

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 21

Date: October 17, 2021

✠ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✠

Hymns:

TLH 225: Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Sunday School: TLH 266:1-3

TLH 414: The Man Is Ever Blest

TLH 428: I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

TLH 426: The Lord My Shepherd Is

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 118, TLH p. 148 f.

Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)

WS p. 36, Psalm 23

Scripture Readings:

2 Corinthians 7:6-10

Luke 7:36-50

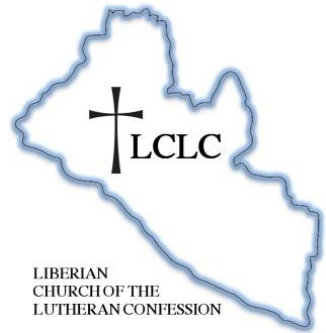
Sermon: Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the LORD: "Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD. ⁶ For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *In* a salt land *which is* not inhabited. ⁷ "Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. ⁸ For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit. ⁹ "The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? ¹⁰ I, the LORD, search the heart, / test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings." (NKJVTM)

**"FOLLOW YOUR HEART"?
OR ... "TRUST IN THE LORD"?**

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Among Us:** This coming Tuesday Larry Nelson will be having surgery to remove a tumor in his left kidney. Jack Maki had successful surgery this past week to repair a shoulder injury. Jesus reminds His people: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)
- ➔ **CLC Teachers' Conference:** This coming week Mrs. Hein and Mrs. Nelson will be attending the CLC Teachers' Conference at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hales Corners, WI (Milwaukee area). May the LORD bless their growth in the Word, their professional development, and their fellowship with other CLC teachers.
- ➔ **Liberia Trip:** Pastor Hein has now secured his plane ticket for this year's trip to Liberia, departing on Oct. 31 and returning on Nov. 20. He will be teaming up with Pastors Joseph Kwiwalazu and Samuel Cheneken to conduct four Bible training seminars for pastors and evangelists, three of the seminars in the very remote areas of Bong and Gbarpolu Counties and one will be in the metro area of Monrovia, the capital city of Liberia where Grace member, Alvin Jask, lives. He will also be meeting with pastors who have been receiving training from Pastor Kwiwalazu in Bopolu, interviewing them in a colloquy to see if we are united in the teachings of God's Word. All the normal pastoral activities will be covered by various individuals, including two seminary students for preaching and Pastor Daniel Fleischer for midweek Bible Class. Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer will visit those in the hospital or emergency situations via phone (cell: 651.432.0101).
- ➔ **CLC Coordinating Council:** A report summary is in the bulletin. For the full report, go to: tinyurl.com/clc-cc-fall-21.
- ➔ **2022 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa in July. Find more info. and apply online at: mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa



➔ **Online Interviews:** There are two "live" video interviews available online, recorded at Messiah, Eau Claire on the weekend of Sept. 25-26. Pastor Raju tells of the work of the HCLCN in Nepal, and Pastor Jyothi of the work in the CLCI in India. Both can be viewed on Messiah's YouTube page - click the "live stream" button at www.eauclairemessiah.com. For closed captioning, click the "CC" button on the YouTube player. A gallery of recent pictures from Nepal can be seen here: www.tinyurl.com/hclcn-photos-21. A gallery of pictures from India are here: tinyurl.com/clci-photos-21.

➔ **Minnesota Area Reformation Festival:** You are invited to attend a Reformation Festival Service at Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN, on Sun., Oct. 31, 4 pm. A meal after the service will be provided by the Ladies of Berea. In our service we will give thanks to God for the gift of His Word in our native tongue, something that wasn't available to Germans prior to Martin Luther's translation work in the Wartburg Castle 500 years ago this year. Pastors Luke Willitz and John Schnose will be conducting the service. Children in attendance are invited to participate in a Joint Children's Choir, singing an arrangement of "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (copies by the guest book). Children are asked to be at Berea by 3:30 for practice. If you plan to attend the meal, please register online at www.tinyurl.com/MNARF21 or contact Pastor Pfeiffer (pastor@BereaCLC.org/651.432.0101).



➔ **Sunday School Memory Work: #7 – Fifth Commandment**

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 10, 2021 Sun.: 96 S.S.: 18 B.Cl.: 47 Wed.: 23

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,147	CLC:	\$390
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,125	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-2,978	CLC:	-610
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$168,291	CLC:	\$38,679
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	169,125	CLC:	41,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-834	CLC:	-2,321
GLC Other: 3,130	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:	\$1,202	Organ:	\$30,010

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 Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to visit with you!

