

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Advent 1

Date: November 28, 2021

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 58, st. 1,3-7: O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee
WS 703: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
TLH 396: Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink
WS 715: Where Shepherds Lately Knel

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 25, TLH p. 128

Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)
Psalm 24, WS p. 25

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Luke 21:25-36

Sermon: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13

⁷ ... therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress we were comforted concerning you by your faith. ⁸ For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord. ⁹ For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹ Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we *do* to you, ¹³ so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. (NKJVTM)

“BY FAITH, STAND FAST IN THE LORD”



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Season Worship Schedule

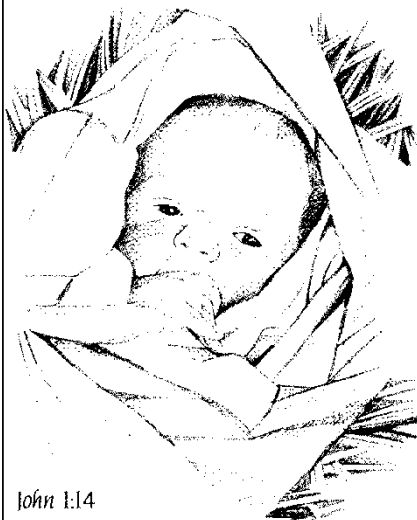
Midweek Advent Services:

Wed., Dec. 1 – 7:00 pm

Wed., Dec. 8 – 7:00 pm

“What Child Is This?” Special meditations to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.



Candlelight Service:

Wed., Dec. 15 – 7:00 pm

A service of readings & hymns along with the lighting of candles to celebrate the light of Christ's rule in our hearts.

Preceded by Congregational Christmas Meal @ 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service:

Fri., Dec. 24 – 6:00 pm

“A Joyous Birthday Celebration.” A service in which the children present the timeless and treasured Christmas message.

Christmas Day Service:

Sat., Dec. 25 – 10:00 am

A service in which we ponder the fulfillment of Christ being born as True Man and True God in order to bring us salvation.

A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

MINISTRIES FOUND ONLINE

www.FridleyLutheran.org

Some website links:



- ➔ Grace Lutheran Church: www.FridleyLutheran.org
- ➔ Grace on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CLCGraceLutheranChurch
- ➔ Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC): www.clclutheran.org
- ➔ Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, & Seminary (ILC): www.ilc.edu
- ➔ CLC Missions: www.lutheranmissions.org
- ➔ The CLC Book House (CLC book store): www.clcbookhouse.org
- ➔ The Lutheran Spokesman (CLC publication): www.lutheranspokesman.org
- ➔ The Branches (women's publication): www.thebranchesonline.info

Check out the following online devotional materials:

- ➔ Weekly video of the Grace Lutheran Church sermon: www.clcgracelutheranchurch.org/category/sermons/
- ➔ Weekly CLC "Ministry by Mail" sermon: www.clclutheran.org/ministrybymail
- ➔ Daily email devotions from The Bread of Life (The Lutheran Spokesman): www.glcdailydevotion.wordpress.com
- ➔ Daily email devotions from CLC pastors: www.redeemerclc.info/devotional.html
- ➔ Daily email for a CLC Three-Year Bible reading program: www.threeyearbiblereadingplan.wordpress.com
- ➔ Daily audio of the chapel address from our Immanuel campus: www.ilc.edu/chapel.htm

Also, check out the Grace Lutheran Church on Google Play for Android devices.

Facebook Page: If you're on Facebook, be sure to like or share items that are on the Grace Lutheran Church page. This can help promote the page to others, along with events that we publicize there.

The more shares, etc., the more Facebook promotes our church page to others.



✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Among Us:** Phil Radichel was able to return home after being in the hospital for his lung treatment. Fred Dauer is recovering at home after being hospitalized with pneumonia. The Lord bring healing!
- ➔ **Midweek Advent Worship:** This coming Wednesday, 7 pm, begins our Midweek Advent worship services with the theme: "What Child Is This?" Our last one on Dec. 15 will be our annual candlelight service preceded by the congregational Christmas meal at 6 pm. Join us during this precious time of year to ponder our Savior's coming.
- ➔ **Christmas Meal:** Please join us for a fellowship meal at 6 pm prior to the Candlelight service on Dec. 15. Those attending may bring something to share. Dorcas Guild committee #2 is hosting.
- ➔ **Christmas Eve Service:** This is the rehearsal schedule:
 - Sun., Dec. 5: 11:30-1:30 pm (luncheon at church)
 - Sun., Dec. 12: 11:30-1:30 pm (luncheon at church)
 - Sun., Dec. 19: 8:45-9:45 am (please be here at 8:45 am so that we can start promptly)

December is a busy month, but please remember the importance of these rehearsals for a successful Christmas Eve service. We have fewer rehearsals this year, each one will be important. The last rehearsal on December 19 is the most critical as it is the dress rehearsal. It is quite helpful for the children to know their individual parts by the first rehearsal and all parts by the second rehearsal. The three "Luke 2" parts are all together as a group. Parents are encouraged not to have your children formally memorize Luke 2, but to simply say it with the children once or twice a day. By the time Christmas Eve comes around, they will know these well. The children have a wonderful opportunity to express the Good News of our salvation through Jesus Christ. The parents' help is greatly appreciated to make everything go well.

- ➔ **Christmas Worship:** Our Christmas Eve service will be held on Fri., Dec. 24, 6 pm with our children presenting the Christmas Gospel. The theme this year is: "A Joyous Birthday Celebration." The kids are asked to be here ½ hour prior to the service so that we can take a group picture and run through things. Christmas Day worship will be held Sat., Dec. 25, 10 am. May the love of this Child be the gift you open up your heart to on Christmas Day!
- ➔ **Appreciation:** Thanks to all who contributed to decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

- ➔ **Northtown Concert:** This year the Grace School children will be singing at the Northtown Mall on Fri., Dec. 17, 2 pm. They will be located at the inside-of-the-mall entrance to Best Buy. Everyone is encouraged to come attend as it is always an experience greatly appreciated. If you haven't ever come to this, you may be pleasantly surprised at how well received it is. Come support the school!
- ➔ **Poinsettias:** There is a sign-up sheet for Christmas Poinsettias by the guest book at the church entry. If anyone would like to purchase a plant for church, please indicate it by signing your name and plant information on the sheet. For questions, contact Mikey Oman.
- ➔ **Catechism Break:** We will be having a two-week break for midweek Catechism students on Dec. 22 and Dec. 29.
- ➔ **2022 Cleaning:** The 2022 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ➔ **Parking Reminder:** For those members who are able, please park further away to permit those with physical impairments to be able to park closer to the church.
- ➔ **Large Print Hymnals:** As a reminder, there are three copies of The Lutheran Hymnal in large print. These are by the guest book. Feel free to use these and return at the end of the worship service.
- ➔ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ➔ **Sunday School Teachers:** Perhaps something to consider this Christmas is extending our Sunday School teachers an expression of gratitude for what they do for our children each week.
- ➔ **Liberia:** To make a contribution to the work in Liberia, write in "Liberia" on one of the Project lines of your offering envelope.
- ➔ **Organ:** A key current project that the Voters determined to have as a goal is the replacement of the organ. There is a fund open for that purpose. You may designate donations as "Organ Fund."
- ➔ **Stock Donations:** The Voters of Grace have provided a process for members to donate equities to the Congregation. Anyone interested in doing this can get information from President Rick Nelson or Secretary Bill Rust. Such a donation spares the donor from being taxed on any capital gains.



