

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 18

Date: September 26, 2021

✠ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✠

Hymns:

TLH 402: O God, Forsake Me Not!

TLH 376: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TLH 29: Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

TLH 201, st. 3-5: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 31, TLH p. 130

Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)

WS p. 34, Psalm 30

Scripture Readings:

James 3:13-18

Mark 9:30-37

Sermon: Psalm 31:1-8

¹ In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness. ² Bow down Your ear to me, Deliver me speedily; Be my rock of refuge, A fortress of defense to save me. ³ For You *are* my rock and my fortress; Therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead me and guide me. ⁴ Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, For You *are* my strength. ⁵ Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth. ⁶ I have hated those who regard useless idols; But I trust in the LORD. ⁷ I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, For You have considered my trouble; You have known my soul in adversities, ⁸ And have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a wide place. (NKJVTM)

DELIVER ME, O LORD

- 1. Let it go – relinquish all to Him in humility**
- 2. Let it be – entrust all to Him in confidence**

✠ ***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.

- ➔ **Sanctuary Improvement Forum:** Following today's worship service there will be an open forum in which all members at Grace may attend. The appointed committee is gathering improvement ideas and suggestions for the sanctuary. If you are unable to attend this meeting or prefer to share privately, please email your ideas to Rick Nelson at wreckwear@me.com.
- ➔ **Hospitality:** If you are still willing to volunteer for a hospitality team (normally on the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month), please speak with Elder Eli Wales about this.
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **Invitation:** All are welcome to help Our Savior's Lutheran in Jamestown, ND, give glory to God for 90 years of gospel preaching and teaching in Jamestown this October 17. A worship service will be at 10 am with a meal and program to follow.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Hecla, SD, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO (St. Louis area). ✠ Seminary graduate Nick Naumann has returned the call to Living Savior Lutheran in Eden Prairie, MN.

➔ **Sunday School Memory Work: #3 – First Commandment**

Last Week's Stats: Sept. 19, 2021 Sun.: 81 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 44 Wed.: 22

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,179	CLC:	\$595
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,125	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,946	CLC:	-405
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$159,502	CLC:	\$36,579
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	156,750	CLC:	38,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+2,752	CLC:	-1,421
GLC Other: 921	Living Faith:	5	Tuition Aid:	165
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	10	Kinship:	137
ILC Student Aid: 15	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0 CEF: 0	
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	\$2,717	Organ:	\$21,755

CLC E-Devotion

From July 17, 2015

Psalm 31:1-2 In You, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness. Bow down Your ear to me, Deliver me speedily; Be my rock of refuge, A fortress of defense to save me.

PROBLEM SOLVED!

I am a problem solver. Or at least I want to be a problem solver. If one of the doors on the house doesn't seem to be shutting properly, it eats at me until I fix the problem. When the problem is fixed I am satisfied, even happy, until I notice the next thing.

It seems a natural human reaction to fix problems, to make things right. When we sin against God we are at times tempted to promise to "do better next time" or to "make up for it by doing good." It's almost like we think we can barter with God and in some fashion offer something in exchange for our sin and guilt.

There are some things we simply cannot fix; that we cannot make right. It's a part of Christian maturity to recognize this truth and set aside all attempts to do so.

In the most important matter of all, the Spirit of God here helps us remember how it is that we are made right with God. We are not to promise to do better or imagine we can, but to fall to our knees before our gracious God and pray that He deliver us in His righteousness. We have to admit, "I can't be righteous in God's sight ... unless He makes me ... unless He declares me righteous."

In Christ, God declares us righteous and delivers us from the consequences of our sin and from our guilt. So rather than pray, "Help me to make things right this day," I pray with the Psalmist, "Deliver me in Your righteousness, be my rock of refuge a fortress to save me."

I (we) can begin the day with hope and confidence knowing that we are in good standing with God in Christ. What a humbling thought! What an amazing God!

Now the same Jesus also sends us forth to make known this humbling and amazing truth. What a tremendous opportunity to serve the LORD our Righteousness.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Dale Enns

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

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

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

Hospitality Team 1: Barb Sydow; Andrea Dahl; Cindy & Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson

Church Cleaners: R. & H. Nelson School: Jankowski/Wales

† OUR SCHEDULE †

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

Wed., Sept. 29: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

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

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

12:00 pm – Council Meeting

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
