

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 3

Date: January 23, 2022

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 244: Glory Be to God the Father
TLH 657: Beautiful Savior
TLH 284: Father of Mercies, in Thy Word
Installation of Officers
TLH 130, st. 1 & 6: O Jesus, King of Glory

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 19, TLH p. 126

Liturgy:

WS p. 12 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 61:1-6
Luke 4:14-21

Sermon: Psalm 19

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. ² Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. ³ *There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.* ⁴ Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, ⁵ *Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.* ⁶ Its rising *is* from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat. ⁷ The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired *are* they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover by them Your servant *is* warned, *And* in keeping them *there is* great reward. ¹² Who can understand *his* errors? Cleanse me from secret *faults*. ¹³ Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous *sins*; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer. (NKJVTM)

GOD'S GLORY IS DECLARED

† ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** †

- ➔ **Among Us:** Jackie Radichel was recently diagnosed with uterine cancer. This past Wednesday she had a hysterectomy and is now waiting for the pathology report. Alyssa Johannes' grandmother, Joanne Johannes, recently passed away. Joanne was also the wife to former pastor John Johannes. Sue Anne Kirkham had an MRI to investigate a spot on her liver and is awaiting the results. Rick Grams was hospitalized at the Veterans Hospital as Gloria recovers from an illness. Rick is doing well and Gloria is improving. Vic Schlegel continues to rehab after a fall, now at The Estates at Twin Rivers in Anoka. Please continue to pray for these fellow Christians as our gracious LORD continues to keep His people as the apple of His eye.
- ➔ **Care Packages:** The Dorcas Guild will be preparing Care Packages for the ILC dorm students and supervisors. If you would like to contribute funds or items to this endeavor, contact Jackie Radichel or President Mikey Oman. The bags will be assembled in early February.
- ➔ **2021 Offering Statements:** Please pick up in your mailbox the Offering Summary Statement for 2021. For those who have QCD verify the amounts. If you have any questions, contact Benno Sydow or Phil Radichel.
- ➔ **Appreciation:** The called workers at Grace recently received a very generous Christmas gift from the congregation. Each of us express our gratitude in thinking of us in this way. The support we receive from the congregation is an encouragement in our service to the LORD and His children. This goes well beyond this current gift as we know many prayers and other supportive works of service are done by so many here at Grace. Each of us joins the Apostle Paul with his words in Philippians 1:3-6: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; ..." In Christ's service, Pastor & Mrs. Hein, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Bergstrom.

- ➔ **Man Up! Retreat:** The 2022 ManUp! Men's Retreat is scheduled for Sept. 22-25 at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The retreat offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. Register and send in your payment before Sept. 1 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on Sept. 1. The registration includes lodging and meals. Register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org.
- ➔ **Christ's Explorers:** Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church is hosting its annual summer camp, Christ's Explorers Camp, open to students entering grades 3-9. This year, we will be holding our camp in Pigeon Forge, TN, from July 14-17. Transportation will be provided to/from our church campus in West Columbia, SC. Pastors Chad Seybt and Glenn Oster will lead our worship and Bible studies with the theme, "Christmas in July." The camp will cost approximately \$100, and this will include all lodging, meals, and activities. This camp will be limited to the first 50 campers, so be ready to register when registration opens on May 1 at www.ChristsExplorersCamp.com. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Sara Kloke (runsforfun@aol.com) or Karen Howell (kdhowell32@gmail.com).
- ➔ **CLC News:** ILC Professor John Ude has returned the Pastor call to Living Savior Lutheran in Eden Prairie, MN. † Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran Churches in Mountain View, CA, Stockton, CA, and Hayward, CA, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL. † Teacher Michaela Winters of Messiah Lutheran in Hale Corners, WI, has received the call to be Lower Grade Teacher of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #14 – First Article, Part 1

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!

Voters Meeting Notes – January 16, 2022

Meeting opened with prayer. October voters meeting minutes read and approved. The fourth quarter and annual Treasurer's report were presented and approved. Expenses exceeded budget by ~3%. Deficit of \$3815.13 for year.

