

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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

**Church Year:** Lent 1

**Date:** February 21, 2021

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 358: Lamb of God, We Fall before Thee

TLH 156: Not All the Blood of Beasts

TLH 388: Just as I am, without One Plea

LSB 550: Lamb of God

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 6, TLH p. 124

### Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Projected)

WS 724 (Between Readings)

### Scripture Readings:

Romans 8:31-39

Passion Harmony

### Sermon: Genesis 22:1-14

<sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. <sup>5</sup> And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup> So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. <sup>7</sup> But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup> And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. <sup>9</sup> Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. <sup>10</sup> And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup> And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." <sup>13</sup> Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided." (NKJV<sup>M</sup>)

### ISAAC AS A SACRIFICE: A PICTURE-PERFECT PRELUDE OF THE PASSION

1. Of the love of God who spared not His own Son
2. Of Calvary upon which Christ would be sacrificed
3. Of the substitution that Christ would make in our place

## ✝ *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](http://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.

- ➔ **Among Us:** This past week Phil Radichel was hospitalized at North Memorial with heart rate issues. After tests, it became obvious he needed heart bypass surgery which he had on Friday. May the LORD extend His own heart of compassion to Phil during his recovery.
- ➔ **Offering:** The ushers will now be bringing up the offering prior to our general prayer during the section of the service where we have traditionally done this. As of now there will be no collection of the offering from the pews. The ushers will also leave another offering plate by the organ for those who submit their offering after the worship service. The counters will collect both plates.
- ➔ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek services will continue this Wednesday, Feb. 24, 7 pm. The theme we are considering is, "The Lamb's Lenten Letters of Love," focusing on the letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2-3. This week we will focus on Jesus' letter to Pergamos, a congregation that had been steadfast in the faith but weak with regard to church discipline.
- ➔ **Lenten Soup Suppers:** These are at 6 pm each Wed. as a way for people to eat between work and our Lenten worship services. Family groups are to be seated together and masks required when not eating. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall for those who are willing to provide soup, do setup, and cleanup. Eli Wales is responsible for communicating to the hosts the expectations.
- ➔ **Easter Flowers:** A sign-up sheet is out by the guest book for anyone interested in purchasing Easter lilies or decorative flowers for Easter Sunday. Please see Mikey Oman for any questions.
- ➔ **Tuition Aid:** Recently the Tuition Aid Fund balance was used to pay \$1,700 of both of our two students attending Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI, this spring semester.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has returned the Principal/Teacher call to Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye MN. They have now called former teacher, Nathan Wales of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC. ✝ Former teacher, Valerie Hammett, of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has returned the 2<sup>nd</sup> full-time Teacher call to Immanuel Lutheran of Winter Haven, FL.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #9 – Seventh Commandment

# **Council Meeting Notes – February 14, 2021**

Meeting opened with prayer. January Council meeting minutes read and approved. January treasurer's report presented and approved. Motion approved to send \$3,400 (\$1700 per student) from the Tuition Aid Fund to ILC for Grace's 2 students (D. Hein & N. Story).

## **Pastor's Report**

- Pastors Hein and Pfeiffer (Berea) worked together on the theme (The Lamb's Lenten Letters of Love) for Lent this year. There will be a pulpit rotation with Berea; Red Wing will not be participating as previously planned. Retired pastors Daniel Fleischer and David Schierenbeck will also be in the rotation.
- Former Grace member, Brandon Wendland, will be getting married in Las Vegas. Pastor Hein has been asked and has agreed to officiate the wedding.
- Pastor has provided materials to 3 catechism students (A. Baker, S. Boe, & N. Story) to help them prepare for their upcoming confirmation.

## **Board of Elders Report**

- Pastors Fleischer and Schierenbeck will need to be compensated for the Lenten services they preach.
- The ILC Tour Choir may include a stop at Grace with this year's schedule.
- Plans are to have the traditional Easter breakfast. Seeing how the Lenten soup suppers go will be beneficial in finalizing the plans for the breakfast.
- Attendance for council and voter's meetings - What are the possibilities of allowing a voter to be attend via online means? The church constitution was referenced but nothing relevant was found there. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of implementing changes.
- In gradually returning to pre Covid-19 norms, the ushers will soon again be bringing the offering plates up to Pastor prior to the prayers.

## **Board of Education Report**

- Grace is on track for reaching the mandated number of school days.
- Neither the annual field day nor the basketball tournament in Eau Claire will be held this year. Plans are to have Grace's annual Spring fair but details still need to be finalized, possibly using the sanctuary for this.

## **Board of Trustees Report**

- The workday went well. HVAC ducts cleaned in church and fellowship hall, new HVAC registers installed, and the fellowship hall floor was refinished.
- Al is working on a new doorbell for the school. Pat continues working with the insurance company on the fire claim.

## **Other Business**

- Rick suggested starting work on updating the sanctuary using money from the Projects and Memorials fund. Perhaps a committee comprised of church members could be formed for this project. Discussion followed on things that could be addressed (carpet, paint, pew upholstery, trim work for stained glass windows, & a better video recording workplace).

Adapted by minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

## ✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Dave Rust

Ushers: Brian Eichstadt; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan; Ryan Oman; Eli Wales

Counting Team 4: James Bomber; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust

Church Cleaners: Anderson

School: Vandever

## ✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

Ushers: Brian Eichstadt; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan; Ryan Oman; Eli Wales

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

Church Cleaners: Anderson

School: Wales

## ✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

**Sun., Feb. 21:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 1)

**Wed., Feb. 24:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper

7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship Service

**Sun., Feb. 28:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 2)

**Sun., Mar. 28:** **PALM SUNDAY**

**Thu., Apr. 1:** **MAUNDY THURSDAY** (no worship service)

**Fri., Apr. 2:** **GOOD FRIDAY**

7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship Service

**Sun., Apr. 4:** **EASTER**

7:30 am – Easter Breakfast (Elders will decide in March)

9:00 am – Easter Festival Worship Service

**Sun., May 23:** Confirmation Day

**Last Week's Stats:** Feb. 14, 2021 Sun.: 73 Bible Cl.: 33? S.S.: 11 Wed.: 39

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,884	CLC:	\$355
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$663	CLC:	\$100
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,125	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,578	CLC:	-545
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$21,224	CLC:	\$4,450
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	28,875	CLC:	7,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-7,651	CLC:	-2,550
GLC Other: 177	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	150
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	120
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$3,393			