

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Advent 1

Date: November 27, 2022

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 68: The Advent of Our King

TLH 254: Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise

TLH 63: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WS 715: Where Shepherds Lately Kneled

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 24, TLH p. 128

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 58 & 62

Scripture Readings:

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 3:1-8

Sermon: Luke 1:5-25

⁵ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years. ⁸ So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. ⁹ And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹⁰ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹¹ And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. ¹² But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹³ "And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. ¹⁴ "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁵ "And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁶ "He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." ¹⁷ And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years." ¹⁸ And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings. ¹⁹ "But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time." ²⁰ And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. ²¹ But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless. ²² And so it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. ²³ Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, ²⁴ "Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people." (NKJV)

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH: THE ANGEL APPEARS TO ZACHARIAS

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Season Worship Schedule

Midweek Advent Services:

Wed., Nov. 30 – 7:00 pm
Wed., Dec. 7 – 7:00 pm

“Angels We Have Heard on High,” with an emphasis on the Angel of the LORD. Special meditations to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

Candlelight Service:

Wed., Dec. 14 – 7:00 pm

A service of readings & hymns along with the lighting of candles to celebrate the light of Christ’s rule in our hearts.

Preceded by Congregational Christmas Meal @ 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service:

Sat., Dec. 24 – 6:00 pm

“Angels We have Heard on High.” A service in which the children present the timeless and treasured Christmas message.

I am bringing you
good news of great joy
for all the
people.



Christmas Day Service:

Sun., Dec. 25 – 10:00 am

A service in which we ponder the fulfillment of Christ being born as True Man and True God in order to bring us salvation.

ANGELS

WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

MINISTRIES FOUND ONLINE

www.FridleyLutheran.org

Some website links:



- Grace Lutheran Church: www.FridleyLutheran.org
- Grace on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CLCGraceLutheranChurch
- Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC): www.clclutheran.org
- Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, & Seminary (ILC): www.ilc.edu
- CLC Missions: www.lutheranmissions.org
- The CLC Book House (CLC book store): www.clcbookhouse.org
- The Lutheran Spokesman (CLC publication): www.lutheranspokesman.org
- The Branches (women's publication): www.thebranchesonline.info

Check out the following online devotional materials:

- Weekly video of the Grace Lutheran Church sermon: www.clcgracelutheranchurch.org/category/sermons/
- Weekly CLC "Ministry by Mail" sermon: www.clclutheran.org/ministrybymail
- Daily email devotions from The Bread of Life (The Lutheran Spokesman): www.glcdailydevotion.wordpress.com
- Daily email devotions from CLC pastors: www.redeemerclc.info/devotional.html
- Daily email for a CLC Three-Year Bible reading program: www.threeyearbiblereadingplan.wordpress.com
- Daily audio of the chapel address from our Immanuel campus: www.ilc.edu/chapel.htm

Also, check out the Grace Lutheran Church on Google Play for Android devices.

Facebook Page: If you're on Facebook, be sure to like or share items that are on the Grace Lutheran Church page. This can help promote the page to others, along with events that we publicize there.

The more shares, etc., the more Facebook promotes our church page to others.



✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

➔ **Midweek Advent Worship:** This coming Wednesday, 7 pm, begins our Midweek Advent worship services with the theme: "Angels We Have Heard on High." These services will focus on the Angel of the LORD in the Old Testament. Our last one on Dec. 14 will be our annual candlelight service preceded by the congregational Christmas meal at 6 pm. Join us during this precious time of year to ponder our Savior's coming.



- ➔ **Christmas Meal:** Please join us for a fellowship meal at 6 pm prior to the Candlelight service on Dec. 14. Those attending may bring something to share. Dorcas Guild committee #2 is hosting.
- ➔ **Hospitality:** Please note that there will be regular hospitality this year (instead of luncheons) on December 4, 11, and 18.
- ➔ **Christmas Eve Service:** This is the rehearsal schedule:
- Sun., Nov. 27: 11:15-12:00 pm
 - Sun., Dec. 4: 11:30-1:00 pm (hospitality after worship)
 - Sun., Dec. 11: 11:30-1:00 pm (hospitality after worship)
 - Sun., Dec. 18: 8:45-9:45 am (please be here at 8:45 am so that we can start promptly)

December is a busy month, but please remember the importance of these rehearsals for a successful Christmas Eve service. The last rehearsal on December 18 is the most critical as it is the dress rehearsal. It is quite helpful for the children to know their individual parts by the first rehearsal and all parts by the second rehearsal. The three "Luke 2" parts are all together as a group. Parents are encouraged not to have your children formally memorize Luke 2, but to simply say it with the children once or twice a day. By the time Christmas Eve comes around, they will know these well. The children have a wonderful opportunity to express the Good News of our salvation through Jesus Christ. The parents' help is greatly appreciated to make everything go well.

