

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 6

Date: July 4, 2021

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 39: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

TLH 141: Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains

TLH 373, st. 1-5: By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free

Communion: TLH 307; Meditative music

TLH 577: God Bless Our Native Land

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 30, TLH p. 129f.

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 1 (Communion)

WS p. 34, Psalm 30

Scripture Readings:

Lamentations 3:22-33

2 Corinthians 8:1-9,13-14

Sermon: John 8:31-36

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." ³³ They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* you say, 'You will be made free'?"


³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ "And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. ³⁶ "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." (NKJVTM)

THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE!

1. The lie of sin enslaves
2. The truth of Christ liberates

✝ *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. Face coverings are optional. Thank you for being mindful of your fellow Christians, understanding that there are differing sensitivities about the pandemic.

- ➔ **Vacation Bible School:** On July 19-23, 9:00-11:30 am, we will be having our VBS. This includes children age 4 years, to children going into eighth grade. Please register your children on the sheet by the guest book. In preparing for VBS, we will need to put together a staff, including teachers and coordinators for crafts and music. Please consider this labor of love and let Pastor know of your willingness.
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- ➔ **Job Opps:** Pastor has been getting phone calls from employers who are looking for workers. If there is anyone in the congregation looking for work and may be interested, please speak with Pastor.
 - ➔ **CLC Convention Update:** The CLC Convention met on June 24-27. Much hard work was done for our efforts together in the LORD's kingdom. A summary of the Convention (from the daily "Convention Chronicles") can be found at tinyurl.com/convchron-21 (see page 6 for the Convention resolution on the "Joint Statement"). The full Convention Proceedings will be published later this summer. There were two excellent essays delivered; the first, by Pastor Luke Bernthal, can be seen at tinyurl.com/conv-essay-1. The second, by Michael Schierenbeck, can be seen at tinyurl.com/conv-essay-2. You may see a selection of Convention photos at tinyurl.com/conv-pics-21. We thank the LORD for His blessing on our work in the CLC!
 - ➔ **Lower Michigan Youth Camp:** The 18th Annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp will be held July 19-22 (Mon-Thurs) at Pigeon Creek County Park, West Olive, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$50 per camper. The deadline for registration is July 14. Information and registration can be found at mtzionlutheran.info/lowermichiganyouthcamp.
 - ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Tim Daub of Prince at Peace Lutheran in Hecla, SD, has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor at Redeemer Lutheran in Bowdle, SD, and has returned the call to serve as full-time Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY.

CLC E-Devotion

October 10, 2017

John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

IN JESUS WE HAVE BEEN SET FREE

The 16th century Lutheran Reformation was not just about cold doctrine and theological gobbledygook. No, as here, it was very practical. One of the Reformer's most significant tracts treats the subject of "Christian Liberty" in great detail (1520).

What is more precious than freedom? We Americans pride ourselves in the fact that we live "in the land of the free and the home of the brave." Wars have been fought in defense of our freedoms. Battles are fought in courts and voting booths to defend this or that civil right or freedom, including the freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our conscience.

To the Jews who believed Him Jesus addresses the most important freedom of all. Since by nature we are "sold under sin," (Romans 7:14), "the servants of unrighteousness" (Romans 6:16f), "the children of wrath" (Ephesians 2:3), we are under the bondage of sin, death, and the power of the devil.

Ah, but then along comes the gospel as our emancipation proclamation! It proclaims a gracious and merciful God who so desired that sinners be freed from sin's bondage and curse that He had His unique Son shed His innocent blood on the cross, thus purchasing forgiveness for all sins and our eternal freedom.

By the grace of God Luther learned to know that gospel as the truth which sets a poor sinner's soul free, truly free. By the same grace of God, you and I likewise know this glorious truth which sets us free-- free indeed!

Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could never be;
For this heart would still refuse Thee Had Thy grace not chosen me.
Thou hast from the sin that stained me Washed and cleansed and SET ME FREE,
(The Lutheran Hymnal, 37:1)

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Barry Hay/Sue Nelson Elder: Eli Wales

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

Counting Team 3: Brian Eichstadt; Duane Enns; Tom Graham; David Hein; Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow

Church Cleaners: S. Vandever

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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: S. Vandever

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Sun., July 4: 9:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 6)

Sun., July 11: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 7)
11:00 am – Council Meeting

Sun., July 18: 9:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 8)
10:15 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

July 19-23: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

Sat., Aug. 7: 9:00 am – Grace School Work Day

Sun., Aug. 22: 3:00 pm – Immanuel Opening Service

Mon., Aug. 30: Opening Day of Grace School

Last Week's Stats: June 27, 2021 Sun.: 60

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,105	CLC:	\$735
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,125	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-2,020	CLC:	-265
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$114,872	CLC:	\$29,489
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	107,250	CLC:	26,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+7,622	CLC:	+3,489
GLC Other: 100	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	110
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	\$1,749		



For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9