

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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

Church Year: Easter 6

Date: May 14, 2023

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 190: Christ the Lord is Risen Again

TLH 346: Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be

TLH 501: Soldiers of the Cross, Arise

WS 769: Lift High the Cross

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 66, TLH p. 136f.

### Liturgy:

WS p. 12 (Projected)

### Scripture Readings:

Acts 17:22-31

John 14:15-21

### Sermon: 1 Peter 3:15-18

<sup>15</sup> But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. <sup>17</sup> For *it* is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ... (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## **OUR HOPE IN CHRIST – IT IS THE BASIS FOR SUFFERING**

1. We might suffer for Christ and His good deed
2. Christ did suffer for us and our evil deeds

## † **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** †

- ➔ **Mother's Day:** We thank the LORD for the gift of Christian mothers who demonstrated the self-sacrificial love of Christ in taking up the responsibility of seeking the eternal welfare of their children through training in God's Word.
- ➔ **Ascension Worship:** 40 days after Jesus' resurrection He ascended into heaven visibly from His disciples. Knowing that He was now seated at the right hand of the Father in full glory and ruling over all things, they worshipped Him with great joy. Our opportunity to worship Him is this Thursday, May 18, 7 pm.
- ➔ **Confirmation:** Confirmation for Uriah Wales will be next Sunday, May 21. Examination will be at 9 am followed by the worship service at 10 am. May the Lord bless his preparation! Following the worship service during our regular hospitality hour there will be a reception in the fellowship hall in which a light luncheon will be served. A congregational invitation is on the bulletin board.
- ➔ **Among Us:** Fred Dauer was once again hospitalized for pneumonia, but returned home late in the week.
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **Parade:** The Spring Lake Park Tower Days parade is Thurs., June 8. This helps us get our name out into the community. We encourage all of our families to come and walk in the parade. We'll meet at 5:45 pm in the parking lot of Woodcrest School and walk together down Able St. to the parade site. The parade starts at 6:30 and usually lasts a little more than an hour.
- ➔ **Vacation Bible School:** On July 24-28, 9:00-11:30 am, we will hold our VBS. This includes children age 4 years, to children going into 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



- ➔ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The *Lutheran Spokesman* is a publication by the CLC which is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. Those who currently receive the publication are listed on a sheet by the guestbook. If you no longer wish to receive it, please cross out your name. If you don't receive it and would like to, please sign up. The congregation covers the cost.
- ➔ **Daily Rest:** *Daily Rest* is a daily devotion book printed quarterly by the CLC. It is time to renew subscriptions or get a new subscription if you would like to receive this edifying material. The deadline to subscribe is June 1. Jan Davis has graciously offered to collect the \$15 payments. You may give this payment to her directly or mail your payment in her name to her address: Jan Davis, 7986 Van Buren Street NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. Please contact her (davis7986@gmail.com/612-590-5354) for instructions if you wish to submit your payment electronically through Zelle® or Venmo®.
- ➔ **The Branches:** If you would like to start receiving *The Branches* magazine, please contact Sandy Hulke at thebranchesmagazine@gmail.com. All other subscriptions will automatically be renewed. For any changes, please let Sandy know.
- ➔ **Ordination:** Seminary graduate Jonah Albrecht will be ordained and installed as the pastor of Redemption Lutheran Church in Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church in Tacoma, WA, on July 16. The service will take place at Redemption beginning at 1 pm with a fellowship meal to follow. All are welcome!
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN, and Faith Lutheran in New Ulm, MN, has returned the call to serve as the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. † This call has now been extended to Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran in Dallas, TX.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #28 – Office of the Keys

**Last Week's Stats:** May 7, 2023 Sun.: 79 S.S.: 12 B.Cl.: 39

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$14,897*	CLC:	\$1,960
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,500	CLC:	1,080
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+10,397	CLC:	+880
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$94,958	CLC:	\$22,770
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	85,500	CLC:	20,520
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+9,458	CLC:	+2,250
GLC Other:	1,425	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid: 350 Sanctuary: \$1,250
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	300	Kinship: 10 EduK8: 100
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0 CEF: 0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	\$2,625	Sanctuary: \$1,250

\* \$320 in non-member tuition

# **Council Meeting Notes – May 5, 2023**

Meeting opened with prayer. April Council meeting minutes were read, edited, and approved. March Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.