Pastors Report

- Pastor mentioned that he and each of the teachers appreciated the workers gift they each received.
- Funeral for Norma Rust went well on Sun., Jan. 9. Several guests in attendance.
- The Yangs requested removal from membership at Grace. Motion approved to remove the Yang family from membership at Grace per their request.
- Benno has been in contact with Brian Eichstadt who conveyed that he and his wife Maureen request removal from membership at Grace. Pastor then contacted the Eichstadt's but hasn't heard back from them. Consensus to wait until next meeting to hear back from them.
- Pastor received an email from Pastor Maas that Scott Baker has requested that his membership be transferred to Gift of God in Mapleton, ND. We are waiting for a direct request from Scott.
- Mission work in Liberia continues.
- Pastor presented a report pertaining to 2021. Included in the report was data on ministrations, attendance, and website traffic. Also included were copies of the 2022 calendar and master schedule.

Board of Elders Report

- 2021 CBP was \$52,000. Elders are recommending a 2022 CBP of \$53,000. Motion approved a CBP of \$53,000 for 2022.

Board of Trustees Report

- Thanks to Pat for all his work as a Trustee.
- Finishing up converting light fixtures in the classrooms to LED.
- Church workday in 2 weeks. Plan is to finish up with light fixture work in the classrooms along with other maintenance items.

Organ Committee

- Signed a purchase agreement for the new organ.
- Plan is to place speakers on each side of the altar. Holes will be cut in the wall.
- Plan is to keep the organ in the same location it is now.
- 90-100 days for the organ to arrive once order has been placed.
- Recommendation by the organ committee to order optional decorative side panels for the organ. There would be a slight price increase for this option.
- Barry Hay will install the new organ and speakers. Work should be able to be completed within the course of a week. He can also dispose of the old organ.

Board of Education Report

- Bags were assembled and given to the children after the Christmas Eve service.
- Considering background checks for field trip drivers.
- Considering larger enrollment for Grace. No change for upcoming school year.

Sanctuary Committee

- Recommendation that the Trustees purchase a robotic vacuum cleaner now to help in cleaning under the pews.
- The type of flooring installed under the pews is being discussed. Not having carpet would make the vacuuming easier. The committee is leaning toward keeping the carpet because good acoustics in the sanctuary are a priority. More work needed before a final decision is made
- Have had meetings with other churches that have made upgrades to their sanctuaries. Recommendation is to consider lighting first because it can affect several other items.
- Work is being done to prioritize the projects since everything won't be able to be done at once because of funding.
- Some discussion followed. There were comments on having a mix of flooring types and a suggestion to hire an acoustics consultant.

Election Results

- Board of Elders: Benno Sydow
- Chairman: Eli Wales
- Board of Education: Thomas Graham
- Board of Trustees: Rick Nelson
- Delegates: Thomas Graham, Benno Sydow
- Alternate Delegates: David Hein, Frank Radichel
- Key Executives (Bank): Rick Nelson, Bill Rust
- Motion approved to thank the outgoing officers for their service.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

LUTHER: The Word of God is the true holy thing above all holy things. Indeed, it is the only one we Christians acknowledge and have. Though we had the bones of all the saints or all the holy and consecrated vestments gathered together in one heap, they could not help us in the slightest degree, for they are all dead things that can sanctify no one. But God's Word is the treasure that sanctifies all things. By it all the saints themselves have been sanctified. At whatever time God's Word is taught, preached, heard, read, or pondered, there the person, the day, and the work are sanctified by it, not on account of the external work but on account of the Word which makes us all saints. Accordingly, I constantly repeat that all our life and work must be guided by God's Word if they are to be God-pleasing and holy. Where that happens the commandment is in force and is fulfilled. (Luther's Large Catechism, 3rd Commandment).

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** *Elder:* **Dave Rust**

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Wales** *School:* **Konway**

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Wales** *School:* **Konway**



† OUR SCHEDULE †

- Sun., Jan. 23:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 3)
- Wed., Jan. 26:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
- Sat., Jan. 29:** 9:00 am – Grace Work Day
- Sun., Jan. 30:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 4)
- Sun., Feb. 6:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Epiphany 5)
11:00 am – Hospitality
- Mon., Feb. 7:** 9:30 am - 3 pm: MN Pastoral Study Club @ Mankato, MN
- Wed., Mar. 2:** Ash Wednesday – Midweek Lenten Worship Begins

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 16, 2022 Sun.: 72 S.S.: 12 B.Cl.: 26 Wed.: 14

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,645	CLC:	\$815
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,250	CLC:	1,020
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+395	CLC:	-205
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$9,078	CLC:	\$1,540
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	12,750	CLC:	3,060
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-3,672	CLC:	-1,540
GLC Other: 2,315	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	150
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg:	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	\$3,592	Organ:	\$43,640