President's Message

Aren't we done yet? Hundreds of millions of people around the world have been vaccinated. Millions more have been infected and recovered. Yet the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reported last week that new cases of COVID in the community have been surging with no end in sight. Even more discouraging is the prediction by some medical experts that we may never really be "done" with COVID. Instead, it may lie dormant at certain times, but then come roaring back like the seasonal flu outbreaks. New vaccines and booster shots may become a way of life indefinitely.

"Aren't we done yet?" could well be the Christian's refrain in response to all the evil in the world. There is no end in sight to outbreaks of sin in all kinds of variants: immorality, greediness, dishonesty, abuse, and violence. Jesus tells us there will be wars and rumors of wars until the end of time. We all struggle with sin in ourselves. *"For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do"* (Romans 7:15).

We aren't done yet, and that's why Isaiah urges, *"Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, 'Be strong, do not fear; your God will come'"* (Isaiah 35:3-4). Paul wrote the young pastor Timothy, *"Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses"* (1 Timothy 6:12).

The struggle continues, but it is not cause for discouragement, because the outcome is not in doubt. The decisive victory has already been won. Our Lord came to earth and fought the battle for all people. He passed every test and beat back the worst of Satan's temptations. Jesus crushed the devil's power by willingly laying down His own holy life. We are not done with our work as Jesus' followers, but without a doubt, we are on the winning side!

The harvest fields are ripe and ready. *"Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation"* (2 Corinthians 6:2). Each day brings us twenty-four hours closer to the time when all work will finally be done and the harvest completed. May love for the Lord move us to make the most of every minute!

Pastor Michael Eichstadt / CLC President's Report /CLC Coordinating Council September 2021

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Council Meeting Notes – October 10, 2021

Meeting opened with prayer. September Council meeting minutes read and approved. Treasurer's report reviewed and approved. Several tuition payments have recently been received and most families are current.

Pastor's Report

- Motion approved to receive Adam Wales as communicant upon receipt of transfer from Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL.
- Pastor attended the MN Pastoral Conf. in Austin, MN, Oct. 5-6. There will be a change in dates & venue for next year's conference (Oct. 9-11).
- Pastor is considering dates for a trip to Liberia in Nov. It will be a very busy trip that could include up to 5 seminars. There are still a lot of details that need to be finalized.
- Nomination Committee – Members (Ryan Oman, Pat Paplow, & Dave Rust) will be meeting with Pastor soon.
- Preliminary calendar with a couple updates was presented. Motion approved to recommend the preliminary calendar with the minor changes discussed to the voters at the October voters meeting.

Board of Elders Report

- Motion approved to increase the guest speaker fee from \$110 to \$125. This will need to be updated in the handbook.
- Hospitality Teams – With hospitality returning to the schedule, the Elders are working to finalize the teams.
- The organ fund balance is currently ~\$30,000. The organ committee's plan is to order the new organ when the required down payment of \$33,000 is raised. When the organ is delivered the balance will be due and will be paid for with funds in the organ fund. Any additional funds that are needed will be borrowed from the projects undesignated fund. Dale plans to present this plan at the October voters meeting.

Board of Education Report

- Business as usual, nothing further to report.

Board of Trustees Report

- Two new school doors have been installed.
- Two quotes have been received for adding key FOB access to the school door closest to Mrs. Hein's classroom. A monthly service contract is being considered to cover any operational issues.
- A sewer liner is being installed on Oct. 21 while school is out.
- Gutters have been installed on south side of parsonage. Heat tape has been installed in parsonage gutters, both north and south sides.

Other Business

- In filling out Anoka County paperwork pertaining to property taxes, documentation that Grace is a non-profit was requested. Phil talked to the IRS about Grace's status. No paperwork has been filed to obtain non-

profit status but churches are considered non-profit. Some discussion followed on whether obtaining non-profit status was of any value.

- Proposed 2022 Budget: \$221,000 (2021 budget was \$219,500)
 - Board of Elders: \$84,500 (provided via email on Oct. 12)
 - Board of Ed: \$99,500 (includes salary increase & non-member tuition increase)
 - Board of Trustees: \$37,000

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

CLC E-Devotion – October 15, 2020

1 John 1:9 (NIV84) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

The Tricky Heart

When was the last time you were wrong? If you can't remember, you're in need of something a bit more stout than this devotion.

You might have in mind a person or two in need of such, but you also know why it can be hard to admit. The pain and regret of times you remember all too well-and can't forget-can sting so fierce, denial might be a tempting option. And however trying it is to dig down deep, the Scriptures teach we can never know the full depth: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked ... Who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9).

