

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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

**Church Year:** Easter 4

**Date:** April 30, 2023

## ✝ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✝

### **Hymns:**

LSB 466: Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia  
TLH 426: The Lord My Shepherd Is  
WS 783: Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep  
TLH 51: Now May He Who from the Dead  
Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### **Worship Prep:**

Psalm 23, TLH p. 128

### **Liturgy:**

WS p. 1 (Projected)  
Psalm 23, WS p. 36

### **Scripture Readings:**

1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

### **Sermon: Psalm 23:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## **MY SHEPHERD IS MY PROTECTOR**



## ✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Among Us:** Ben Crandall is able to resume many of his activities following his recent angiogram. This past Monday, Lynn Sandhoefner had a successful hip replacement surgery. He is now recovering at home. Both men are thankful to the LORD for how they are helped.
- ➔ **Open Forum about Grace Lutheran School:** Today, after worship, there will be an open forum regarding the objectives and future of our school. The entire congregation is invited to participate in this moderated discussion. 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. 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. May the LORD guide our discussion in Christian love and wisdom.
- ➔ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is planning for the 2023-24 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please speak to one of the teachers for an enrollment form.
- ➔ **Sanctuary Improvement:** The Voters recently established a new project called the Sanctuary Improvement Fund. Members may now contribute offerings to this fund for this future project.
- ➔ **The Branches:** If you would like to start receiving *The Branches* magazine, please contact Sandy Hulke at [thebranchesmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:thebranchesmagazine@gmail.com). All other subscriptions will automatically be renewed. Any changes, please let Sandy know.
- ➔ **Spring Planting:** Heidi Nelson and Bonnie Baker will be planting flowers around the church property on Saturday, May 13, at 9 am. Anyone willing to help would be appreciated.
- ➔ **Graduates:** Please list any member of Grace that is graduating this year (Jan-Dec 2023) on the sheet by the guest book. Include the school's name and the degree. Our Graduation Sunday is May 28. S. Conway and U. Wales will also graduate from Grace School that day.
- ➔ **Summer Worship Schedule:** On Sunday, May 28, the summer schedule will begin with worship service held at 9 am. Bible Class and Sunday School will be suspended for the summer.



➔ **Vacation Bible School:** On July 24-28, 9:00-11:30 am, we will be having our VBS. This includes children age 4 years, to children going into eighth grade. Please register your children on the sheet by the guest book. In preparing for VBS, we will need to put together a staff, including teachers and coordinators for crafts and music. Please consider this labor of love and let Pastor know of your willingness.



➔ **CLC Youth Camp:** June 11-17 at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN, for students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. For more info. and to register before May 31: [youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp](http://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp).

➔ **Women’s Retreat:** Pacific Coast Women’s Retreat -- Grow in Grace; October 6-8, 2023, at Cusick, WA. We welcome all girls and women to our retreat in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Planes, trains, and automobiles will bring you to Spokane, and then we’ll lead you an hour-ish north to the Ponderosa Lodge. “Stay in the Know” by signing up on the Gethsemane Lutheran Church website for periodic updates: [gethsemaneclc.org/events/pacific-coast-womens-retreat/](http://gethsemaneclc.org/events/pacific-coast-womens-retreat/). Questions? Contact Tina Eichstadt, [teichstadt@gmail.com](mailto:teichstadt@gmail.com)/651-398-2386.

➔ **CLC News:** Seminary graduate Jonah Albrecht has accepted the call from the dual parish of Redemption Lutheran of Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran of Tacoma, WA, to serve as their pastor. † Teacher graduate Stephen Krause has accepted the call from Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE, to teach in their school. † Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ, has received the call to be Upper Grade Teacher at Valley Bible Academy in Clarkston, WA.

➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #25 – Sacrament of the Altar 1 & 2

**Last Week’s Stats:** Apr. 23, 2023 Sun.: 88 S.S.: 14 B.Cl.: 37

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,903	CLC:	\$1,900		
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,500	CLC:	1,080		
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-597	CLC:	+820		
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$76,580	CLC:	\$20,230		
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	76,500	CLC:	18,360		
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+80	CLC:	+1,870		
GLC Other:	178	Living Faith:	55	Tuition Aid:	195	
SAF Endowment:	20	MDF:	0	Kinship:	130	EduK8: 0
ILC Student Aid:	20	ILC Bldg.	5	IIF:	0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	\$800			



# Duty of Parents

## Martin Luther's Large Catechism - 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment

Although the Ten Commandments do not expressly state the duties of superiors, they are abundantly prescribed in many other passage of Scripture. God does wish them to be included specifically also in this commandment in which He speaks of father and mother. For God does not want scoundrels or tyrants to have this office and authority; ...

