

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Easter 3

Date: April 23, 2023

✠ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✠

Hymns:

TLH 201: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won
TLH 194: Abide with Us, the Day is Waning
TLH 370: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
TLH 203: Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 67, TLH p. 137

Liturgy:

WS p. 12 (Projected)
Psalm 118, WS p. 29

Scripture Readings:

Acts 2:14a, 36-47
Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: 1 Peter 1:17-21

¹⁷ And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear; ¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. ²⁰ He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you ²¹ who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (NKJVTM)

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OF OUR LIVING GOD**

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Among Us:** Ben Crandall had a successful angiogram this week with two stents that were inserted due to blockage on the right side of his heart. May Ben set his heart of faith on his Lord and Redeemer!
- ➔ **Open Forum about Grace Lutheran School:** For the past few years the Board of Education has wrestled with the challenge the LORD has laid upon us with an increasing school enrollment. Various options have been discussed and some changes have been made to help accommodate some more students. However, one of the major discussion points has been whether or not to have a third full-time teacher in addition to our already existing and capable staff. With the agreement of the Council, the Board would like to hold an open forum regarding the objectives and future of our school. This will be held after worship on Sunday, April 30. The entire congregation is invited to participate in this moderated discussion.
- ➔ **Kindergarten:** Children entering Kindergarten next fall are invited to Kindergarten Round Up in Mrs. Nelson's classroom on Friday, April 28, 8 am-12:30 pm. Talk to Mrs. Nelson for more details and to RSVP.
- ➔ **ILHS Visitors' Day:** Students in grades 7-11 are invited to attend Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitors' Day in Eau Claire, WI, on Fri., April 28. Those interested, please speak with Pastor Hein.
- ➔ **CLC Youth Camp:** June 11-17 at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN, for students 6th-12th grade. For more info. and to register before May 31: youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp.
- ➔ **CLC News:** The CLC Call Committee on Graduates met on Wednesday evening, and issued these calls: seminary graduate Jonah Albrecht to the dual parish of Redemption Lutheran of Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran of Tacoma, WA; teacher graduate Stephen Krause to Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE. We thank the LORD for His gifts to His Church, and pray for the ministries of our graduates. ✝ Mrs. Chris Gerbitz has accepted the call to be Teacher in the school of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran in Middleton, WI. ✝ On April 19, Hope Redlin, wife of retired pastor Dale Redlin, was called to be with her Lord. A service will be held on Mon., April 24, 11 am. Visitation will be one hour before the service, beginning at 10 am.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #24 – Baptism, Parts 3 & 4

CLC E-Devotion – Monday, May 8, 2017

1 Peter 1:17-21 Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

THE EASTER LIFESTYLE

What's your lifestyle? Is it an active one? Are you constantly on the move, going from school and work to activities and shopping and then back home to take care of the garden and yard? Maybe because of age or preference, your lifestyle is less hectic. Our income affects lifestyle in terms of where we live and what we can afford to buy. Living in the U.S., we have a lifestyle much different than the average person in a country like Nepal.

But have you ever thought about an Easter lifestyle? Christ's resurrection from the dead really has a greater impact on our attitudes and how we live than anything else. Because Jesus rose, we know beyond a doubt that our sins have been paid for. Peace with God has been won. Think of what a difference that makes in how we look at life. We don't have to wonder where we stand with God. We don't have to live in dread of what He is going to do to us because of our guilt. We already know. He punished Jesus in our place and pronounced us justified. We know what to do with our daily shortcomings. We can echo David: "I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD'--and you forgave the guilt of my sin" (Psalm 32:5).

An Easter lifestyle reflects the truth that we have a risen and living Lord. We don't have to wander aimlessly day to day, swept along with the social tide of what's trending or popular. We have the Lord's Word as a lamp to our feet and a light for our path. By faith we know that a truly meaningful, happy life is one which follows the Lord's will and seeks to honor Him in all that we plan and do. It's a life which reflects Jesus' light into the lives of those around us, that they too may trust Him for forgiveness and life. It's a lifestyle with the ultimate destination of an eternal, heavenly home. It's a lifestyle to embrace and thank God for every day!

Voters Meeting Notes – April 16, 2023

Meeting opened with prayer. January Voter meeting minutes were read and approved with an edit. The first quarter Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Motion approved to remove Rob McDonald, his wife Samantha, and their child Brendan from membership, at their request.
- Motion approved to remove the membership of Patricia Wyman per her request.
- Motion approved to remove the membership of Tessa and her daughter Zariah at Tessa's request.
- There have been several attempts to contact Nick and Miranda Duehlmeier. A letter was sent without response. Motion approved to remove the membership of Nick and Miranda Duehlmeier, and children Grace and Malena, based on their lack of response to contact attempts.
- The confirmation of Uriah Wales is planned for May 21.
- MN delegate conference is scheduled for June 10 at Berea in Inver Grove Hts.

