

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Saints Triumphant

Date: November 13, 2022

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 24: Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care

CDS & SS: TLH 568: We Praise Thee, O God

TLH 605: The World Is Very Evil

TLH 616: Forever with the Lord

TLH 660: I'm But a Stranger Here

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 150, TLH p. 157

Liturgy:

WS p. 12 (Projected)

WS p. 36, Psalm 23

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: Isaiah 35:3-10

³ Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those *who are* fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *With* the recompense of God; He will come and save you." ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶ Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. ⁷ The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, *There shall be* grass with reeds and rushes. ⁸ A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it *shall be* for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. ⁹ No lion shall be there, Nor shall *any* ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk *there*, ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (NKJVTM)


WHEN THE RANSOMED OF THE LORD RETURN

I. Then strength will replace weakness.

II. Then a lush garden will replace desert wasteland.

III. Then joy and gladness will replace sorrow and sighing.

✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Thanks** to Professor Paul Naumann for sharing the Word of God today and helping Pastor during his chemo treatment. He teaches at Immanuel in Eau Claire, particularly in the seminary.
- ➔ **Among Us:** Tom Graham was hospitalized this week for COVID. He has returned home and seems to be past the worst of his symptoms. This past Tuesday Pastor received his first chemo treatment. He will be receiving these every 3 weeks. www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein.
- ➔ **Thanksgiving Service:** On Wed. evening, Nov. 23, 7:00 pm, we will be having our Thanksgiving worship service. We have a wonderful opportunity to bring our hearts and praises before the altar of our Lord to express our thanks to Him. Psalm 92:1-2: "It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night." 
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Bruce Naumann of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to serve as the CLC's Third Foreign Missionary. ✝ Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL. ✝ Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI, has received the call to Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL. ✝ Recently retired pastor, Mark Bernthal, had a successful heart valve repair at Mayo in Rochester, MN.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #7 – Fifth Commandment

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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

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 E-Devotion – November 5, 2022

Numbers 11:23 Is the LORD'S arm too short? You will now see whether or not what I say will come true for you.

Making God Too Small?

Awake in the middle of the night with too much on your mind to sleep? It happens often these days. There's so much to think about, so many concerns, so many unknowns. Did I remember everything I needed to do today? Am I ready for tomorrow? What if I don't feel well? What if the person I'm counting on lets me down? What if something terrible happens? What if a situation you're facing is so dire there is no way you can overcome it?

Moses had nights like that as he led Israel through the wilderness. On one occasion the people complained bitterly that they were tired of having only manna to eat. They craved meat. In response God told them that He would give them so much meat, they would become sick of it. But Moses didn't see how that could possibly happen. "Here I am among six hundred thousand men on foot, and you say, 'I will give them meat to eat for a whole month!' Would they have enough if flocks and herds were slaughtered for them? Would they have enough if all the fish in the sea were caught for them?" (Numbers 11:21-22).

There was a problem, but it wasn't with God. The problem was Moses. He made God too small. In his mind he couldn't see how God could feed all the people, and so he concluded that God couldn't. He made God too small. Isn't that our problem too when we worry and despair of things working out? We can't see any solution and so decide there is none. We make God too small in our minds.

God answered Moses, "Is the LORD'S arm too short? You will now see whether or not what I say will come true for you" (Numbers 11:23). The Lord then used a strong wind to drive a massive flock of quail in from the sea and quail covered the camp of Israel a day's walk in every direction.

The Lord's arm is never too short. He is able to reach into each of our lives and provide everything we need for time and eternity. Look at what He has already accomplished. All our sins, from the guilt we were born with to our countless sins of yesterday, cut us off from God and condemned us to eternal punishment. It was hopeless. There was nothing we could do to escape God's righteous anger. But He already had the answer from eternity, and in the fullness of time He sent His Son to set us free by taking our sin and punishment upon Himself. There is no bigger problem than sin, no more hopeless situation. Since God in His grace overcame it in Christ, should we really be concerned about the lesser difficulties we face?

Let's not make God too small. Our sins of doubt, like all our other sins, have been paid for and expunged from our record. The Lord's arm is never too short to save. Knowing that, we can serve Him today with joy and sleep in peace tonight.

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

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

Ushers: **Gary Gunther; Daniel Hein; Alieu Kanneh; Bob Maki;
Bill Rust; David Stifter; Jeff Stifter; Joel Stifter**

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

Church Cleaners: **Ochsner** School: **Oman**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Gary Gunther; Daniel Hein; Alieu Kanneh; Bob Maki;
Bill Rust; David Stifter; Jeff Stifter; Joel Stifter**

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Ochsner** School: **Rinne**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Nov. 13:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 23)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Wed., Nov. 16:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
- Sun., Nov. 20:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Pentecost 24)
- Wed., Nov. 23:** 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal
7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship
- Thu., Nov. 24:** THANKSGIVING DAY (No Worship Service)
- Wed., Nov. 30:** 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship Service
- Sun. Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11:** 11:30-1:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- Wed., Dec. 7:** 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship Service
- Wed., Dec. 14:** 7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship Service
- Fri., Dec. 16:** 7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert (Messiah – Eau Claire, WI)
- Sun., Dec. 18:** 9:00 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Sat., Dec. 24:** 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship Service
- Sun., Dec. 25:** 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship Service

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 6, 2022 Sun.: 81 S.S.: 10 B.Cl.: 40

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,055	CLC:	\$600	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,250	CLC:	1,020	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-2,195	CLC:	-420	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$195,683	CLC:	\$45,935	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	187,000	CLC:	44,880	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+8,683	CLC:	+1,055	
GLC Other:	160	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	175
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	60	Kinship:	175
ILC Student Aid:	15	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$1,348				