

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Easter 3

Date: April 18, 2021

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 193: Christ the Lord is Risen Today
TLH 265: Thine Honor Save, O Christ, Our Lord
WS 774: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
TLH 451: Stand Up! – Stand up for Jesus

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 118, TLH p. 148f.

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)
Gloria: TLH 200:1,8

Scripture Readings:

1 John 1:1-2:2
Luke 24:36-49

Sermon: Acts 4:8-20

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: ⁹ "If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, ¹⁰ "let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. ¹¹ "This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' ¹² "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." ¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. ¹⁴ And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. ¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, ¹⁶ saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them *is* evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny *it*. ¹⁷ "But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name." ¹⁸ And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. ²⁰ "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." (NKJVTM)

HERE I STAND!

✝ ***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.

➔ **Recording Volunteers:** Volunteers are being sought to help with recording our worship services. This would be "manning the booth" behind the organ, controlling cameras, audio, and recording software. Those interested, speak with Eli Wales or Dale Enns.



➔ **Visitors' Day:** Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI will host an in-person High School Visitors Day on Friday, April 30, 2021, starting at 9 am for students grades 8 and up. Please register students and chaperones at www.ilc.edu by Friday, April 23. A live theater performance Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch will take place on Friday at 1:30 pm for those attending Visitors Day and for families of performers. A limited live audience may attend the Saturday performance at 7:30 pm. Both performances will be livestreamed at youtube.com/ilcvideos. An outdoor band concert will be open to the public on Friday at 3:30 pm. For additional information please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud (joel.gullerud@ilc.edu 715-544-8446).

➔ **Financial Aid Applications:** Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, college and seminary grants, scholarships, and work study. While the scholarships are automatically applied based upon academic performance, these other items are provided upon application made by the responsible party. In order to be as helpful and as equitable to all, these forms need to be submitted by the deadline which is May 1, 2021, for the 2021-22 academic year. If any potential student is showing any interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at ilc.edu/resources/ under the heading "Financial Assistance Forms & Info."

- ➔ **The 2021 ManUp!** Men's Retreat will be held Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2021, at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org.
- ➔ **Retirement Gift:** Professor John Reim has announced his retirement effective at the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 21-22. Our custom is to present a monetary gift as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to this gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 22). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Reim Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.
- ➔ **Prof. Reim Retirement Video:** If you attended Immanuel (Eau Claire, WI) in the past 33 years, you are invited to partake in a commemoration video for Prof. John Reim. All that is needed is a short video clip of you saying, "Thank you Prof. Reim." If you wish to elaborate more and/or share memories, you are most welcome! Entries may be emailed to ILC student Sam Radermacher: samurade@ilc.edu. Deadline is May 1.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Mrs. Beth Sandeen, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor, the female counterpart in the on-campus counseling program, beginning in the 2021-22 academic year. This role is to complement Mr. Steve Sydow in his current role as the part-time on-campus counselor. † The Call Committee for ILC Graduates extended the following calls to the upcoming graduates. Pastoral Call: Drew Naumann to Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA; Teacher Calls: Ben Hansen to St. John's Lutheran in Okabena, MN, Kathleen Naumann to Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #18 – 2nd Article (Part 3)

Last Week's Stats: Apr. 11, 2021 Sun.: 76 Bible Cl.: 30 S.S.: 13 Wed.: 16

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,950	CLC:	\$240
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,125	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,175	CLC:	-760
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$59,147	CLC:	\$13,225
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	61,875	CLC:	15,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,728	CLC:	-1,775
GLC Other: 402	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	150	Kinship:	10
ILC Student Aid: 25	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	\$274		

Council Meeting Notes – April 11, 2021

Meeting opened with prayer. March Council meeting minutes read and approved. Treasurer's report presented and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Ben and Barb Crandall have requested a membership transfer to Grace from Living Savior in Eden Prairie, MN. Approved.
- ILC Visitors' Day is on Friday, April 30th. Grace students A. Baker and N. Story are planning on attending.
- The families of Grace's 3 confirmands are planning a joint reception at Grace following the confirmation service on Sun., May 23.

