

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 18/Mission Festival

Date: October 9, 2022

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 496: Hark! the Voice of Jesus Crying

CDS: LSB 830: Spread the Reign of God the Lord

Choir: WS 770: I Hear the Savior Calling

TLH 254, st. 1-4, 7-8: Lord God, We All to Thee

LSB 521: Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

TLH 508: Thou Whose Almighty Word

Worship Prep:

Psalm 66, TLH p. 136

Liturgy:

Projected (WS 764 & TLH 498)

Scripture Readings:

Zephaniah 1:1-6

Revelation 12:7-12

Luke 10:17-20

Sermon: Zephaniah 1:4-6

⁴ "I will stretch out My hand against Judah, And against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. I will cut off every trace of Baal from this place, The names of the idolatrous priests with the *pagan* priests-- ⁵ Those who worship the host of heaven on the housetops; Those who worship and swear *oaths* by the LORD, But who *also* swear by Milcom; ⁶ Those who have turned back from *following* the LORD, And have not sought the LORD, nor inquired of Him." (NKJVTM)

**PASTOR SHOULD NOT
CHANGE YOUR OIL**

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

➔ **Mission Festival:** We thank Pastor Johnathan Schnose from Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN, for serving as today's guest preacher. He and his wife, Jen, live in Hancock, MN. Following our worship service everyone is invited for a potluck meal in the fellowship hall. Dorcas Guild Committee #1 will host.



Missions Sunday

➔ **Among Us:** Early this week Fred Dauer momentarily blacked out and then collapsed in his home. He is hospitalized in Maple Grove and is receiving treatment after testing positive for COVID. He is breathing OK but is receiving oxygen due to lower-than-normal levels. He has no bodily injuries. Psalm 89:8 O LORD God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

➔ **Mailboxes:** Next week we will be returning to the bulletins being placed in the members' mailboxes.

➔ **Organ Dedication:** Grace's organ dedication has been set by the Elders for our regular Sunday 10 am worship service on October 30. Ryan Mueller and Barry Hay have been asked to serve as our guest organists that day, and our Grace organists who are with us will be playing at least one hymn.



➔ **Hymn Survey:** For our upcoming organ dedication, Pastor has prepared a congregational survey on what Grace's favorite hymns are. This is online at: <https://forms.gle/VGg7cs5zyut1Krv28>. Any Grace member who is age 10 and over may submit one response. We ask that those who can do so, please do the survey online as this will help tally the results. Please type in your first and last name where asked and then make up to 20 choices of your favorite hymns by checking the box of each of your favorite hymns. When done, be sure to click on "Submit" at the bottom of the survey after you've made your choices. If you've checked more than 20 hymns, the survey will warn you at the bottom that you "Must select at most 20 options." If this happens, you can still uncheck boxes until the warning is gone and then it will allow you to submit. Given that there may be a few who need to do the survey via hard copy, please speak with Pastor.

- ➔ **Minnesota Conference Joint Reformation Service:** All are welcome to join us as we celebrate Reformation Day at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. The service will be held at 4 pm on Sun., October 30. A potluck will follow the service. Area congregation members coming to the service are welcome to bring along a side dish or dessert to share if they would like.
- ➔ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day** is Fri., November 11 on the ILC campus in Eau Claire, WI. Activities will begin with chapel soon after 10 am in the Field House, followed by presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 pm. Come and learn more about your church's college, and consider continuing your education in a solidly Christian setting! Visitors will be our guests for lunch and supper in the cafeteria, and in the evening are invited to join us for ILC's fall theatrical production, *Is There a Doctor in the House?* Speak with your pastor if you're interested in attending. For questions, contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann. Office: 715-836-6636, cell: 253-228-8736, e-mail: paul.naumann@ilc.edu.
- ➔ **Teacher Graduate:** Mr. Levi Schaller will graduate from the teaching program at ILC at the end of this calendar year. In accord with our usual practice, congregations who wish to call a teaching graduate are asked to send the call form along with the accompanying letter to me by December 5, 2022. The call committee will convene at a later date to consider any calls submitted. – CLC President Michael Eichstadt
- ➔ **2023 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** Applications are being accepted for the 2023 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip so please apply early. Find more information at: mht.lutheranmissions.org.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Hecla, SD, has returned the call to serve as Resident East Africa Missionary, 3rd full-time CLC missionary, to reside in Arusha, Tanzania.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work: #37 – Evening Prayer**

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 2, 2022 Sun.: 67 S.S.: 9 B.Cl.: 32 Wed.: 22