- ➔ **Christmas Worship:** Our Christmas Eve service will be held on Sat., Dec. 24, 6 pm with our children presenting the Christmas Gospel. The theme this year is: "Angels We Have Heard on High." The kids are asked to be here ½ hour prior to the service so that we can take a group picture and run through things. Christmas Day worship will be held Sun., Dec. 25, 10 am. May the love of this Child be the gift you open up your heart to on Christmas Day!

- ➔ **Northtown Concert:** This year the Grace School children will be singing at the Northtown Mall on Fri., Dec. 16, 2:30 pm. They will be located at the inside-of-the-mall entrance to Best Buy. Everyone is encouraged to come attend as it is always an experience greatly appreciated. If you haven't ever come to this, you may be pleasantly surprised at how well received it is. Come support the school!
- ➔ **Catechism Break:** We will be having a two-week break for midweek Catechism students on Dec. 28 and Jan. 4.
- ➔ **Appreciation:** Thanks to all who contributed to decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons.
- ➔ **Poinsettia** sign-up sheet is in the narthex by the guest book. Poinsettias are \$8 each. They will be purchased in stages throughout the Advent Season. Please see Laura Wales for payment.
- ➔ **2022 Cleaning:** Any volunteers for the remaining weeks of 2022?
- ➔ **2023 Cleaning:** The 2023 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ➔ **Church Keys:** Recently the "billy club keys" by pastor's office have been used quite a bit to where there are none around. If anyone has these, please return them when finished with them.
- ➔ **Parking Reminder:** For those members who are able, please park further away to permit those with physical impairments to be able to park closer to the church.
- ➔ **Large Print Hymnals:** As a reminder, there are three copies of The Lutheran Hymnal in large print. These are by the guest book. Feel free to use these and return at the end of the worship service.
- ➔ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ➔ **From the Elders:** To help with medical expenses, donations to the Hein family can be marked "Hein Gift" and placed in the collection plate or mailed to Grace Lutheran Church, attention Treasurer, 460 75th Ave NE; Fridley, MN 55432, or can be received online at www.gofundme.com/john-and-janelle-hein-family.
- ➔ **Sunday School Teachers:** Perhaps something to consider this Christmas is extending our Sunday School teachers an expression of gratitude for what they do for our children each week.
- ➔ **Liberia:** To make a contribution to the work in Liberia, write in "Liberia" on one of the Project lines of your offering envelope.



- ➔ **Stock Donations:** The Voters of Grace have provided a process for members to donate equities to the Congregation. Anyone interested in doing this can get information from President Rick Nelson or Secretary Bill Rust. Such a donation spares the donor from being taxed on any capital gains.
- ➔ **Qualified Charitable Distribution:** For those over 70½ it may be beneficial for you to send your offerings directly from an IRA fund to the church. The advantage of this procedure is those amounts are NOT considered as income and your adjusted gross income is less. For more information see Phil Radichel or Benno Sydow.
- ➔ **ILC Recital:** The ILC Piano/Organ Recital will be held Sun., Dec. 11, at 3:00 p.m. in the ILC Fieldhouse.
- ➔ **ILC Christmas Concert:** Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will present a Choral Christmas Service entitled Christmas Memories on Friday, December 16, 7:30 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2015 N Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI 54703. Admission is free. Video streaming information will be published at ilc.edu/tv as it becomes available. The service is themed around a carol by 17th century English composer Thomas Ravenscroft and explores what we are to remember about the birth of Jesus and what that birth means for us. Senior seminary student Mr. Jonah Albrecht will deliver devotional thoughts recalling that first Christmas night as well as lead us to consider thoughtfully our own memories of Christmases past. The school's band and flute choir will present their Christmas selections at the start of the evening to be followed by the choral portion of the service. The estimated duration of the entire event is two hours.
- ➔ **CLC News:** This week long-time CLC of India leader, Rev. V.S. Benjamin, was called home to be with his Lord Jesus. Prayers rise for the Benjamin family and the entire CLCI at the passing of their faithful leader. † Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, has returned the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran in Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Christmas Eve Individual Parts

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 20, 2022 Sun.: 97 S.S.: 14 B.Cl.: 39 Wed.: 72

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$5,601	CLC:	\$860
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$8,088	CLC:	\$6,050
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,250	CLC:	1,020
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+9,439	CLC:	+5,890
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$215,986	CLC:	\$53,775
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	199,750	CLC:	47,940
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+16,236	CLC:	+5,835
GLC Other: 9,922	Living Faith:	75	Tuition Aid:	175
SAF Endowment: 10	MDF:	5	Kinship:	240
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg.	5	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
<i>Current Balances:</i>		<i>Tuition Aid: \$1,723</i>		

