

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 6

Date: July 9, 2023

✝ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✝

Hymns:

TLH 568: We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

TLH 27: Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

TLH 400: Take My Life and Let It Be

TLH 36: Now Thank We All Our God

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 139, TLH p. 154f.

Liturgy:

WS p. 12 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Romans 12:1-7

Matthew 10:34-42

Sermon: Psalm 139:13-18

¹³ For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When *as yet there were* none of them. ¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! ¹⁸ *If* I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You. (NKJVTM)

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† **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** †

- ➔ **Divine Call:** Dear Members of Grace Lutheran, After prayerful consideration, I am pleased to accept the call to be the part-time kindergarten teacher at your school. I pray for the Lord's help in teaching the little lambs of your congregation. Matthew 19:14 - "But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." In Christ, Levi Schaller
- ➔ **Among Us:** This week Jane Cowan was hospitalized again for a wound with an infection. She is now back at home.
- ➔ **Summer Hospitality:** If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ➔ **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 8th grade. Please register your children on the sheet by the guest book. There is also a sign-up list for providing snacks during the week.
- ➔ **Porcupine Mountains Youth Camping Trip:** August 5-9 for students entering grades 8-12. Info and registration at tinyurl.com/Porkies23. Questions? Contact Adam Schmid: (715) 514-9345, aschmidy2003@gmail.com.
- ➔ **Man Up! Weekend:** September 21-24, at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. Register and send in your payment before Aug. 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after Sept. 1. This includes lodging and meals. Register by going to: www.manup.clclutheran.org and clicking on the Registration Form.
- ➔ **CLC Mission Helpers to Nepal:** The current Mission Helpers trip has a blog at: 2023CLCMHTNepal.blogspot.com.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Mr. Levi Schaller has accepted the call to be Part-Time Kindergarten Teacher at Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN. † Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran in Bismarck, ND, has returned the third Pastor call from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. † Missionary Peter Evensen has received the call from Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI. † Gethsemane Lutheran of Saginaw, MI, has called member Mrs. Loretta Leinberger to be its Pre-K teacher, as well as Kindergarten assistant.

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 Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to visit with you!

CLC E-Devotion – January 22, 2018

Psalm 139:16-17 All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

HAPPILY EVER AFTER?

“...And they all lived happily ever after.” Who doesn’t like a happy ending to a fairy tale, a novel, or the latest movie release? Yet most people will also quickly add a disclaimer: “That would never happen. It’s just a story. Things never work out like that in real life.”

The evidence would seem to support the conclusion. Does “happily ever after” describe yesterday or this past week for you? No matter how carefully we plan and anticipate possible scenarios in order to have our days work out as we would like, there is always something that gets in the way. When was your last “perfect” day? How can we have any confidence at all then in a happy ending?

If it depended on us, the only thing we could count on is making a mess of things. Sin gets in the way. We certainly see that in the record of King David’s life in the Old Testament. Still, David was confident of a happy ending. He wrote: “All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!” (Psalm 139:16-17). In spite of his sins, David knew that God loved him and was directing each day to bring about a happy ending which would really be the beginning of eternal joy in heaven. Because the Lord loved David, He confronted him with his sin and called him to repentance. He administered painful discipline as a caring Father toward his wayward child and then assured him of His forgiveness.

Thank the Lord that He does the same for you and me. He doesn’t let us wander off on our own toward certain disaster. Through His Word He points out our sin and its consequences. It’s painful. Who wants to hear that they have broken every commandment of God and deserve eternal punishment? But God’s intention is one of pure love. He doesn’t want anyone to perish, but all to come to repentance and rejoice that Jesus has taken away the sin of the world.

Read Psalm 139. It tells us that we are not aimlessly wandering through another day without direction or purpose. All the days ordained for us are already written in His book of life, including the ending: “Happily ever after with the Lord!”

... for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

Philippians 2:13

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner**

Elder: **Dale Enns**

Ushers: **Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow**

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

Church Cleaners: **B. & S. Vandevener**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow**

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

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., July 9: 9:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 6)
10:00 am – Council Meeting

Sun., July 16: 9:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 7)
10:15 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

July 24-28: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

Sat., July 29: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Sat., Aug. 5: 9:00 am – Grace School Work Day

Sun., Aug. 20: 3:00 pm – Immanuel Opening Service

Mon., Aug. 28: Grace School's Opening Day

Last Week's Stats: July 2, 2023 Sun.: 75

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,756	CLC:	\$410			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,800*	CLC:	1,080			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-3,044	CLC:	-670			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$124,835	CLC:	\$29,862			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	129,600*	CLC:	29,160			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-4,765	CLC:	+702			
GLC Other:	0	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50	Sanctuary:	50
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	110	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$2,951 Sanctuary: \$12,375

* Updated numbers due to a new increased budget totaling \$249,000



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