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,629	CLC:	\$640
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,250	CLC:	1,020
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,621	CLC:	-380
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$174,437	CLC:	\$42,585
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	170,000	CLC:	40,800
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+4,437	CLC:	+1,785
GLC Other: 23	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	70
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	300	Kinship:	110
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$523*

* \$3,705 was recently distributed to the two students attending ILHS in Eau Claire, WI

Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken



1.Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en
 2.Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle,
 3.Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges,
 4.Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing,
 5.Swift as light - ning falls the ty - rant
 6.Je sus, send Your an - gel le - gions



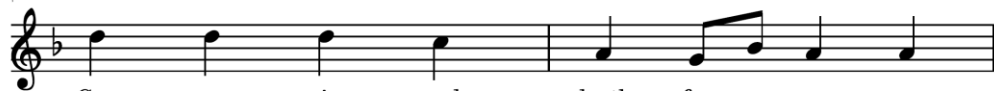
By the dev - il's seeth - ing rage;
 God - ly an - gels by his side;
 Since the ser - pent's first de - ceit;
 Tram - pled Sa - tan, death de - fied;
 From his heav'n - ly perch on high,
 When the foe would us en - slave.



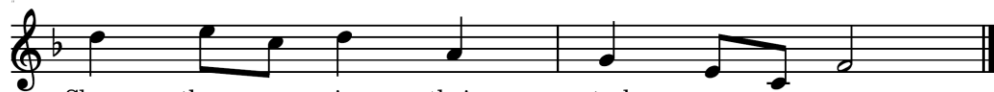
Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
 Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
 Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
 Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,
 As the word of Je - sus' vic - t'ry
 Hold us fast when sin as - saults us;



Wins the strife from age to age;
 Foiled the beast, so full of pride,
 Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet.
 On the wretch - ed tree He died.
 Floods the earth and fills the sky.
 Come, then, Lord, Your peo - ple save.



Con - quers sin and death for ev - er;
 Cast him earth - bound with his an - gels;
 Then the curse of God was an - ken;
 Yet to life was raised vic - to - rious;
 Wound - ed by a wound e - ter - nal
 O - ver - throw at last the dra - gon;



Slams them in their steel - y cage.
 Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
 "You'll lie crushed be - neath His feet!"
 By His life our life sup - plied.
 Now his judg - ment has drawn nigh!
 Send him to his fi - ery grave.

CLC President's Letter – October 1, 2022

Tired of all the political ads leading up to the November midterms? Instead of helping to clarify candidates' stands on the issues, they distort and confuse. In the Milwaukee TV market an ad for one candidate is often followed immediately by a spot for their opponent which contradicts everything said in the previous ad. How do you get to the truth? There is only one way and that is to consult reliable sources and research the candidates and their positions.

It was the search for truth in confusing times which drove Martin Luther into the Scriptures. He had been taught from little on that good works were necessary for salvation, that acts of penance would help one's status before God, and that the saints' treasury of merits could work toward balancing his account before God. But was this true? The question haunted him until he found the answer in God's unchanging Word. Luther concluded that popes and councils can err, but God's Word stands forever. The truth which filled him with such peace and joy was that "a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law" (Rom. 3:28). Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth" (Jn. 17:17).

We live in spiritually confusing times too. False teachings of every imaginable sort are spread via social media, websites, and in everyday conversations. Many of those teachings sound good. They may have a grain of truth, and they may be promoted by very likable people. "Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:14). How are we to be sure of the truth? There is only one way, and that is to continually be in the Word. Jesus says, "You search the Scriptures because you think you have eternal life in them. They testify about me!" (Jn. 5:39). No one ever outgrows the need to be in the Word daily. Sitting at the Lord's feet in personal Bible study is the foundation for growth in faith and understanding. Area study clubs and pastoral conferences are also vital. They are well worth the time and effort. Let's make the most of them.

Time in the Word is just as important for the flocks under our care. The Sunday service is where most receive the feast of the Gospel for the nurture of their souls. What is troubling is that another opportunity is so under-utilized among us. What percentage of those in a Sunday worship service attend a Bible class, either Sunday or midweek—50%, 25%, 10%? The Bible class is really a perfect complement to the worship service. While a 20 minute sermon provides an uninterrupted hearing of the Word, Bible class provides time for in-depth and specific study of a Bible book, a topic relevant to daily life, or a Scriptural doctrine. The worship service is rightly liturgical and reverent. Bible class with its more informal structure provides opportunity for questions and back-and-forth conversation. It is not just for a few. Bible class is for everyone. May we encourage all of our fellow believers to take part and so receive the blessings God wants to give them in His eternal Word. It is the truth which cuts through all the confusion and points to Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

In His name, Michael Eichstadt, CLC President

Why Are You Here?

