

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Christmas 2 / New Year

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: January 3, 2021

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

WS 716: Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year
For Thy Mercy and Thy Grace
As We Begin Another Year (bulletin)

Communion: TLH 307; Meditative Music
In Peace and Joy I Now Depart (bulletin)

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 66, TLH p. 136f.

Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Communion)
Psalm 66 (Responsive)

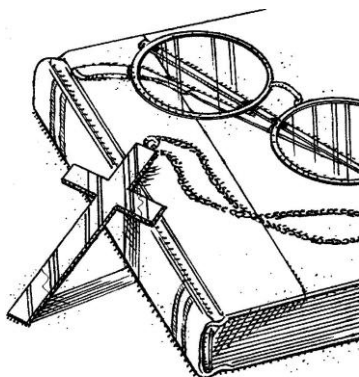
Scripture Readings:

Numbers 21:4-9
Matthew 14:13-33

Sermon: Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (NIV¹⁹⁸⁴)

LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS!




AS WE BEGIN ANOTHER YEAR

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 12/2019 (Melody: TLH 7)


1. As we begin another year
There is no need for us to fear.
Our Father holds us ever dear,
And promises that He is near.
2. Each year begins with confidence,
For Jesus is the sure Defense
For all who hold Him and confess
His holy name and righteousness.
3. Each year then, we begin in hope
E'en though we know not what it holds.
If trial and deep grief, take note:
Our gracious God will help us cope.
4. In every day and every way,
To God our Father we will pray.
As witness to God's love we'll say,
"Our Savior is our Staff and Stay."
5. He'll hold us in His warm embrace,
In every day and year and place.
So we can run our earthly race,
With confidence in His good grace.
6. He promises through His dear Son
That our eternal life is won.
Salvation unto us has come,
Through what our Lord, for us has done.
7. So it's forever true and clear,
As we now enter a new year.
The Lord will keep us: Never fear,
By grace in heav'n we will appear.

In Peace and Joy I Now Depart


Words: Martin Luther; Music: Lane Fischer




1. In peace and joy I now de - part At
2. 'Tis Christ that did this work for me, My
3. You have to all the world shown forth Their
4. He is the Hope and sav - ing Light Of




God's dis - pos - ing; For full of com - fort is my heart,
faith - ful Sa - vior, Whom You have made my eyes to see
great Sal - va - tion; And to Your king - dom calls the earth,
lands be - night - ed; By Him are they who lived in night



Soft re - pos - ing. So the Lord has pro - mised me, And
By Your fa - vor. Now I know He is my Life, My
Ev' - ry na - tion, By Your true and liv - ing Word, In
Fed and light - ed. He is Is - rael's Praise and Bliss, Their



death is but a slum - ber. So the Lord has
Help in need and dy - ing. Now I know He
ev' - ry place re - sound - ing. By Your true and
Joy, Re - ward, and Glo - ry. He is Is - rael's



pro - mised me, And death is but a slum - ber.
is my Life, My Help in need and dy - ing.
liv - ing Word, In ev' - ry place re - sound - ing.
Praise and Bliss, Their Joy, Re - ward, and Glo - ry.

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

COVID-19 Pre-Cautions: If anyone is high risk, vulnerable, recently exposed to a COVID-19 patient, or has symptoms of illness (esp. high temp. and cough), the individual along with any others in that person's household are 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 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.

- ➔ **Directory:** We are preparing for the annual Grace directory. Please check your contact information in the draft copy located in the narthex. Place a check mark by your entry if it is correct. If it is not, please edit as necessary. Your cooperation is appreciated as we attempt to produce an accurate directory. Also, please ensure your birthday and/or anniversary information is correct. Also, please indicate how you would like to be contacted via the contact tree.
- ➔ **Grace Students at ILHS:** There will now likely be three Grace members attending Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI, this coming semester: D. Hein, A. Kanneh, N. Story. The two students that attended in the fall semester have notes of appreciation posted on the bulletin board.
- ➔ **2021 Cleaning:** The 2021 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ➔ **From the CLC President:** "Along with many lay members of the CLC, a number of our called workers have contracted COVID. Thankfully, as far as I know, most cases have been mild or moderate. Let's remember all who are sick in our prayers and ask that the Lord in His mercy would grant them a swift recovery. May He also show grace to the world at large in bringing the pandemic to an end."

