

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Easter 4

Date: May 8, 2022

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 436: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

TLH 368: The Lord My Pasture Shall Prepare

LSB 711: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

TLH 648: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 23, TLH p. 128

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Projected)

Psalm 23: WS, p. 36

Scripture Readings:

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Sermon: Psalm 23:1-6

P: The LORD is my shepherd;

C: I shall not want.

P: He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

C: He leads me beside the still waters.

P: He restores my soul;

C: He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

P: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

C: For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C: You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;

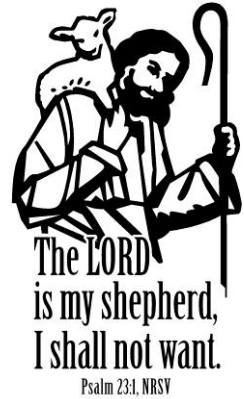
C: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.



“BIBBLE & SIP”

Martin Luther on Psalm 23

This metaphor is one of the most beautiful and comforting and yet most common of all in Scripture, when it compares his divine Majesty with a pious, faithful or—as Christ says—“good Shepherd,” and compares us poor, weak, miserable sinners with sheep. We can, however, understand this comforting and beautiful picture best when we consider the creature itself—out of which the Prophets have taken this and similar images—and diligently learn from it the traits and characteristics of a natural sheep and the office, work, and diligence of a pious shepherd. Whoever does this carefully will not only readily understand this comparison and others in Scripture concerning the shepherd and the sheep but also will find the comparisons exceedingly sweet and comforting.



A sheep must live entirely by its shepherd's help, protection, and care. As soon as it loses him, it is surrounded by all kinds of dangers and must perish, for it is quite unable to help itself. The reason? It is a poor, weak, simple little beast that can neither feed nor rule itself, nor find the right way, nor protect itself against any kind of danger or misfortune. Moreover, it is by nature timid, shy, and likely to go astray. When it does go a bit astray and leaves its shepherd, it is unable to find its way back to him; indeed, it merely runs farther away from him. Though it may find other shepherds and sheep, that does not help it, for it does not know the voices of strange shepherds. Therefore it flees them and strays about until the wolf seizes it or it perishes some other way. ...

This Shepherd, however, whom the prophet foretold so long before, is Christ our dear Lord, who is a shepherd much different from Moses. Moses is harsh and unfriendly toward his sheep. He drives them away into the desert, where they will find neither pasture nor water but only want. Christ, however, is the good, friendly Shepherd who goes after a famished and lost sheep in the wilderness, seeks it there and, when He has found it, lays it on His shoulder rejoicing. He even “gives His life for His sheep.” He is a friendly Shepherd. Who would not be happy to be His sheep?

Council Meeting Notes – May 1, 2022

Installation of James Bomber who will serve the remainder of Ryan Oman's term on the Bd. of Ed. March Council meeting minutes read and approved. April Council meeting minutes read and approved. No treasurer's report.

Pastors Report

- Pastor has sent emails to members who haven't been in attendance recently. Some haven't responded. Elders have been notified. It was good to see a lot of members attend for Easter.
- Dave Rust took students to the ILC visitors' day. Two are members and two are non-members.
- No confirmands this year.
- Graduation is Sun., May 29. Grace graduates area N. Story and M. Rinne.
- A livestreaming link has been added to the church website. Suggestion to add a seasonal info box to the homepage to show timely info.
- Seems like the projector issues are more common. Will talk to Frank about it.
- Liberia - Joseph Kwiwalazu has been holding classes. Pastor is waiting to hear from the Board of Missions about funding Joseph's efforts.
- Question about the VBS theme for this year. Board of Ed would like to include this info on the flyer distributed at the parade.

Board of Elders Report

- None

Board of Education Report

- The kindergarten roundup was held recently. Of the 4 who attended, 3 are likely to attend next year.
- The Iowa Basic tests, recently administered, are used more by the teachers to gauge student improvement than how Grace stacks up to other schools.
- The month of May, which includes a picnic and the play, is a busy month.
- The Spring Lake Park parade application will be submitted this week.