I've been wrong more times than I think? A harsh truth the Scriptures reveal for your eternal good. That lest we waltz the embarrassing broad road of the emperor in his new clothes, we turn now to the LORD who knows all: "I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind" (Jeremiah 17:10).

And find in the God who knows you better than you could ever know yourself infinite mercy and grace. Our first father Adam was in need of something rather stout. Naked, hiding, blaming, and denying, he received thorns and thistles, blood and sweat, a path to the grave. Only, though, that he might no longer trust his deceitful heart but the revealed wisdom of God: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel" (Genesis 3:15).

The God who wakes us up out of our delusions the same, to reveal His saving truth: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

If it stings to look in the heart, look to Him instead. And you'll find in His life-giving Word that there's no better answer to having been wrong than the peace that He is always right: "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD" (Jeremiah 17:7).

CLC Financial Report - September

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2021	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 3 Month	Balance 9/30/2021
General Fund	0	249,964	320,130	315,000	- 70,166
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	452,785	368,556	361,800	84,229
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	124,590	37,468	16,754		145,304
ILC Building Projects	1,096,716	-3,318	9,862		1,083,536
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	132,313	23,700	26,875		129,138
Kinship	182,119	44,154	47,292		178,981
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	3,527,885	79,205	552,169		3,054,921
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	133,585	19,735	28,226		125,094
CLC Reserve Fund	300,222	-58	0		300,164
Total	\$5,497,430	\$200,886	\$681,178		\$5,017,138

General Fund – September offerings were \$100,472 (Ave needs \$105,000) **VS** disbursements of \$117,716, a negative monthly cash flow of --\$17,244. YTD offerings are \$65,000 short of budget needs, while YTD disbursements are \$5,000 over budgeted expenses, resulting in the General Fund deficit of --\$70,000 after the 3rd month of our fiscal year. The General Fund provides \$1,260,000 of subsidy for the operation of our Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, and Education & Publication and needs the regular support of all our members.

ILC Operations – September revenue was \$142,668 (incl \$61,667 subsidy) **VS** disbursements of \$120,777, resulting in a positive YTD balance of \$84,000. As previously noted, the Regents -\$60,000 deficit for July recovered quickly in August from student revenue when school resumed. Student revenue comes in steadily as most parents make regular monthly payments on their student accounts. Some pay for the whole semester in the first month. There are 120 enrolled in the 3 depts.

ILC Building Projects – September revenue: \$895 in offerings **VS** \$9,862 in disbursements for design fees and related expenses from the 2021 CLC Convention's \$20,000 allocation for the ILC Planning Committee to study and present a cost estimate to the 2022 Convention for the proposed new gymnasium and repurposing the existing fieldhouse. September earnings (Dividends/Interest) were \$3,925, while changes in principal (capital) value were negative \$22,301 due to market conditions. Fluctuations are expected in our portfolio value each month and the net gain or loss YTD is reported in the chart above for this fund (& IIF, CEF, & SAF). Realized dividends & interest earnings for the Bldg Fund for the 3 months of this fiscal year are \$11,953.

CEF – September revenue: \$29,388 loan repayments, \$50 offerings **VS** disbursements: \$437,844 (\$425,000 Cong loan construction draw #2; \$8,823 Note interest paid; \$4,021 admin expenses).

MDF – September revenue: \$10,713 in offerings **VS** disbursements of \$11,725, including \$2,500 Africa/Asia outreach; \$6,000 church building aid, \$1,200 cycles, & \$1,125 admin expenses.

SAF – September receipts: \$3,820 (SAF loan repayments & gifts) **VS** 19,536 disbursed (\$7,809 student grants, loans, & scholarships; \$920 admin expenses).

Kinship – September offerings: \$8,384 offerings & sponsors **VS** disbursed: \$22,937 (\$13,832 orphanages, \$8,850 Seminary student sponsorships).

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer / Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Eli Wales

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

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker

Hospitality Team 2: James & April Bomber; Rachelle Kanneh; Heidi Nelson; Bob & Suki Vandever

Church Cleaners: Kirkham/Gilberg School: Rinne/Snyder

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

Church Cleaners: Hulke

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Oct. 17: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 21)

11:00 am – Hospitality

~11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

Mon., Oct. 18: Grace School Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 18-22: No School

Oct. 20-22: CLC Teachers' Conference (Hales Corners, WI)

Wed., Oct. 20: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Oct. 24: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 22)

Sat., Oct. 30: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Sun., Oct. 31: Reformation Day

9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 23/Reformation)

4:00 pm – MN Area Reformation Festival (Inver Grove Hts.)

Oct. 31- Nov. 20: Pastor Hein's trip to Liberia

Wed., Nov. 24: 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship



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