Last Week's Stats: Dec. 27, 2020 Sun.: 47 Thu.: 22

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,760	CLC:	\$1,470
Thu. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,755	CLC:	\$950
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,515	CLC:	+1,470
Year-End Offering:	Grace:	\$204,058	CLC:	\$49,997
Total Budget for Year:	Grace:	208,000	CLC:	49,400
Difference from budget (+/-)	Grace:	-3,942	CLC:	+597
GLC Other: 1,385	Living Faith:	5	Tuition Aid:	815
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	10	Kinship:	117
ILC Student Aid: 15	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid: \$2,108		

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!

CLC President's Letter – January 2020

What do you think of today? Perhaps more so now than at any other time in recent memory, many people would just as soon forget today or even the entire year of 2020. They would opt to live somewhere in the past or in a better future if given the chance. It's understandable. The past year has been difficult in so many ways. Satan has held nothing back in his efforts to use the pandemic to instill fear in the world at large and to undermine the faith of Christians in the Lord's loving providence. He has tried to set believers at odds with one another over political matters. At a time when there is a critical need for the comfort and strength of the Spirit in the Word, it has been a challenge to work through governmental restrictions in order to proclaim the gospel.

We might long for the not-too-distant past when life was more predictable, familiar, and comfortable, when wearing masks and quarantining were unheard of. We might be looking forward with great anticipation to the future when face-to-face conversations and sitting shoulder-to-shoulder in a full church will once again be the norm.

But the reality is that we don't live in the past or the future. The psalm writer says, "This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps. 118:24). The psalm opens with a beautiful expression of praise: "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." The past year has been hard, but while many are saying, "Good riddance!" we can reflect on the past months with gratitude. We deserved nothing but God's judgment. Think of how often we complained about the Lord's handling of things, just like Old Testament Israel in the wilderness, even though our loving God provided all we needed. Instead of abandoning us, He has forgiven us for Jesus' sake. We don't live in the past and we don't have to fear it, for our accumulated guilt was borne by the Word-made-flesh.

"All the days ordained for us were written in his book before one of them came to be." But the Lord hasn't revealed what will happen in those days or how many there will be. He simply tells us to trust Him. Jesus says that a sparrow doesn't fall to the ground apart from the Father's will and "even the very hairs of your head are all numbered" (Matt. 10:30). We do not live in the future. We leave it in the Lord's hands.

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Today is a gift of God's grace. The psalmist writes, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes" (Ps. 118:22-23). This isn't a throwaway day. It can't be. Jesus was born, lived, died, and rose again as our Brother, Savior, and King. Salvation is won. Heaven is ours. Like the shepherds, Simeon, Anna, and the wise men, we have great news to celebrate. This is the day to tell the world that there is someone stronger than Satan, COVID, and death. Ps. 118 concludes: "The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us...Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." Let's make the most of "today" in this new year!

In His name, Michael Eichstadt, CLC President

Council Meeting Notes – December 20, 2020

Meeting opened with prayer. Nov. Council meeting minutes approved. Nov. Treasurer's report approved. Worker's Comp and property coverage have been paid. The funds that Church Mutual advanced us have been spent. Some lingering issues pertaining to the fire insurance claims. Items that were placed in storage are being held until payment has been made.

Pastor's Report

- Motion approved Pastor's accountable reimbursement for 2021: \$18,000, parsonage exclusion: \$4,200, and fair rental value of parsonage: \$7,200.
- Midweek Advent services going well although attendance is a little lower than normal. The children are well-prepared for the Christmas Eve service.

Board of Elders Report

- Thank you to Phil and Jackie Radichel for their donation of a Christmas tree.
- Request for Brian to send a gift of \$300 to each of the organists (J. Davis, J. Hein, & S. Nelson).
- Discussion on the Emergency Calling Tree list and whether it was still needed considering most members are receiving Pastor's emails. Some members may prefer receiving a call, so suggestion was made to ask members their preferred method for communication.