Board of Elders' Report

- The Elders thank Kevin Hulke for leading Bible class on Sundays.
- Rev. Mark Bernthal and Pastor Paul Tiefel have been guest speakers at Grace in the past quarter.
- The Elders are reviewing COVID-19 lessons for the MN Delegate Conference.
- The Elders have a draft policy for receiving gifts and making disbursements.
- Electronic copies of past bulletins will be archived in "the cloud".
- Lenten pulpit rotation went well, and the soup suppers did too, except for the first one that had to be canceled because of snow.
- The Easter breakfast went well, with attendance of 97.
- The Elders are continuing to work with delinquent members.

Board of Education Report

- Tuition payments to ILHS for the two Grace children that are attending there have been made.
- The 2023-24 school calendar draft has been approved by the Board.
- Registration for the Spring Lake Park Tower Days parade has been submitted. Dave Rust has volunteered his truck to haul supplies in the back of his pickup.
- Given current enrollment, 13 member and 15 non-member children are expected in 2023-24. This enrollment would result in non-member tuition of about \$35,750 for the school year.
- A congregational meeting to discuss methods to increase the enrollment capacity of the school will be held on April 30 after the service.

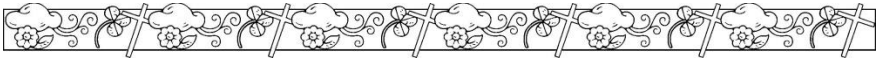
Board of Trustees' Report

- The parsonage stove was replaced with a bit of work on the counter top.
- The Board has fixed the phone issue. The phones are working.
- The old intercom wiring will be removed.
- As long as we buy toner from the copier service company, the company will provide maintenance until they are unable to get replacement parts.
- More security cameras will be installed, and cameras will be repositioned to cover the exterior.
- Cleanup day is coming on April 29.
- The WiFi access point in Ellen's room runs hot and hasn't been working well. Brandon Paplow has adjusted some settings, and the access point will be moved from the table to the wall to help with cooling.

Other Business

- Rick reported that the Sanctuary Committee will put some displays in the narthex to show conceptual ideas about what could be done to improve the sanctuary and related costs. The committee will seek and listen to feedback from the congregation. It was pointed out that the Voters will need to make final decisions relating to this project. There was a discussion about the budget for the potential expenditure.
- Motion approved to transfer \$10,000 from the Project Undesignated fund to a new fund for the Sanctuary Improvement Project.
- The Trustees need to audit the books for last year.
- We have a Saturday work day on April 29.
- An open forum will be held on April 30 to discuss Christian Day School enrollment capacity expansion.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel



Last Week's Stats: Apr. 9, 2023 Sun.: 84 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 42

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,394*	CLC:	\$710	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,500	CLC:	1,080	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-106	CLC:	-370	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$72,677	CLC:	\$18,330	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	72,000	CLC:	17,280	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+677	CLC:	+1,050	
GLC Other:	150	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	0
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	110
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF:	0
CEP:				CEF:	0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	\$605			

* \$400 in non-member tuition

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Maureen Ochsner

Elder: Dale Enns

Ushers: Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; James Bomber; Dan Degnan; David Hein; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

School: Wales

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; James Bomber; Dan Degnan; David Hein; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

School: Baker

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Apr. 23:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 3)
- April 24-26:** Grace School – Iowa Basic Tests
- Wed., Apr. 26:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
- Fri., Apr. 28:** Grace School's Kindergarten Roundup
Immanuel Lutheran H.S. Visitors' Day @ Eau Claire, WI
- Apr. 28 & 29:** 7:00 pm – ILHS Band (Fri.) & Student Performances (Sat.)
7:30 pm – ILC Play, "The Westing Game"
- Sat., Apr. 29:** 9:00 am – Grace Work Day
- Sun., Apr. 30:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 4)
11:00 am – Open Forum Regarding Grace Lutheran School
- Mon., May 1:** Grace School Field Trip to Oliver Kelley Farm in Elk River
Minnesota Pastoral Study Club
- Fri., May 12:** Field Day @ Inver Grove Hts. (Grades 5-8) (K-4 No School)
- Thu., May 18:** 7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship
- Fri., May 19:** 3:00 pm – Immanuel Class Day @ ILC Fieldhouse
7:30 pm – Immanuel Spring Concert @ Messiah Lutheran
- Sat., May 20:** 10:00 am – Immanuel Graduation @ ILC Fieldhouse
- Sun., May 21:** Grace Confirmation Day
9:00 am – Confirmation Examination
10:00 am – Worship Service (Confirmation)
- Thu., May 25:** 7:00 pm – Grace School's Spring Program
- Fri., May 26:** 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer
- Sun., May 28:** 9:00 am – Worship (Summer Schedule Begins, Grace Graduation)
- Sat., June 10:** 10:00 am – MN Delegate Conference (Inver Grove Hts., MN)
- June 20-22:** CLC General Pastoral Conference (Eau Claire, WI)
- July 24-28:** 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School