Board of Elders Report

- So far no one has expressed interest in helping with the service recording.
- Changes to communion are planned to return it closer to the pre-Covid method. In place of using the tables, assistants will distribute cups of wine using the trays. The common cup will not be used at this time.
- An increase in attendance has been noted. To provide more seating in the sanctuary, an additional pew at the back of each the 2 large sections will be opened to seating. Discussion followed; suggestion to add chairs in front of the parents' room window.

Board of Education Report

- ILC Visitors' Day is on Fri., April 30; Grace student fair is on Fri., April 16.
- The Spring Lake Park parade has been cancelled this year.

Board of Trustees Report

- The yearly audit was completed on April 5; Al, Pat, & Brian were involved. Everything was in order. Thank you to Brian for his good work.
- Tweaks are being made to the security system. A second server will be purchased and added to the system.
- Insurance Claim – Money for driveway repair will be coming. Itemized statements from the insurance company have been requested. These will be used to reconcile the expense records. The premiums will be going up.
- The church credit card accrues rewards. Current rewards balance is roughly \$420. Phil will have the rewards applied to the checking account.

Other Business

- In a discussion with Rick, Dale suggested that an Elder be part of the new organ committee. He also expressed an interest in joining the committee. There was a suggestion that the committee be approved by the voters.
- Rick is working on forming a committee comprised of 3-4 members for a church improvement committee. He plans to make a presentation to the voters and ask for their approval in forming the committee.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

500th Anniversary

500 years ago this weekend, on April 17-18, 1521, Martin Luther was called before Emperor Charles the 5th in the city of Worms, Germany.

It had been 3½ years since Luther nailed his 95



Theses on the Church Door in Wittenberg. In the three years that followed, Luther clarified his positions on the abuses of the Roman Catholic Church and the freedom of the Christian, referencing Scripture and early Church Fathers. In January 1521 Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church.

The Church applied pressure on the newly elected Emperor to enforce the ban. The 19 year old emperor felt compelled to defend the church against heretics, but first wanted to give Luther the chance to recant or take back all of his writings. So Luther was called to attend the Diet of Worms (pronounced “vormz”). A “diet” was a general assembly of leaders in the Holy Roman Empire.

Luther was not allowed to debate his position, only answer the simple question whether or not he would recant. After spending a night in prayer on April 17, he was called before the Diet and the Emperor once again on April 18 to which he gave the answer:

“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it was well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me. Amen.”

On this 500th Anniversary of Luther’s bold statement, we have the opportunity consider on where do we stand and on what are we willing to make a stand even when the whole world seems against us? May our Risen Lord help us to stand firm on His Word! For some details on this important moment in Gospel history, see: tinyurl.com/luther-diet

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: **Jan Davis**

Elder: **Eli Wales**

Ushers: **Gary Gunther; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; David Stifter;
Joel Stifter; Bob Vandever**

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

Church Cleaners: **Wales**

School: **Nelson**

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: **Gary Gunther; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; David Stifter;
Joel Stifter; Bob Vandever**

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

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

School: **Oman**

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

- Sun., Apr. 18:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 3)
11:15 am – Voters and Dorcas Guild Meetings
- Wed., Apr. 21:** 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
- Sat., April 24:** 9:00 am – Grace Work Day
- Sun., Apr. 25:** 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 4)
- April 26-29:** Grace School – Iowa Basic Tests
- Fri., April 30:** Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitors' Day
Grace School – Kindergarten Round-up
1:30 pm – Immanuel Play "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch"
- Sat., May 1:** 7:30 pm – Immanuel Play "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch"
- Thu., May 13:** 7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship Service
- Fri., May 21:** 3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day (Eau Claire, WI)
7:30 pm – Immanuel Spring Concert (Eau Claire, WI)
- Sat., May 22:** 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation Service (Eau Claire, WI)
- Sun., May 23:** Confirmation Day/Pentecost
- Thu., May 27:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program
- Fri., May 28:** 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer
- Sun., May 30:** Graduation Sunday & Summer Worship Schedule Begins
- Sat., June 5:** 10:00 am – MN Delegate Conference (Mankato, MN)
- June 24-27:** CLC Convention (Eau Claire, WI)
- July 19-23:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School