Board of Education Report

- This past week one of the students was confirmed positive for Covid-19. Janelle will notify the school nurse and the families.

Board of Trustees Report

- Heat tape was installed on parsonage roof, garage floor has been washed, garage walls have been painted, and the sign on the north lawn has been repaired. Installation of security cameras continues.
- Fire Restoration work is close to being finished. Payment for church items lost in the fire has been finalized. Driveway repair expenses will be covered. Thanks to Pastor for his work on a spreadsheet tracking everything.
- Rick and Pat have updated the thermostats in the church, school, and fellowship hall.
- Note of thanks from Pastor for the inside of the garage being painted.

Other Business

- Benno would like to build a folding shelf to replace the table currently being used for collections next to the organ. It could also be used for handouts and could be collapsed when not being used. Some discussion followed on whether the collection would return to being done by the ushers after the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. The consensus was that it should be referred back to the elders.

Adapted by minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

Grace Funds

GENERAL FUND: Contributions to this fund are used for budgeted expenses that normally are incurred in operating our church and Christian school. This includes such things as the pastor's and teacher's compensations, utilities, church operations, school supplies, pastor's mileage, etc.

TUITION FUND: Offerings are used to assist Grace students at Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI.

LIVING FAITH: This program offers opportunities for members to help those of the congregation who are in need of food, clothing, necessary medical supplies, etc. Your offerings to this fund serve the physical welfare of your brethren.

DORCAS GUILD FUND: This supports the projects of our women's group.

LIBERIA FUND: This is for projects Grace undertakes for Liberia.

PROJECT FUND: This is for any special projects the congregation decides to do. Currently an Organ Fund is open to eventually replace the church organ.

CLC Funds

CLC GENERAL FUND (SOMETIMES CALLED "MISSIONS"): Contributions to this fund support the General Budget of the CLC. They are used to subsidize U.S. and foreign missions and to subsidize operating expenses at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI.

MISSION DEVELOPMENT FUND (MDF): This fund provides support for mission projects both at home and abroad. Funds are used for such things as missionary exploratory efforts, pastoral training, instruction materials, self-help projects in foreign mission fields, storm relief in India and Africa, etc.

PROJECT KINSHIP: Contributions are used for the support of orphanages in the foreign missions affiliated with the CLC. At times sponsorship is requested for specific orphans or seminary students in foreign mission fields.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND (CEF): This Fund is maintained for the purpose of providing loans to build or buy churches and/or parsonages within the CLC.

ILC BUILDING FUND: Contributions are used for the financing of any new building projects at ILC. Currently a new gym and chapel renovation are being planned.

ILC IMPROVEMENT FUND (IIF): This fund has been used for various capital expenditures or special projects at ILC, including such items as remodeling, updating blacktop, professorage upgrades, larger HVAC projects, etc.

ILC STUDENT AID: This Fund provides scholarships, grants, and loans to students attending the high school, college, and seminary. Contributions may allow students to prepare for the preaching and teaching ministries who otherwise might be unable to attend ILC. Eventually this fund is expected to be self-supporting because of an endowment element and the repayment of student loans after graduation.

ILC STUDENT AID ENDOWMENT: This Fund accumulates in principle as donations are made with the annual investment gains funneled into the ILC Student Aid Fund.

✝ **TODAY AT GRACE** ✝

Organist: **Janelle Hein**

Elder: **Eli Wales**

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: **Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Nick Duehlmeier; Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow**

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

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

✝ **OUR SCHEDULE** ✝

Sun., Jan. 3: 10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper

Wed., Jan. 6: **EPIPHANY**

4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Sun., Jan. 10: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 1)

12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Mon., Jan. 11: Grace School Returns

Sun., Jan. 17: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service

11:15 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

Sat., Jan. 30: 9:00 am – Work Day

Wed., Feb. 17: **ASH WEDNESDAY**

⁵ Come and see the works of God; *He is awesome in His* doing toward the sons of men. ... ⁸ Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard. ⁹ Who keeps our soul among the living, And does not allow our feet to be moved. ¹⁰ For You, O God, have tested us; You have refined us as silver is refined.

Psalms 66:5,8-10

**Welcome
2021!**