CLC Board of Missions CLC Coordinating Council – September 2022

Why are you here? What is your purpose in life? It isn't important what you "want" to accomplish. The real question is "For what purpose did God put you here?" Some might look at this question and feel that the answer might vary from one individual to the next. But that is a different question altogether which gets into the Christian doctrine of vocation. The question we are asking here precedes that topic and lays a foundation for it.

The answer to the question, "Why are you here?" is simple. It is twofold and it is the same for every one of us. Let's start with the first part of the answer.

"Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other" (Isaiah 45:22).

"[God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

Why are you here? For what purpose has God given you, and every other human being, life? So that you (and they) come to know the one true God by faith. This is God's desire for every human being. Without this, we are all lost and damned to hell. Since this is God's purpose for you and for me, He has provided resources so we might look to Him and be saved. He has sent messengers into this fallen world called prophets, apostles and evangelists. He has recorded and preserved His word throughout the centuries that we might come to the knowledge of the truth. He has instituted the Sacraments for the creating and sustaining of our faith in Him. God doesn't leave His purpose for us up to us or to chance. He does something so His purpose might be fulfilled for and in us.

But then what? Is God finished with us then? No, that is just part one of His purpose for us.

"Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples" (Psalm 96:2-3).

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

Once we are brought to faith, God's purpose is to use us to bring His good news of salvation to others. We become witnesses of His glory, and our lives are given purpose in making disciples of all the nations. What a privilege to be given such an important purpose. We are needed. God uses us to serve others, just as He used others to serve us. Others need us. There are many who are lost in the darkness of sin and destined for eternal death.

God has a purpose for every one of us. Christ's life and death have given our lives the greatest purpose of all. May our gracious LORD encourage each of us individually and corporately in this great and glorious purpose!

Council Meeting Notes – October 2, 2022

Meeting opened with prayer. September Council meeting minutes read and approved. September Treasurers report was presented and approved.

Pastors Report

- Instruction classes continue with Dan Kelley and Jeremy Angstrom.
- Seminarian Paul Agenten will preach at Grace on Sunday, October 23 while Pastor will preach at Bethel (Morris, MN) for their Mission Festival.
- The organ dedication has been scheduled for the Sunday, October 30 morning service. Ryan Mueller and Barry Hay will be guest organists. Grace's organists will also take part. Members have been invited to participate in a survey to find the congregation's favorite hymns.
- Normally Pastor has gone to Liberia in November, but he is considering going in January 2023. The independent Methodist group is having a district conference that he would like to attend. The trip would begin the second week of January and last 3 weeks.
- The MN Joint Reformation service is typically hosted by Immanuel-Mankato but maybe Grace could host in the future.

Board of Elders Report

- Church picnic but had issues with the grill. Some discussion followed.

Board of Education Report

- ILHS tuition payment has been made.
- Background checks are done.
- Field trip to the nature center last Friday.
- CLC Teachers' Conference in Eau Claire, October 19-21.

Board of Trustees Report

- Nothing to report – business as usual.

Other Business

- Benno modified the pew from by the old organ and it is now installed in front of rightmost section. He will also be making some chairs out of the remaining portion that will re-place the folding chairs by the organ. Ann Radichel is helping with the upholstery.
- Benno commented on sanctuary improvements. One decision that will be needed is whether a traditional or contemporary design is desired.
- Motion approved to present the following 2023 budget to the voters:
 - Elders: \$86,500
 - Education: \$108,000
 - Trustees: \$41,000
 - Total: \$235,500

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Janelle Hein**

Elder: **Benno Sydow**

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Hulke**

School: **Kelley**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Hulke**

School: **Konway**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Oct. 9: Mission Festival w/Pastor John Schnose (Bethel-Morris, MN)
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Mission Festival Worship Service
11:00 am – Mission Festival Potluck Meal

Oct. 9-11: Minnesota Pastoral Conference (Annandale, MN)

Wed., Oct. 12: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class (Proverbs)

Sun., Oct. 16: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 19)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

Mon., Oct. 17: Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 17-21: No School

Oct. 19-21: CLC Teachers' Conference (Eau Claire, WI)

Sun., Oct. 23: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 20)

Sat., Oct. 29: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Sun., Oct. 30: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service with Organ Dedication
4:00 pm – MN Joint Reformation Festival (Mankato, MN)

Fri., Nov. 11: ILC Visitors' Day (Eau Claire, WI)

Nov. 11 & 12: 7:30 pm – ILC Musical "Is There a Doctor in the House?"