## **Pastor's Report**

- Pastor reviewed the circumstances of the Marcia McCabe funeral he plans to conduct this Wed. for someone he ministered to before her death.
- U. Wales' confirmation is scheduled for Sun., May 21.
- Pastor is scheduled to begin radiation treatment beginning this Thursday. The treatment may affect his voice.

## **Board of Elders' Report**

- MN Delegate Conference will be held at Berea on June 10.
- Motion approved to invite the MN Delegate Conference to hold its 2024 meeting at Grace, pending Dorcas Guild ability to serve food.

## **Board of Education Report**

- Iowa Basics tests were conducted. Students performed well on the tests.
- Field Day will be held on May 12 at Inver Grove Hts. for Grades 5-8.
- The spring play will be presented on May 25 and close of year on May 26.
- The Spring Lake Park Tower Days Parade will be on Thur., June 8.
- Motion was made and supported to have a special voters' meeting to decide if the congregation will call a third full-time teacher. After much discussion both in favor and against the motion, the vote on the motion was 4 voting for and 5 voting against. The motion did not pass.
- A member of the Board of Education said that the Board will prepare a presentation on the topic of school expansion for the July voters' meeting.

## **Board of Trustees' Report**

- April 29 cleanup day went well.
- Rick replaced a defective faucet in the church kitchen.
- Rick plans to do ant control on the premises next week.
- Phil & Rick will cover mowing until Daniel is back from ILC for the summer.
- Benno noted that there are some cracks in the parking lot. Pastor remarked that the snow plow was hard on the parking lot last winter.
- There is a plan to work on the fence & lilacs to mow between them.
- The church grill is broken, and Pastor's grill needs some repair. The Board of Education would like to use a grill on the last day of school.
- The water heater in the furnace room might need to be flushed.

## **Other Business**

- Motion carried to move funds from the current Wells Fargo account to a Fidelity cash management account to get a better investment return.
- Members of the council discussed the church management service presentation Phil sent to them. To discuss it further in the June meeting.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

# A Mothers' Day Devotion

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, ... When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. John 19:25-27

## The Brokenhearted Mother

Simeon had foretold that Mary's heart would be broken. It happened there at Calvary where Jesus laid down His life for a sinful mankind. Surely that truth that had been locked away and treasured in Mary's heart was important to her as she watched her Son suffer and die on the cross. At the same time there can be little question as to the truth of Simeon's words, "Yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also" for Mary also in those hours.



Grief and sadness is part of this life. Many Christian mothers have thoughts these days of children the Lord has received into heaven. Others feel the sharp disappointment of not ever having children of their own to hold and cherish. On Mother's Day these very real feelings may come into sharper focus. Jesus' loving concern was not limited to His mother, even though it was specifically directed toward her on the day of His death. Even as Jesus directed John to care for the Savior's mother, so we also will hear these words of our Lord and extend the comfort of Christian love to those who feel a hole in their hearts while others rejoice in the blessings they have received. May we hear the Savior's words to Mary and also to John, and look for the opportunity to bring a child's love, care and concern to someone in need.

Dearest Jesus, open our eyes to see the opportunity to show love and appreciation to one whose heart craves a child's love. Amen.

## † TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Maureen Ochsner

Elder: Benno Sydow

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

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

Church Cleaners: Ochsner

School: Volunteers?

## † NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

School: Oman

## † OUR SCHEDULE †

- Sun., May 14:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 6)
- Wed., May 17:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
- Thu., May 18:** **ASCENSION DAY**  
7:00 pm – Ascension Day Worship
- Fri., May 19:** 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal  
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:** **CONFIRMATION DAY**  
9:00 am – Confirmation Examination  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Easter 7/Confirmation)  
11:00 am – Confirmation Reception/Hospitality  
7:00 pm – Grace School's Spring Program
- Thu., May 25:** 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer
- Fri., May 26:** **PENTECOST DAY (Summer Schedule Begins)**  
9:00 am – Worship w/Grace Graduation (Pentecost)
- Sun., June 4:** 9:00 am – Worship w/Lord's Supper (Trinity Sunday)
- Thu., June 8:** 5:45 pm – Meet for Spring Lake Park Parade
- 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