CLC Financial Report - October

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2022	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 4 Months	Balance 10/31/2022
General Fund	0	322,223	421,102	426,560	- 98,879
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	575,954	510,431	517,200	65,523
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) **	223,343	11,238	18,542		216,039
ILC Building Projects **	1,164,731	105,138	17,495		1,252,374
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	168,733	42,404	80,872		130,265
Kinship	194,437	33,862	54,646		173,653
Church Extension Fund (CEF) **	2,539,155	61,759	198,098		2,402,816
Student Aid Fund (SAF) **	127,406	33,491	32,354		128,543
CLC Reserve Fund**(YTD gains/losses)	190,153	- 9,968	0		180,185
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,607,958	\$277,924	\$402,007		\$4,483,875

General Fund – October offerings were **\$61,898 VS** disbursements of **\$100,537**. October offerings fell short of actual expenses by \$38,639, and were \$6,103 short of average monthly budget needs of \$106,640. The General Fund annual budget is \$1,279,680 and subsidizes the work of the Boards of Missions, Trustees, EdPub, & Regents, and are sometimes referred to as “CLC Mission offerings.”

CLC Reserve Fund (above) is held in our Investment Pool account until needed, typically each fiscal year-end. The negative amount for October reflects the market effect on the Fund value since 7/1/22. Sept was down -\$18,964, so October actually recovered by \$9,000. FY23 Div/Int income YTD: \$5,023,

ILC Operations – October revenue was **\$114,307** (including \$63,810 General Fund monthly subsidy) **VS** disbursements of **\$116,159**. Regents annual budget is \$1,552,000, incl CLC Gen Fund subsidy.

IIF – October receipts: **\$6,985** (\$2,453/mo bequest) **VS** \$0 disbursed. FY23 Div/Int income: \$2,142.

ILC Bldg – October receipts: **\$105,138** (\$60,000 individual gift, \$38,270 capital gains, \$2,453/mo bequest) **VS** disbursed: **\$0**. FY23 Div/Int income YTD: \$19,454.

CEF – October receipts: **\$97,847** (\$71,798 capital gains, \$25,909 loan repayments & \$140 gifts) **VS** disbursed: **\$3,991** admin expense. FY23 Div/Int income YTD: \$40,086.

MDF – October receipts: **\$6,426 VS** disbursed **\$38,934**; (\$26,395 Church Bldg Assist; \$3,935 Outreach Africa; \$7,000 Area Pastoral Conferences; \$1,117 admin expenses).

SAF – October receipts: **\$11,060** (\$9,635, Student loan repayments; \$1,425 special gifts) **VS** disbursed: **\$6,238** (\$5,144 STU grants, loans, scholarships; \$1,095 admin). FY23 Div/Int YTD Income: SAF: \$22,288; PMP Fund: \$26,971; Scholarship Fund: \$1,781.

Kinship – October receipts: **\$6,450**: (\$4,171 offerings, \$2,250 sponsors) **VS** disbursed: **\$4,713**: (includes \$4,443 Medical Assistance).

** Positive & negative values in the revenue column (2nd above) reflect market fluctuations of long term invested funds of the ILC Building Projects, IIF, CEF, SAF, & Reserve funds in their portfolio's.

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Dave Rust

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

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

Church Cleaners: Schlegel

School: NA

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

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

Hospitality Team 4: Bonnie Baker; Kevin & Sandy Hulke;
Jenny Kleifgen; Pat & Dawn Paplow

Church Cleaners: Enns/Brandt

School: Snyder

† OUR SCHEDULE †

- Sun., Nov. 27:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 1)
11:15-12:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- Wed., Nov. 30:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship Service
- Sun., Dec. 4:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Advent 2)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30-1:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- Wed., Dec. 7:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship Service
- Sun., Dec. 11:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 3)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30-1:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
3:00 pm – ILC Piano and Organ Concert (Eau Claire, WI)
- Wed., Dec. 14:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Meal
7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship Service
- Fri., Dec. 16:** 2:30 pm – Grace School Concert at Northtown Mall
7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert (Messiah – Eau Claire, WI)
- Sun., Dec. 18:** 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
9:00 am – Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 3)
11:00 am – Hospitality
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
Grace School - Christmas Party & Christmas Break Begins
- Fri., Dec 23:** 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship Service
- Sat., Dec. 24:** 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship Service
- Sun., Dec. 25:** 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship Service
- Sun., Dec. 31:** 10:00 am – New Year's Day Worship Service