob Vandever
- Trustee: Al Rosendahl; Bob Vandever
- Delegates: Dale Enns; Dave Rust; Al Rosendahl; Benno Sydow; Frank Radichel; Rick Nelson
- Key Executives: Rick Nelson; William Rust

The Lord's Supper Preparation

As a reminder, communicants are to examine themselves prior to communing. 1 Corinthians 11:27: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup."

Prayer before the Lord's Supper:

Lord God, You invite all who are burdened with sin to come to You for rest. In the sacrament of Holy Baptism You called me to be Your child by the Holy Spirit. I now come at Your invitation to receive the holy body and blood of my Savior, Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Prepare my heart, Lord, to receive this precious meal with a repentant heart: sorry for my sins and recognizing they deserve punishment, but also rejoicing in the full forgiveness You have granted me by grace through Jesus' holy and precious blood shed for me at the cross. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope in You, and assure me of Your blessed peace. Hear me for the sake of Jesus, my dear Savior. Amen.

Prayer after the Lord's Supper:

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to me in this holy sacrament. Thanks and praise be to You for Your divine tenderness and love shown to me, Your child. I humbly ask you, now that I've received Your body and blood in the Sacrament, continue to fill me with the power of Your Holy Spirit. May I be led to ever embrace by faith the treasures of Your grace imparted to me, especially the forgiveness of sins and fellowship with You. Keep me in Your faith and favor that I may live in You and You may live in me. Let the love that You have shown me enable me, with a forgiven and tender heart, to love You and my neighbor. Preserve me in the true faith until everlasting life. Hear me, O Jesus, for the sake of Your dear name. Amen.

TLH 306

1. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast prepared
A feast for our salvation,
It is Thy body and Thy blood;
And at Thy invitation
As weary souls, with sin opprest,
We come to Thee for needed rest,
For comfort and for pardon.

4. We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Thy precious Word believing
That Thy true body and Thy blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This word remains forever true,
And there is naught Thou canst not do;
For Thou, Lord, art almighty.

7. Grant that we worthily receive
Thy Supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving o'er our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Thy grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8. For Thy consoling Supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in every place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this Sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

MINISTRIES FOUND ONLINE

www.FridleyLutheran.org

Some website links:



- Grace Lutheran Church: www.FridleyLutheran.org
- Grace on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CLCGraceLutheranChurch
- Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC): www.clclutheran.org
- Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, & Seminary (ILC): www.ilc.edu
- CLC Missions: www.lutheranmissions.org
- The CLC Book House (CLC book store): www.clcbookhouse.org
- The Lutheran Spokesman (CLC publication): www.lutheranspokesman.org
- The Branches (women's publication): www.thebranchesonline.info

Check out the following online devotional materials:

- Weekly video of the Grace Lutheran Church sermon: www.clcgracelutheranchurch.org/category/sermons/
- Weekly CLC "Ministry by Mail" sermon: www.clclutheran.org/ministrybymail
- Daily email devotions from The Bread of Life (The Lutheran Spokesman): www.glcdailydevotion.wordpress.com
- Daily email devotions from CLC pastors: www.redeemerclc.info/devotional.html
- Daily email for a CLC Three-Year Bible reading program: www.threeyearbiblereadingplan.wordpress.com
- Daily audio of the chapel address from our Immanuel campus: www.ilc.edu/chapel.htm

Also, check out the Grace Lutheran Church on Google Play for Android devices.

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.



✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Dave Rust

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

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

Church Cleaners: Sydow

School: Nelson

✠ 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: Sydow

School: Nelson

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Dec. 6:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Advent 2)
11:00-12:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- Wed., Dec. 9:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship
- Sun., Dec. 13:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 3)
11:00-12:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital
- Wed., Dec. 16:** 7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship
- Fri., Dec. 18:** 7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert (tentative)
- Sun., Dec. 20:** 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 4)
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
- Sun., Dec. 27:** 10:00 am – Worship Service (No Bible Class/Sunday School)
- Thu., Dec. 31:** 7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 29, 2020 Sun.: 77 Bible Cl.: 34 S.S.: 13 Wed.: 43

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,275	CLC:	\$315	
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$251	CLC:	\$520	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+526	CLC:	-115	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$187,080	CLC:	\$45,092	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	192,000	CLC:	45,600	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-4,920	CLC:	-508	
GLC Other:	334	Living Faith:	100	Tuition Aid:	200
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	110
ILC Student Aid:	20	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0
				CEF:	0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid: \$603			