Here again the trouble is that nobody observes and pays attention to these things. Everybody acts as if God gave us children for our pleasure and pastime, servants merely for us to work like oxen or horses, and subjects for us to treat as we please, as if we need not concern ourselves about what they learn or how they live. No one is willing to see that the divine Majesty has commanded our concern for them, that He will hold us strictly accountable for it, and that He will punish its neglect. Nor is it recognized how extremely important it is that we show a genuine interest in the young. If we want able and qualified persons as civil and spiritual leaders, then we really must spare no toil, trouble, or cost in teaching and educating our children to serve God and humanity. We must not think only of how to accumulate money and property for them. God is well able to provide for them and to make them rich, as He keeps doing every day. The reason He has given children into our charge is that we might train and govern them according to His will, as He has commanded us to do; otherwise God would have had no need of father or mother. Therefore let everyone know that he is required, as a matter of the highest duty and on pain of losing the favor of God, to bring up his children in reverent fear and knowledge of God, and if they are talented also to let them become educated so that their services can eventually be used where needed.

If we would do this, God would richly bless us and give us the grace to train persons to be the sort who would enrich the nation and the people. We would have good, capable citizens and virtuous, home-loving wives, who in turn would bring up their children and households to reverence God. Think about it yourself--what terrible harm you do if you neglect this and fail to bring up your child to be a useful and God-fearing person. You will bring guilt and wrath on yourself and thus earn hell by the way you treated your children, even if in other respects you were devout and without fault. It is because people ignore this commandment that God is punishing the world so terribly; discipline, good order, and peace have broken down, and we all complain about it but fail to see that it is our own fault. Our citizens are lawless and disobedient because of the way we train them.

## Martin Luther on Psalm 23

“The LORD is my Shepherd ...”

This metaphor is one of the most beautiful and comforting and yet most common of all in Scripture, when it compares his divine Majesty with a pious, faithful or – as Christ says – “good Shepherd,” and compares us poor, weak, miserable sinners with sheep. We can, however, understand this comforting and beautiful picture best when we consider the creature itself – out of which the Prophets have taken this and similar images – and diligently learn from it the traits and characteristics of a natural sheep and the office, work, and diligence of a pious shepherd. Whoever does this carefully will not only readily understand this comparison and others in Scripture concerning the shepherd and the sheep but also will find the comparisons exceedingly sweet and comforting.



A sheep must live entirely by its shepherd’s help, protection, and care. As soon as it loses him, it is surrounded by all kinds of dangers and must perish, for it is quite unable to help itself.

The reason? It is a poor, weak, simple little beast that can neither feed nor rule itself, nor find the right way, nor protect itself against any kind of danger or misfortune. Moreover, it is by nature timid, shy, and likely to go astray. When it does go a bit astray and leaves its shepherd, it is unable to find its way back to him; indeed, it merely runs farther away from him. Though it may find other shepherds and sheep, that does not help it, for it does not know the voices of strange shepherds. Therefore it flees them and strays about until the wolf seizes it or it perishes some other way. ...

This Shepherd, however, whom the prophet foretold so long before, is Christ our dear Lord, who is a shepherd much different from Moses. Moses is harsh and unfriendly toward his sheep. He drives them away into the desert, where they will find neither pasture nor water but only want. Christ, however, is the good, friendly Shepherd who goes after a famished and lost sheep in the wilderness, seeks it there and, when he has found it, lays it on his shoulder rejoicing. He even “gives his life for his sheep.” He is a friendly Shepherd. Who would not be happy to be his sheep?

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Dale Enns

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

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

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

Hospitality Team 2: James & April Bomber; Rachelle Kanneh; Heidi Nelson; Bob & Suki Vandever

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

School: Bomber

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

- 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  
10:00 am – MN Pastoral Study Club @ Eagle Lake, MN
- Wed., May 3:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
- Sun., May 7:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Easter 5)  
11:00 am - Hospitality  
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Fri., May 12:** Field Day @ Inver Grove Hts. (Grades 5-8) (K-4 No School)
- Sat., May 13:** 9:00 am – Spring Planting
- 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