

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Christmas 2

Date: January 2, 2022

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 125: The Old Year Now hath Passed Away

Choir: Arise and Shine

TLH 96: Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly

TLH 91, st. 1-6: Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

Communion: TLH 314

TLH 97: Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 148, TLH p. 156f.

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 15 (Communion)

### Scripture Readings:

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 1:68-75

### Sermon: Genesis 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless." <sup>2</sup> "And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: <sup>4</sup> "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations." <sup>5</sup> "No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations." <sup>6</sup> "I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you." <sup>7</sup> "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

**OUT WITH THE OLD & IN WITH THE NEW –  
GOD'S BLESSING THROUGH  
HIS COVENANT OF GRACE**

## ✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

➔ **Among Us:** Tomorrow our sister in Christ, Nyla Welker, will be undergoing a cardioversion to help her heart function better. May the LORD settle her spiritual heart through His peace.

➔ **Norma Rust:** Our sister in Christ, Norma Rust, entered her eternal peace this past Thursday morning. Her earthly life ended as she listened to the Word of God in word and song after having a chance to enjoy precious visits from her family through the night. She joins Simeon who held the Christ Child and proclaimed: "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation ..." (Luke 2:29-30). Details regarding a service will be forthcoming once they are established. Our prayers ascend to the throne of grace for Dave, their children, and their children's children.



➔ **Directory:** We are preparing for the publication of the yearly directory at Grace. Please check your contact information in the draft copy of the directory located in the narthex. Place a check mark by your entry if it is correct. If it is not, then please edit as necessary. If you wish to add email or cell numbers, please do so. Your cooperation is appreciated as we attempt to produce an accurate directory. Also, please ensure your birthday and/or anniversary information is correct.



➔ **Christmas Eve Video:** If you are interested in a DVD, please speak with Pastor, Frank Radichel, or Rick Nelson.

➔ **Appreciation:** The Hein family appreciates all the greetings, cards, gifts, support, and prayers this Christmas season. It is a joy to serve a congregation that appreciates and stands steadfast on the Word of God. In Christ, Pastor, Janelle, and the children.



➔ **2022 Cleaning:** The 2022 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.

- ➔ **Prof. Paul Sullivan Funeral:** On December 29 our Heavenly Father took Prof. Paul Sullivan home to endless bliss. A service of thanksgiving and praise to Christ for the grace shown to His servant Paul Sullivan will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI on Sat., January 8, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. (No visitation prior to the service.) Due to health concerns, the family requests masks be worn and spacing be utilized in the sanctuary, if possible. Memorials can be designated to Kinship or CLC Missions (501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701). Cards may be sent to the Sullivan home at 632 Ripley Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Contact Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer for further information 651-432-0101/pastor@bereaclc.org . "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints." (Psalm 116:15)
- ➔ **Nomination for ILC President:** The Board of Regents announces the following and only person nominated for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Daniel Schierenbeck. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2024. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding this candidate are to be received by March 15, 2022 (postmarked by March 1), to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.
- ➔ **2022 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** Missionary Ohlmann recently returned from Tanzania and reports that there are many new opportunities for Child Evangelism, especially among the Maasai tribes. The pastors of the CLC-Tanzania and CLC-Zambia are very eager and excited to host volunteers again in July of 2022. The deadline for applications is January 10th. Find more information and apply online at: [mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa](http://mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa)

<p><b>The following is the nomination slate for 2022:</b></p>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ President: Ryan Oman, Eli Wales</li> <li>➤ Elder: Benno Sydow</li> <li>➤ Education: Thomas Graham; Joseph Thomas; Bob Vandever</li> <li>➤ Trustee: Rick Nelson; Bob Vandever</li> <li>➤ Delegates: Thomas Graham; David Hein; Frank Radichel; Benno Sydow;</li> <li>➤ Key Executives: Rick Nelson; William Rust</li> </ul> |
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## CLC President – January 1, 2022

Dear fellow witnesses of the Light:

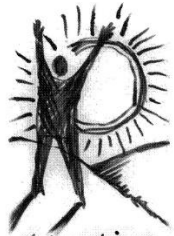
First thing every morning on the way to the kitchen, I've taken a few moments to glance out the living room window at the neighbor's cheerful Christmas lights. They have been a bright spot in the predawn winter darkness. But I know what's going to happen. Before too long, I'll look out one morning and the neighbor's house will be dark. The lights will be gone. And it's not just lights, trees, and decorations. The company goes home. The joyful Christmas services are just memories archived on

YouTube, and what's left? Many of us, along with the fellow believers we serve, experience a letdown of some sort or another after Christmas.