**Organ
Fund**

- ➔ **Qualified Charitable Distribution:** For those over 70½ it may be beneficial for you to send your offerings directly from an IRA fund to the church. The advantage of this procedure is those amounts are NOT considered as income and your adjusted gross income is less. For more information see Phil Radichel or Benno Sydow.
- ➔ **ILC Recital:** The ILC Piano/Organ Recital will be held Sun., Dec. 12, at 3:00 p.m. in the ILC Fieldhouse.
- ➔ **ILC Christmas Concert:** Immanuel's Christmas concert this year will be held on Fri., Dec. 17, 7:30 pm, at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire.
- ➔ **Trip to Israel:** The group trip to Israel, which was postponed until January 2022 due to COVID, has been postponed once more. The new dates are now set for January 10-19, 2023, with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. If you would like more information about this trip, please contact to Pastor Mayhew (404-729-4602; nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). The trip will include visits to Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the events in the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. Brochures with trip details are available upon request.
- ➔ **Invitation:** The members of Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY, invite you to join them in the installation of their new pastor, Benjamin Libby, on Dec. 5, 3 pm. Pastor Nathanael Mayhew will preach the sermon and Pastor Timothy Wheaton will be the liturgist and perform the installation. A dinner will follow the service.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, has received the call to Living Savior Lutheran in Eden Prairie, MN. † Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran in Okabena, MN, has returned the calls to Redeemer Lutheran in Bowdle, SD, and to Zion Lutheran in Ipswich, SD. † Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO (St. Louis area).
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Christmas Eve Parts

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!

Council Meeting Notes – November 14, 2021

Meeting opened with prayer. October Council meeting minutes read and approved. Treasurer's report reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report

- None – Pastor in Liberia

Board of Elders Report

- With Pastor Hein scheduled to return from Liberia next Saturday, arrangements have been made to have Pastor Fleischer cover bible class and preaching duties next Sunday.

Board of Education Report

- Rick mentioned that some background checks will be requested for some new volunteers.

Board of Trustees Report

- The key fob locks are not working yet.
- Property taxes will be paid soon via 2 installments.
- Conversion of all classroom and fellowship hall light fixtures to LED would run ~\$600.
- Workday went well.
- Gophers have been creating dirt mounds on the church grounds.

Other Business

- The guest speaker fee is \$125 plus mileage. The handbook needs to be updated since there are some different rates for various services.
- Service List – Years ago there was list of misc. tasks that members could volunteer to cover. The list needs to be updated as there are several individuals who are no longer members. Some discussion followed on whether the list was still needed or if the tasks could be managed by the boards. Rick will review and make recommendations.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 21, 2021 Sun.: 80 S.S.: 17 B.Cl.: 32 Wed.: 53

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$13,465	CLC:	\$4,685
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,086	CLC:	\$20
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,125	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+10,426	CLC:	+3,705
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$197,535	CLC:	\$48,049
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	193,875	CLC:	47,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+3,660	CLC:	+1,049
GLC Other: 1,857	Living Faith:	5	Tuition Aid:	735
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	110	Kinship:	1,035
ILC Student Aid: 15	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	\$2,197	Organ:	\$35,780

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Ryan Mueller**

Elder: **Dave Rust**

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?** School: **Craven**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Nov. 28:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 1)
- Wed., Dec. 1:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship Service
- Sun., Dec. 5:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Advent 2)
11:00 am – Luncheon
11:30-1:30 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- Wed., Dec. 8:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship Service
- Sun., Dec. 12:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 3)
11:00 am – Luncheon
11:30-1:30 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital
- Wed., Dec. 15:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Dinner
7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship Service
- Fri., Dec. 17:** 2:00 pm – Grace School Concert at Northtown Mall
7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert @ Messiah in Eau Claire, WI
- Sun., Dec. 19:** 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Thu., Dec. 23:** Grace School - Christmas Party & Christmas Break Begins
- Fri., Dec. 24:** 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship
- Sat., Dec. 25:** 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship
- Sun., Dec. 26:** 10:00 am – Worship Service (No Bible Class, Sunday School)
- Fri., Dec. 31:** 7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper

