

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

Church Year: Pentecost 10

Date: August 14, 2022

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 242: Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound  
TLH 454, st. 1-5: Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire  
TLH 457: What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
TLH 45: Now, the Hour of Worship O'er

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalms 6, TLH p. 124

### Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)  
WS p. 42, Psalm 121

### Scripture Readings:

Colossians 2:6-15  
Luke 11:1-13

### Sermon: Genesis 18:20-32

<sup>20</sup> And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup> "I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup> Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> "Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare *it* for the fifty righteous that were in it? <sup>25</sup> "Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" <sup>26</sup> So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes." <sup>27</sup> Then Abraham answered and said, "Indeed now, I who *am but* dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: <sup>28</sup> "Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for *lack of* five?" So He said, "If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy *it*." <sup>29</sup> And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose there should be forty found there?" So He said, "I will not do *it* for the sake of forty." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not do *it* if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> And he said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not destroy *it* for the sake of twenty." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy *it* for the sake of ten." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

**CONVERSE HUMBLY & BOLDLY WITH THE LORD**

## ✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **School Volunteers:** Grace Lutheran School is looking for volunteers to assist the teachers with the upcoming school year: recess monitor, lunch monitor, study hall monitor, assisting with children reading, etc. Those interested, please speak with or contact Janelle Hein (janellehein@gmail.com) or James Bomber.
- ➔ **Sunday School Teachers:** Sunday School begins the Sunday after Labor Day and we are looking for volunteers to teach. It is a great opportunity to instruct our youth about the truths of scripture. If you are interested in teaching or subbing, please let Pastor know.
- ➔ **Summer Hospitality:** If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ➔ **Immanuel Opening:** The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will be on Sun. Aug. 21, 3 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. For more details about the opening weekend schedule, see ilc.edu. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as the students grow in the truth of God's saving Word!
- ➔ **Women's Retreat:** The women of the Southeastern Conference of the CLC will be hosting a women's retreat at Myrtle Beach, SC, October 7-9, 2022. Any CLC women who would like to join us (as well as any friends) can obtain a registration form from their pastor or can find it on the "CLC Southeastern Women's Retreat Information" Facebook page. The registration deadline is Sept. 1.
- ➔ **CLC Education Fund:** The CLC Convention established a new fund now called the "Education Fund." A proposal is expected at the 2024 Convention to potentially fund the establishment of new Christian Day Schools and provide support to already established schools. The new fund will collect offerings to prepare for that possible reality.
- ➔ **Installation:** Pastor Mark Tiefel will be installed as pastor of Peace Thru Christ in Middleton, WI on Sunday, August 21. The service will be at 3:00 pm with a fellowship meal to follow.

*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 the Pastor. He would be delighted to visit with you!*

## CLC Financial Report - July

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2022	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 1 Month	Balance 7/31/2022
<b>General Fund</b>	0	100,149	120,856	105,200	- 20,707
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	86,131	144,932	126,400	- 58,801
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) **	223,343	10,055	656		232,742
ILC Building Projects **	1,164,731	36,699	930		1,200,500
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	168,733	7,994	12,637		164,090
Kinship	194,437	10,421	18,716		186,142
Church Extension Fund (CEF) **	2,539,155	83,416	73,853		2,548,718
Student Aid Fund (SAF) **	127,406	11,677	925		138,158
CLC Reserve Fund**(YTD gains/losses)	190,153	7,894	0		198,407
<b>Auxiliary Funds Totals</b>	<b>4,607,958</b>	<b>\$168,156</b>	<b>\$107,717</b>		<b>\$4,668,397</b>

