

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Last Judgment

Date: November 7, 2021

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 609: Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying
TLH 242: Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound
TLH 331:1-3,7-8: Yea, as I Live, Jehovah Saith
Communion: TLH 315
TLH 207:6: Like the Golden Sun Ascending

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 90, TLH p. 142

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 15 (Projected)
Gloria: TLH 244:1,4

Scripture Readings:

Hebrews 12:26-29
Luke 12:16-21

Sermon: Joel 2:1-13

¹ Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at hand: ² A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. A people *come*, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there ever be any *such* after them, Even for many successive generations. ³ A fire devours before them, And behind them a flame burns; The land *is* like the Garden of Eden before them, And behind them a desolate wilderness; Surely nothing shall escape them. ⁴ Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; And like swift steeds, so they run. ⁵ With a noise like chariots Over mountaintops they leap, Like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, Like a strong people set in battle array. ⁶ Before them the people writhe in pain; All faces are drained of color. ⁷ They run like mighty men, They climb the wall like men of war; Every one marches in formation, And they do not break ranks. ⁸ They do not push one another; Every one marches in his own column. Though they lunge between the weapons, They are not cut down. ⁹ They run to and fro in the city, They run on the wall; They climb into the houses, They enter at the windows like a thief. ¹⁰ The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness. ¹¹ The LORD gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong *is the One* who executes His word. For the day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; Who can endure it? ¹² "Now, therefore," says the LORD, "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." ¹³ So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He *is* gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. (NKJVTM)

"THE LORD'S MATH LESSON"

✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Appreciation:** Thanks to Seminarian Zachary Sippert for teaching and preaching the Word of God today and to retired Pastor Daniel Fleischer for conducting the liturgy. Mr. Sippert, son of Amy and Prof. Steve Sippert, attends Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in Eau Claire, WI, our church body's training center for pastors. May the LORD bless his studies! Pastor Hein is currently on his annual mission trip to Liberia and will be returning on Nov. 20. Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer is available to visit those in the hospital or emergency situations (cell: 651.432.0101).
- ➔ **ILHS Musical:** You are invited to an Immanuel Lutheran High School production of *The Music Man* on Nov. 12 & 13, @7:30 pm! This will be at the fieldhouse. These performances will not be live-streamed. A band concert and student performances begin at 7 pm.
- ➔ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day** is coming up on Fri., Nov. 12 on the ILC campus in Eau Claire, WI. Activities will begin with chapel at 10:05 am in the Field House, followed by presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 pm. Come and learn more about your church's college, and consider continuing your education in a solidly Christian setting! Visitors will be our guests for lunch and supper in the cafeteria, and in the evening are invited to join us for ILC's fall theatrical production, *The Music Man*. Speak with your pastor if you're interested in attending. For questions, contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann. Office: 715-836-6636, cell: 253-228-8736, e-mail: paul.naumann@ilc.edu.
- ➔ **Sleepy Eye Anniversary:** Grace Ev. Lutheran in Sleepy Eye will celebrate its anniversary next Sun., Nov. 14. A special service will be held at 3 pm followed by a presentation of the congregation's history at 4:15 pm. Finally, we will conclude with a fellowship meal at 5:15 pm. The fellowship meal will be catered, so we are asking people to RSVP. You can register by going to this link: forms.gle/GDtxkryii4CrTm7e8 or by contacting Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (404-729-4602/nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). Please RSVP by Sun. Nov. 7.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #10 – Eighth Commandment



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!

CLC E-Devotion – October 6, 2014

Joel 2:12 "Now, therefore," says the Lord, "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."

THE ANSWER TO TRAGEDY

A short message from a short book -- the Prophet Joel.

Natural disasters are frequently in the news, but have you ever experienced one?

When the Prophet Joel was called by the LORD to speak in Judah, it had just suffered devastation at the hands of locusts. In many cases the prophets of the LORD were sent to warn of a coming judgment of God, but Joel was sent during or just after a devastating natural disaster. The Prophet Joel doesn't say that the locusts were a specific punishment of God for sins, but He did call upon the people to return to the LORD and to sorrow over their sins.

Tragedy and death have a way of shaking us to our core. They also serve to help us refocus and consider what is truly important. Tragedy can lead us to turn to family and friends.

Tragedy and death should also lead us to turn to the LORD, to seek His comforting assurance, His Word of Promise. When tragedy came upon Judah, the LORD sent the Prophet Joel with this powerful invitation: "Return to me, come back to me ... with all your heart."

When we come to the LORD -- whether to ask of Him, to praise Him, or to thank Him -- we are to do so with all our heart. In other words, when we come before the LORD in prayer and praise we should not be thinking about someone or something else. When we give thanks it is to be more than mere words but the honest expression of our whole heart.

He wants us to be REAL, especially when it comes to confessing our sins. He delights in a broken and contrite heart (cf. Psalm 51) and He earnestly desires to lavish the salve of the forgiveness of sins in Christ on just such a heart. God has, in Christ, overcome the greatest natural disaster of all, our sin and provided the only perfect solution for sins.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Dave Rust

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

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

Hospitality Team 3: Jan Davis, Ryan & Mikey Oman; Laura Wales; Janelle Hein

Church Cleaners: Sydow/Englehorn School: Baker

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; James Bomber; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells

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

Church Cleaners: Sydow/Englehorn School: Bomber

† OUR SCHEDULE †

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

Sun., Nov. 7: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 24)
11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., Nov. 10: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Fri., Nov. 12: ILC Visitors' Day
7:30 pm – ILC Musical: "The Music Man"

Sat., Nov. 13: 7:30 pm – ILC Musical: "The Music Man"

Sun., Nov. 14: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 25)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Wed., Nov. 17: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Nov. 21: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Christ the King)
11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., Nov. 24: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Thu., Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Day

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