So now is the perfect time for the Epiphany season! "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you" (Is. 60:1-2). The colorful strands of LEDs are turned off, but Jesus' light shines out into the darkness for all to see and enjoy. "In him was life, and that life was the light of men....The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world" (Jn. 1:4,9). Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (Jn. 8:12).

2022 is a new year, but the same old darkness of sin is as evident as ever. Wars and rumors of wars are rampant around the world. Sickness, suffering, and death are not far from anyone. Recognizing the Lord and humbly turning to Him in repentance is the last thing on many people's minds. The darkness is not only without, but within us too. We see it in the kingdom work we had always intended to accomplish last year, but didn't. It's painfully obvious in our personal record of laziness, pride, indifference to the needs of others, lack of enthusiasm for prayer and countless other sins for which God's Law convicts us. We are far from perfect. We have nothing to boast of in ourselves. Paul's admission is ours: "I'm the chief of sinners!"

But arise, shine! The Word became flesh. Christ the creator of light came to shine the light of forgiveness and eternal life into every dark corner. We don't have to drag our past sins into the new year. The Word became flesh so that His head could be crowned with thorns, His hands



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Isaiah 60:1

and feet pierced with nails, and His blood shed to cleanse us from all sin. “We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:1).

“We beheld His glory,” John writes, “the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (Jn. 1:14). Can you imagine a life without seeing that glory? There would be nothing but utter darkness and total despair. Living in Christ’s light, we never walk in darkness. “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and staff, they comfort me” (Ps. 23:4). Prof. Paul Sullivan was blessed with that confidence of faith. He lived in the light of Christ with the mindset of the apostle Paul who said, “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Phil. 1:21). We thank the Lord for Prof. Sullivan’s gifts and service to the CLC and to the Church at large. We praise the Savior for receiving His faithful servant safely home to eternal glory.

“Arise, shine, for your light has come!” In the new year ahead may we see the glory of Christ the Word in our daily devotion and study time, in the spiritual feast of His body and blood in the sacrament, in every class and worship service, and in the precious family fellowship of believers who love and care for one another.

In His name, Michael Eichstadt, CLC President

**Psalm 111:** Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and *in* the congregation. <sup>2</sup> The works of the LORD *are* great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them. <sup>3</sup> His work *is* honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup> He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion. <sup>5</sup> He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant. <sup>6</sup> He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations. <sup>7</sup> The works of His hands *are* verity and justice; All His precepts *are* sure. <sup>8</sup> They stand fast forever and ever, *And are* done in truth and uprightness. <sup>9</sup> He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome *is* His name. <sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*. His praise endures forever.

***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!***

# ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Jan Davis**

Elder: **Dave Rust**

Ushers: **Gary Gunther; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; David Stifter; Joel Stifter; Bob Vandever**

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

Church Cleaners: **Ochsner**

School: **Jankowski**

# ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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**

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

School: **Jankowski**

# ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Jan. 2:** No Bible Class or Sunday School  
 9:30 am – Choir Practice  
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Christmas 2)
- Mon., Jan. 3:** Grace School Resumes from Christmas Break
- Wed., Jan. 5:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
- Thu., Jan. 6:** **EPIPHANY DAY** (No Worship Service)
- Sun., Jan. 9:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 1)  
 12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Sun., Jan. 16:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Bible Class  
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 2)  
 11:00 am – Hospitality  
 11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings



**Last Week's Stats:** Dec. 26, 2021 Sun.:59 Fri.: 41

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,410	CLC:	\$90	
Fri. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,250	CLC:	\$320	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,125	CLC:	1,000	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-465	CLC:	-590	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$219,530	CLC:	\$52,334	
Total Budget for Year:	Grace:	214,500	CLC:	52,000	
Difference from budget (+/-)	Grace:	+5,030	CLC:	+334	
GLC Other:	1,613	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	400
SAF Endowment:	100	MDF:	0	Kinship:	100
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	\$3,357	Organ:	\$41,265