**General Fund – July** offerings were \$100,149 (incl \$21,943 special) **VS** disbursements of \$120,856. Note the \$0 balances for the General Fund & ILC Operations to begin the new fiscal year July 1. At the fiscal year end June 30, the CLC Reserve Fund receives positive balances from any unspent Board subsidies & General Fund positive balances, or pays year end deficits of the 4 Boards & the General Fund. All of the other fund balances carry over, as can be seen above, since they receive no subsidy. The Reserve Fund is invested in interest bearing accounts til needed each fiscal year end. Note the General Fund July offerings fell only \$5,000 short of the \$105,200/mo budget needs. The ILC Operating budget was positive the last fiscal year and will recover from the July shortfall with student revenues when school resumes this month. The General Fund budget is funded only by our offerings. Let us fund it generously to subsidize the work of the Boards of Missions, Trustees, EdPub, & Regents. The Lord faithfully keeps His promise to supply our daily manna and so much more, even in these materially difficult times. Best of all, He supplies the heavenly manna of His grace to strengthen our faith in these spiritually difficult times to trust that He will never leave or forsake us!

**ILC Operations – July** revenue \$65,295 (\$63,810 monthly General Fund subsidy) **VS** disbursements of \$144,292. The yearend positive balance of \$89,272 was returned subsidy to the General Fund.

**IIF – July** receipts: \$10,055 (\$3,750 special gift), **VS** \$656 disbursed. Div/Int income FY23: \$331.

**ILC Bldg – July** recpt: \$3,263 (\$2,453/mo bequest) **VS** disb :\$930. Div/Int income FY23: \$4,806.

**CEF – July** receipts: \$20,412 loan repayments & \$40 gift **VS** disbursed: \$73,852 (incl \$70,000 CEF loan to Peace Thru Christ, Middleton). Div/Int income FY23: \$6,203.

**MDF – July** receipts: \$7,994 **VS** disbursed \$12,637 (\$9,220 building assist; \$1,385 Africa outreach).

**SAF – July** receipts: \$11,667 (\$6,451 loan repayments; \$4,000 special gift) **VS** disb \$925 admin. Div/Int income FY23: SAF: \$4,260; PMP Fund: \$5,156; Scholarship Fund: \$340.

**Kinship – July** receipts: \$10,421: (\$3,302 offerings, \$7,090 sponsors) **VS** disbursed: \$1,815 (\$9,690, Sem student sponsorships; \$8,920 orphan support; \$90 widow support).

\*\* Positive & negative fluctuations in the chart revenue column for the ILC Building Projects, IIF, CEF, SAF, & Reserve Fund reflect gains & losses in portfolio values from market fluctuations each month.

*James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer / Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees*

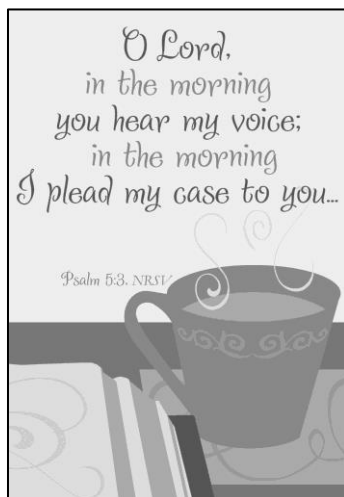
## CLC E-Devotion – July 23, 2022

Psalm 5:3 Morning by morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; Morning by morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

### Lessons on Prayer

From the above verse we notice that David's prayer life was (1) disciplined, (2) confident, and (2) expectant.

David had the *discipline* to petition the Lord morning by morning. He was in the habit of laying his requests before the LORD every day at a specified time. Certainly we can pray any time and in any place. As we go about our busy day we often send up quick petitions to our Heavenly Father, as, I'm sure, David did. But the men of God in the Bible teach us the value of setting aside regular time every day to get away with our Father for those wonderful heart-to-heart talks.



