

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 17

Date: September 19, 2021

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 358: Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee
TLH 374: Grace! 'Tis a Charming Sound'
A Wretched Man, Both Mute & Deaf (Tune TLH 371)
TLH 364:1,5,7: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 146, TLH p. 156

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)
Gloria: TLH 36:3

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 35:4-7
James 1:17-27

Sermon: Mark 7:31-37

³¹ Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. ³² Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. ³³ And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." (NKJVTM)

**JESUS:
OUR PERFECT
HEARING AID**



✠ 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.

- ➔ **Sermon Info.:** Dr. David Menton's "The Hearing Ear and the Seeing Eye" can be seen at: youtu.be/mlFw9H29A8M.
 - ➔ **Church Picnic:** Please join us today after worship for our church picnic here on the church grounds. Grilled hot dogs and buns will be provided. Committee #3 will serve and cleanup, though additional help would be appreciated.
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- ➔ **Hospitality:** In an effort to return to normalcy, the Elders are resuming the hospitality program. This is an opportunity for members to fellowship following the worship service on the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month during the regular schedule. With the picnic being on the 3rd Sunday this month, the first hospitality will be on Sunday, October 3. Volunteer teams usually serve refreshments, either out of their own generosity or by serving what's on hand. The effort is done to help our congregation support one another and the Elders would like to retain that as its focus. The Elders do not wish to restrain or force team members in doing anything more or less than what they in their hearts wish to do when they are serving. Team members may also welcome folks as they come to Bible study and/or worship that morning. There are currently four existing teams. But given the long suspension of this, there may be new volunteers who wish to serve on teams or perhaps changes are being sought to the teams. If so, please speak with Elder Eli Wales about this. Galatians 6:10: Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.
 - ➔ **Student Teacher Collection:** A collection is being made for Levi Schaller to help provide support for him. Please mark "Student Teacher" on your offering envelope. This will be collected until next Sunday, Oct. 3.

➔ **Sanctuary Improvement Meeting:** We are reaching out to you as a committee at Grace Lutheran Church working on gathering improvement ideas for the sanctuary. Our goal is to ensure we are inclusive of all congregation members at Grace with the collection of ideas and suggestions for the renovation of the sanctuary. As a committee, we recognize our purpose is to transfer/communicate the redesign ideas and suggestions from the congregation to the Voters, and with this, the committee will remain neutral. A congregational meeting where members can share their ideas and suggestions is scheduled after church on Sun., Sept. 26. If you are unable to attend this meeting or prefer to share privately, please email your ideas to Rick Nelson at wrekwear@me.com before the Sept. 26 meeting.

➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Ben Libby of Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA, has accepted the call to Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY. † Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Hecla, SD, has received the call to Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO (St. Louis area). † Pastor Doug Priestap has announced his retirement plans from Resurrection Lutheran in Calgary, Alberta. He plans to continue his call to Grace Lutheran in Live Oak, FL, as he supplies ministerial materials to them from a distance. He plans to live in Stratford, Ontario with his wife, Doris.

➔ **Sunday School Memory Work: #2 – Luther’s Morning Prayer**

Last Week’s Stats: Sept. 12, 2021 Sun.: 89 S.S.: 11 B.Cl.: 39 Wed.: 24

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,918*	CLC:	\$280	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,125	CLC:	1,000	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+793	CLC:	-720	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$157,323	CLC:	\$35,704	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	152,625	CLC:	37,000	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+4,698	CLC:	-1,016	
GLC Other:	353	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	20
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	110
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$2,552		Organ: \$20,865		

* Includes \$3,200 of school tuition payments by non-member families

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!

A Wretched man, Both Mute and Deaf

Author Unknown – Tune of TLH 371 (“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”)

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| 1. A Wretched man, both mute and deaf,
Was brought to Jesus for relief;
He came to know the Savior’s pow’r,
When he received a wondrous cure. | 5. The chain of sin our Savior broke,
Our guilt upon Himself He took;
He died that we might now be free,
And with Him live eternally. |
| 2. The Savior used but simple means,
Such as the haughty world disdains;
When He first took him from the throng,
To make him hear and loose his tongue. | 6. When we are taken from the crowd,
And with this light and grace endow’d;
Then by His Word we come to know,
Our Savior’s wondrous healing, too. |
| 3. His “Ephphatha,” His sigh and look,
Through all the pow’rs of darkness broke;
He loosed the devil’s dreadful chain,
The man could hear and speak again! | 7. Now of His wonders we can tell,
And testify that all is well;
Then grace on other hearts will break –
The deaf will hear, the mute will speak! |
| 4. Are we not also deaf and mute,
And wretched creatures from our youth?
We cannot speak the Savior’s praise,
Until we hear His Word of grace: | |



INCLINE YOUR EAR,
AND COME TO ME;
HEAR, THAT YOUR
SOUL MAY LIVE.

ISAIAH 55:3, ESV

Voters Meeting Notes – September 12, 2021

- Meeting opened with prayer.
- Motion passed to accept Kevin Hulke as a voting member.
- Motion passed to have Ryan Oman serve Sunday School superintendent.

Organ Committee

- Looked at electronic and pipe organs and consulted with other CLC congregations. 5 other CLC congregations currently use and are happy with their Phoenix organ. Secured the use of a demo Phoenix organ.
- Had the option to purchase the demo organ. Passing on that option since it is used and has some wear and tear. Additionally, the committee wanted to give the Fond du Lac congregation the option to purchase the organ since they were interested in it.
- The purchase price estimate is \$55,000. This would cover the organ and the required sanctuary modifications to complete the install.
- 60% of the funds are needed to place the order.
- Estimated delivery is 6-12 months after placing the order.

The Organ Committee is recommending the purchase of a Phoenix PDL240 organ with a \$55,000 target fund and a requirement of having 60% of the those funds prior to ordering; support; some discussion followed; approved by unanimous vote.

- The Sanctuary Improvement Committee has a congregational meeting scheduled for after church on Sunday, September 26th.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

Council Meeting Notes – September 12, 2021

Meeting opened with prayer. July Council meeting minutes read and approved. Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. Offerings received were \$2,400 less than average. The interest from the 2 CLC loans was received. The organ fund is receiving regular contributions.

Pastor's Report

- Transfer paperwork for Ed and Verona Lentz completed.
- Catechism students this year: Public School: L. Boe; Grace School: N. Story, M. Rinne, S. Conway, U. Wales, C. Nelson, R. Oman, and D. Rinne
- Sunday school staff is in place. Teachers are: Julianna Hein (Pre-K thru K), Mikey Oman (1st-4th grades), and Laura Wales (5th-8th grades).
- A preliminary 2022 church calendar was presented.

Board of Elders Report

- Offering plates will now be passed through the pews.
- With communion returning to the pre-Covid distribution method in October, the common cup will again be used.

Board of Education Report

- It is suggested that a collection be taken for a gift for the student teacher. Pastor will place an announcement in the bulletin.
- Tuition aid fund balance is ~\$2500. Per procedure, equal amounts will be sent to ILC in early Oct. for each of Grace's students (2 this year).
- More calls are coming in from non-member families interested in sending their children to Grace. Currently the school has 28 students (13 member, 15 non-member). Roughly \$30,000 in non-member tuition is being received. Discussions on how to accommodate a larger enrollment and what the maximum capacity would be. A non-member tuition increase is being considered for next year. The Board of Ed plans on bringing a recommendation to the Council.

Board of Trustees Report

- Two new school doors are on order. Total cost for the doors and installation is ~\$9000.
- Installing a liner is being considered to lengthen the life expectancy of the sewer line. Estimate is ~\$6700 and would be paid for out of the Trustees budget.

Other Business

- Phil mentioned that budget planning spreadsheets have been sent to the boards. A salary increase should be considered for the called workers since one wasn't given last year.
- Next month's council meeting is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month (Mission Festival is on the 2nd Sunday).

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† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Dale Enns

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: R. & H. Nelson School: Craven/Nelson

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

Counting Team 3: Duane Enns; Tom Graham; Kevin Hulke; Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow

Church Cleaners: R. & H. Nelson School: Doucette/Ude

† OUR SCHEDULE †

- Sun., Sept. 19:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice Begins
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 17)
11:00 am – Annual Church Picnic
- Mon., Sept. 20:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Parent Night
- Wed., Sept. 22:** CLC Coordinating Council Meeting
4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
- Sun., Sept. 26:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 18)
11:00 am – Open Forum for Sanctuary Improvements
- Sun., Oct. 3:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 19)
11:00 am – Hospitality
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Oct. 5-6:** Minnesota Pastoral Conference (Austin, MN)
- Fri., Oct. 8:** Grace School Field Trip @ Wargo Nature Center
- Sun., Oct. 10:** Mission Festival w/Pastor Terrel Kesterson
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Mission Festival Worship Service
11:00 am – Mission Festival Potluck Meal
- Oct. 20-22:** CLC Teachers' Conference (Hales Corners, WI)



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
