

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 16

Date: September 17, 2023

✝ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✝

Hymns:

TLH 4: God Himself Is Present

CDS: TLH 370, congregation joins on st. 4

TLH 285: How Precious Is the Book Divine

TLH 533: Nearer, My God, to Thee

TLH 53: Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 139, TLH p. 154 f.

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Hebrews 12:1-13

Luke 12:49-53

Sermon: Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³ "Am I a God near at hand," says the LORD, "And not a God afar off? ²⁴ Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD. ²⁵ "I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶ "How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ "who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal. ²⁸ "The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat?" says the LORD. ²⁹ "Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "And like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces?" (NKJVTM)

Nearer, My God, to Thee

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Church Picnic Today:** Today is our annual church picnic here on the church grounds following our regular service. Grilled hot dogs and buns will be provided. Committee #3 will serve and cleanup, though additional help would be appreciated. Please stay in order to provide needed Christian support and encouragement for each other! Galatians 6:10: Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- ➔ **Among Us:** This week Barb Fleischer met with a neurologist about her ALS, a diagnosis which is now official given her weakening the past few months. This will help provide her some assistance for tools she will need to adapt. Fred Dauer has moved to St. Therese at Oxbow Lake (Room 179) in Brooklyn Center for transitional care. Pastor learned that he has another cancerous tumor. 2 Corinthians 12:9: ...[the Lord] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."
- ➔ **Sanctuary Update:** The sanctuary committee would like to thank all of the volunteer help thus far. And sorry to the congregation for all of the dust and other distractions. The painting is complete in the sanctuary and the window trim will wrap up in the next week or two. Next up is the crown molding then carpet. Lighting is still being explored. As for the finances, as of now we have received \$13,159. We have spent \$654. Looking ahead the quote for the carpeting came in at \$18,202. This is something to pray about and consider when making your offering. A congregational meeting is in the future to discuss changes (if any) to the altar area. Stay tuned.
- ➔ **Volleyball:** Berea in Inver Grove Hts. is forming a volleyball team for girls in grades 5-8. Practices will be Tue. & Thu. 3:30-5 pm. Games will be on Tue. & Thu. as well, Sept. through Oct. Email Jess Sydow if interested: jess.sydow@gmail.com. General questions can be directed to Heidi Nelson.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC, has returned the call to be the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. ✝ Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Lutheran in Loganville, GA (Atlanta area) has received the call to Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI. ✝ Prof. Mark Kranz of ILC will be retiring as of the end of the current school year due to health issues.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #2 – Luther's Morning Prayer

Council Meeting Notes – September 10, 2023

Meeting opened with prayer. August Council meeting minutes read and approved. August Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Motion approved to recommend to the voters that Dan Kelly be accepted as communicant member based on his baptism and profession of faith.
- Confirmation class has resumed.
- Sunday school staff has been installed, and reminder of background checks.
- The MN Joint Reformation service will be held at Grace, Oct. 29, 4 pm. Pastor has asked Pastor Ted Barthels to preach at that service.
- A draft of the 2024 Grace calendar was presented.
- Pastor is hoping to go to Liberia in January.

Board of Elders' Report

- Church picnic is planned for next week. Elders plan to cook hot dogs.
- The Elders are not planning to implement an HRA at this time because of possible negative impact on Pastor's insurance. They still plan to investigate HRA accounts in the future.

Board of Education Report

- The 2023-24 school year began on Aug. 28 with 23 students.
- Parents' night is planned for Sept. 25.
- Field trip is planned to Wargo Nature Center's Heritage Lab on Sept. 29.

Board of Trustees' Report

- The trustees fixed a leaking faucet in the Kindergarten, north classroom, and also repaired some ceiling stains.

Other Business

- There have been positive comments about the recent sanctuary improvements. Painting of the sanctuary walls is complete. There are plans to paint the narthex and parents room. The committee hopes to get a quote for new carpet for both the sanctuary (minus the altar area) and the narthex. Motion approved to get carpet for both sanctuary and narthex.
- One of the current sanctuary light fixtures was updated for improved lighting, but doing that update was quite labor-intensive. The committee has concluded that modifying the current fixtures is not practical. A new approach to lighting the sanctuary will be investigated after carpeting.
- People have made positive comments about the stained board samples that have been put in the sanctuary in place of crown molding. Motion approved to install stained 4" board molding rather than painted crown molding approve in the sanctuary.
- The Realm contribution and accounting system was presented and demonstrated. There is a two-sided instruction sheet for the counters.
- There was some discussion about the makeup of counting teams.
- The Gusto payroll system is online for the Sept. 15 payroll.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Sue Nelson**

Elder: **Eli Wales**

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

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

Church Cleaners: **R. & H. Nelson** School: **Jankowski**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

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✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Sept. 17:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 16)
 11:00 am – Grace Church Picnic (Committee #3 Hosts)
- Wed., Sept. 20:** CLC Coordinating Council Meeting (ILC in Eau Claire, WI)
 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
- Sun., Sept. 24:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 17)
- Mon., Sept. 25:** 7:00 pm – Grace School's Parent Night
- Fri., Sept. 29:** Grace School Field Trip
- Sun., Oct. 8:** Mission Festival (Guest Speaker: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew)
 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship (Mission Festival)
 11:00 am – Mission Festival Potluck (Committee #1 Hosts)
- Oct. 8-10:** Minnesota Pastoral Conference
- Mon., Oct. 16:** Grace School Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 16-20:** Grace School Fall Break
- Oct. 18-20:** CLC Teachers' Conference (Inver Grove Hts., MN)

Last Week's Stats: Sept. 10, 2023 Sun.: 84 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 37

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$8,474*	CLC:	\$735
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,800	CLC:	1,080
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+3,674	CLC:	-345
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$170,690	CLC:	\$37,307
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	177,600	CLC:	39,960
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-6,910	CLC:	-2,653
GLC Other:	1	Living Faith:	2	Tuition Aid: 0 Sanctuary: 50
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	301	Kinship: 162 EduK8: 0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0 CEF: 0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$3,756 Sanctuary: \$13,405

* \$4,955 in non-member school tuition