Certainly David's discipline in prayer flowed from the fact that he was also *confident* in prayer. David was certain that his prayers were being heard and taken seriously. "O LORD, you hear my voice!" His confidence had nothing to do with himself. David's many sins are clearly cataloged, and show that he did not deserve gracious answers to his prayers. David's confidence was in the LORD, who forgives sin and promised David a Savior. Later in Psalm 5 David says, "But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house." David knew his LORD was filled with great mercy, and therefore, would answer his prayers. Later in the Psalms he boasts of a Savior God who removes his sins as far as the east is from the west. The cross of Jesus is our great confidence in prayer!

Prayer is also *expectant*. "I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation." Confident that God answers our prayers for Jesus' sake, we can wait in certain expectation for an answer. Here is where many of us often fail. We pray, but then forget to be to on the lookout for an answer. It's like asking your mom for an ice cream bar, but then walking out the door before she has a chance to say "yes" or "no". Here's some advice given to me: Write down your specific prayer, tape it to the refrigerator, and then keep a careful eye out for how the LORD will answer that prayer. Once we start really waiting in joyful expectation for answers to our prayers, prayer becomes all that much more wonderful and exciting. Of course, remember that God will answer our prayers not in ways we may think best, but in ways He knows are best.

## **CLC E-Devotion – August 8, 2022**

Galatians 2:20 I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### **What Are You Living For?**

What are you living for today? Are you looking forward to some much needed downtime, outdoor activities with the family, an out of town road trip, or catching up on chores around the house? We all have daily plans and schedules, but what are you really living for? Some say, “I live for the weekend...I live for my children...I live for work...I live to get ahead.” There are all kinds of responses, but if someone is living first and foremost for the people, things, and circumstances of this earth, they will sooner or later be left without a purpose. The weekend comes to a close Sunday night. The kids grow up and move out. The job is cut or retirement arrives. The game or activity which used to be so much fun, doesn’t have the attraction it once did. Summer quickly turns into fall. Solomon says of it: “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless” (Ecclesiastes 1:2). Then what is there to live for and be excited about?

Paul writes: “To live is Christ” (Philippians 1:21). “I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). The apostle, I’m sure, appreciated a good meal, a leisurely weekend, time with friends, and maybe sitting in the stands with other fans to watch a race or some other athletic competition. But those things were not what his life was all about. He didn’t live for them, but for the Lord, who had lived and died for Paul. Through faith in Christ, he was a child of God and heir of heaven. That was something to be excited about every day of his life. He had a meaningful purpose in life, far more important than just paying the bills and waiting for the weekend. He was a witness of Jesus to others. He had the privilege of sharing the good news of a Savior from sin with fellow sinners wherever he went. Each day brought him new opportunities to live for the Lord.

When you wonder, “What am I doing? What’s the point? Does today really matter?” remember that you, too, are a child of God by faith in Jesus. He has paid for all your sins and made peace between you and God. He lives in you by the working of the Holy Spirit. He has a purpose for you today and a home for you in eternity. Live for Him. John sums up God’s will as to “believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us” (1 John 3:23). Look around and you will see opportunities to put Christ’s love into practice wherever you are today. Live for Him every day!

# † TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Dale Enns

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Nick Duehlmeier;  
Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

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

Church Cleaners: Anderson

# † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Nick Duehlmeier;  
Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

# † OUR SCHEDULE †

**Sun., Aug. 14:** 9:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 10)

**Sun., Aug. 21:** 9:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 11)

11:00 am – Council Meeting (Rescheduled)

3:00 pm – Immanuel Opening Service

**Tues., Aug. 23:** 7:00 pm – Grace School Ice Cream Social

**Sun., Aug. 28:** 9:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 12)

**Mon., Aug. 29:** 8:00 am – Opening Day of Grace School

**Last Week's Stats:** Aug. 7, 2022 Sun.: 64

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,876	CLC:	\$490			
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,250	CLC:	1,020			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,374	CLC:	-530			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$137,505	CLC:	\$36,295			
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	136,000	CLC:	32,640			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+1,505	CLC:	+3,655			
GLC Other:	10	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	150		
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	400	Kinship:	100		
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid: \$3,107					



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