Board of Trustees Report

- Workday was cancelled this weekend because of weather although some still worked. Plans are to reschedule for this coming Saturday, beginning at 9 am.
- One of the 2 water meters had some sediment that prevented it from reading correctly. Because of this the church was underbilled for its water usage. The city installed a new meter and checked the other one. A larger than normal payment will need to be made to get paid up.
- Items can now be returned to the storage area behind the altar. Some purging of the items should be done prior to this. Old documents maybe could be scanned. Maybe a volunteer could help with this task. Some discussion followed on what to keep and using storage in the garage attic.

Other Business

- The teachers mentioned that the copy machine is having some issues.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

† **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** †

- ➔ **Mother's Day:** We thank the LORD for the gift of Christian mothers who willingly take up the responsibility of seeking the eternal welfare of their children through training in God's Word.
- ➔ **Divine Call:** This past Sunday Immanuel Lutheran Church in Winter Haven, FL, extended a call to Pastor Hein to serve in their midst. The congregation has 98 members with a school that currently has 23 students, mostly non-members. Pastor is prayerfully considering this call along with his current call to Grace Lutheran and invites constructive Christian counsel.
- ➔ **Among Us:** Fred Dauer has returned home from the hospital after treatment for pneumonia and COVID, the latter which is impacting his mobility but not his breathing. Jenettie Miesen is now hospitalized at North Memorial for treatment of pneumonia. Jane Cowan will be undergoing an angiogram tomorrow with the possibility of a stent. Alvin Jask continues to receive treatment for a concussion and other related issues resulting from his accident in Liberia. Our Good Shepherd promises He will tend to His sheep.
- ➔ **Midweek Bible Class:** We are studying the report the 2021 Convention requested of the Board of Doctrine and the Joint Statement Committee. This will be presented at this summer's upcoming Convention. Join us on Wednesday at 7 pm.
- ➔ **Flowers:** Outside planting in various places around the property will take place on Saturday, May 14, 8 am. Help would be appreciated. Any questions can be directed to Heidi Nelson.
- ➔ **Work Day:** Thanks to everyone who came to help yesterday.
- ➔ **Organ Platform:** Early this past week volunteers updated the platform at the back of the church by expanding it to allow space for the new organ. We thank all those who were involved at various stages of this project.
- ➔ **Scanning:** The Council is looking for someone who might be willing to scan historical church records here at Grace. They desire to archive these records for preservation purposes. If anyone is willing to do this, please speak with Eli Wales.

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY

➔ **School Program:** On Wed., May 25, 7 pm, the children of our day school will be putting on their annual spring play. All members and friends of Grace are invited to show support of the children's efforts and of our school. Refreshments will follow the program.



➔ **Ascension Worship:** 40 days after Jesus' resurrection He ascended into heaven visibly from His disciples. Knowing that He was now seated at the right hand of the Father in full glory and ruling over all things, they worshipped Him with great joy. Our opportunity to worship Him is Thurs., May 26, 7 pm.

➔ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is planning for the 2022-23 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please speak to one of the teachers for an enrollment form.

➔ **Graduates:** Please list any member of Grace that is graduating this year (Jan-Dec 2022) on the sheet by the guest book. Include the school's name and the degree. Our Graduation Sunday is May 29. N. Story and M. Rinne will also graduate from Grace School that day.

➔ **Graduation Invitations:** The bulletin board by Pastor's office includes some invitations from this year's graduates.

➔ **Parade:** The Spring Lake Park Tower Days parade is Thursday, June 9. It's a fun event that allows us to get our name out into the community. We encourage all of our families to come and walk in the parade. We usually meet at 5:45 p.m. in the parking lot of Woodcrest School and together we walk down Able St. to the parade site. The parade starts at 6:30 and usually lasts a little more than an hour. Please speak with James Bomber for more details.



➔ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The *Lutheran Spokesman* is a publication by the CLC which is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. Those who currently receive the publication are listed on a sheet by the guestbook. If you no longer wish to receive it, please cross out your name. If you don't receive it and would like to, please sign up. The congregation covers the cost.

➔ **Daily Rest:** *Daily Rest* is a daily devotion book printed quarterly by the CLC. It is time to renew subscriptions or get a new subscription if you would like to receive this edifying material. The deadline to subscribe is June 1. Jan Davis has graciously offered to collect the \$15 payments. You may give this payment to her directly or mail your payment in her name to her address: Jan Davis, 7986 Van Buren Street NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. Please contact her (davis7986@gmail.com/612-590-5354) for instructions if you wish to submit your payment electronically through Zelle® or Venmo®.

➔ **The Branches:** “The Branches” renewal list is by the guest book. This is a quarterly publication for Christian women. Please check your name if you want to continue receiving this publication, making any corrections to the listed information. If you are not receiving “The Branches” now is the time to add your name to the list. The congregation pays for the subscription. Contact: Sandy Hulke.

➔ **Summer Worship Schedule:** On Sunday, May 29, the summer schedule will begin with worship service held at 9 am. Bible Class and Sunday School will be suspended for the summer.



➔ **Vacation Bible School:** On July 25-29, 9:00-11:30 am, we will be having our VBS. This includes children age 4 years, to children going into eighth grade. Please register your children on the sheet by the guest book. In preparing for VBS, we will need to put together a staff, including teachers and coordinators for crafts and music. Please consider this labor of love and let Pastor know of your willingness.



➔ **CLC Midwest Women’s Retreat Update:** Due to feedback we have received and in talking with the retreat location coordinator, we have cancelled this year’s retreat and postponed it to 2023. We are still waiting on a date for next year. Going forward, we are looking for volunteers to take over the planning and running of the retreat. Both of us intend to step down from this role, but are willing to help transition the responsibilities to the new coordinators in 2023. Please email (emradichel@gmail.com) if you are interested in taking over this retreat. Thank you, Erin Radichel & Sarah Radichel.

➔ **Concluding Activities at Immanuel:** Friday, May 20, will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the LORD God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 3 pm. The band will play during this event. At 7:30 pm there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Mass Choir and Tour Choir at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday, May 21, there will be the concluding Graduation worship service at 10 am at the ILC Fieldhouse. We pray that the students will take what they have learned from the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the LORD Immanuel in their daily walk with Him.

➔ **Immanuel Athletic Boosters (IAB)** regularly staffs security at the Blue Ox music festival each summer. The money earned goes toward purchases for the ILHS sports teams. Volunteers are needed right now because the spots are about to be offered to other groups and we will miss this great earning potential. The Blue Ox event is quite low-key and your parking and entrance is free when you work a shift at a gate. Please contact Tom Beekman at thomasbeekman1961@gmail.com or 715-491-2025 to volunteer or for more information.

➔ **CLC News:** Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, has received the call to Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL.

➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #26 – Sacrament of the Altar 3 & 4

Last Week's Stats: May 1, 2022				Sun.: 71	S.S.: 14	B.Cl.: 30	Wed.: 24
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,216	CLC:	\$690			
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,250	CLC:	1,020			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,034	CLC:	-330			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$78,029	CLC:	\$18,225			
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	76,500	CLC:	18,360			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+1,529	CLC:	-135			
GLC Other: 410	Living Faith:	5	Tuition Aid:	165			
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	160	Kinship:	200			
ILC Student Aid: 15	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0			
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	\$1,422	Organ:	\$51,862			

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: Sue Nelson

Elder: Dale Enns

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

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers? School: Vandever

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: Ochsner

School: Vandever

† OUR SCHEDULE †

- Sun., May 8:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 4)
- Wed., May 11:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
- Sat., May 14:** 8:00 am – Flower Planting
- Sun., May 15:** 8:45 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 5)
11:15 am – Hospitality
3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital
- Fri., May 20:** 12:00 pm – Grace School Early Dismissal
3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day @ ILC Fieldhouse
7:30 pm – Immanuel Spring Concert @ Messiah Lutheran
- Sat., May 21:** 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation Service @ ILC Fieldhouse
- Wed., May 25:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Spring Program
- Thu., May 26:** **ASCENSION DAY**
12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer
7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship Service
- Sun., May 29:** **Summer Worship Schedule Begins**
9:00 am – Worship (Graduation Sunday)
- Mon., May 30:** Memorial Day
- Sat., June 11:** 10:00 am – MN Delegate Conference @ Eagle Lake, MN
- June 23-26:** CLC Convention @ Eau Claire, WI
- July 25-29:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School
- Sun., Aug. 21:** 3:00 pm – Immanuel Opening Service
- Mon., Aug. 29:** Opening Day of Grace School

