

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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

**Church Year:** Pentecost 19

**Date:** October 16, 2022

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 24: Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care

Choir: WS 770: I hear the Savior Calling

TLH 379: I Do Not Come Because My Soul

TLH 371: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

TLH 391: Blessed are the Sons of God

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 38, TLH p. 132

### Liturgy:

WS p. 12 (Projected)

### Scripture Readings:

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-8

### Sermon: Luke 16:13-17

<sup>13</sup> “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” <sup>14</sup> Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him. <sup>15</sup> And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God. <sup>16</sup> “The law and the prophets *were* until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it. <sup>17</sup> “And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail.” (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD, NOT MEN

## ✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Today:** Voters and Dorcas Guild meetings following hospitality.
- ➔ **Among Us:** Fred Dauer has returned home from the hospital but continues in quarantine as he recovers from COVID.
- ➔ **Mailboxes:** Today we are 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/VCG7cs5zyut1Krv28>. Any Grace member who is age 10 and over may submit one response.
- ➔ **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 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! 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.
- ➔ **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](http://mht.lutheranmissions.org).
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye and Faith Lutheran in New Ulm, MN, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #3 – First Commandment



## CLC President's Message

The Christian life is defined by one thing above all else: the grace of our God. Each morning we open our eyes by that grace. Fleeing from Absalom, David said, *"I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me. I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn up against me on every side"* (Psalm 3:5-6). We receive the necessities of daily life by grace. *"You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing"* (Psalm 145:16).

God's grace is seen in all its divine wonder especially in His saving and preserving work in Christ. *"Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound"* (Romans 5:20). The one thing greater than the enormous debt of humankind's sin is the grace which moved the Father to impose on His Son the iniquity of us all. Jesus took our guilt and has clothed us with His perfect righteousness. By grace we have been snatched from eternal death and brought into God's kingdom.

Looking at life through the lens of grace, the prophet Jeremiah saw the light of hope in the darkest devastation. Because of Judah's stubborn rebellion, Jerusalem and the temple were reduced to rubble. Even then Jeremiah saw grace. *"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness"* (Lamentations 3:21-23).

The destructive effects of sin are evident around us today in the rubble of failed relationships, rampant immorality, divisiveness in communities, international tensions, wars, and growing hostility toward followers of Christ. We live in fearful times. Like Israel confronting the Arameans in the days of Elijah, we could be described as *"two small flocks of goats, while the Arameans covered the countryside"* (1 Kings 20:27).

Yet while we live in fearful times, we need not give in to fear, for we live by grace. We read in Psalm 62:11, *"One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving."* God is loving, slow to anger and quick to forgive. He is almighty. No enemy can defeat Him. No one can snatch us out of His loving hand.

As we stand in the wreckage of this sinful world, may God grant us the faith to see God's grace and the hope it brings. In setbacks, failures, disappointments and fears, whether as individuals or as a body of believers, may we humbly go to the Lord in repentance. May God's grace renew our joy and strength to live for Him. In successes may we see God's grace and praise Him for an abundance of undeserved blessings.

What a gracious God we have, who not only has saved us from sin and death, but who has entrusted to us the gospel treasure to share with the world! What a blessing to have the Spirit continually opening new doors through which we can go to the far corners of the world and tell fellow sinners, "Christ died and rose for you!" According to Jesus' urging, let us pray for more workers to go into the harvest fields. – Pastor Michael Eichstadt, September 2022

# ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner**      Elder: **Benno Sydow**

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: **D. & C. Degnan; L. Nelson; Barb Sydow**

Church Cleaners: **Hulke**      School: **Konway**

# ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Hulke**      School: **NA**

# ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- 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)
- Wed., Oct. 19:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class (Proverbs)
- 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?"



**Last Week's Stats:** Oct. 9, 2022    Sun.: 99    S.S.: 14    B.Cl.: 36    Wed.: 23

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,300	CLC:	\$815	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,250	CLC:	1,020	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+50	CLC:	-205	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$178,737	CLC:	\$43,400	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	174,250	CLC:	41,820	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+4,487	CLC:	+1,580	
GLC Other:	104	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	550
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	110
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
<b>Current Balances:</b>		<b>Tuition Aid: \$1,073</b>			