

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 17

Date: September 24, 2023

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

Gather Your Children, Dear Savior (Tune LSB 738)

TLH 324, st. 1-6: Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (Tune TLH 361)

TLH 47: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 103, TLH p. 145 f.

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Projected)

WS p. 34, Psalm 30

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 50:15-21

Romans 14:5-9

Sermon: Matthew 18:23-35

²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ "And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ "But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. ²⁶ "The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' ²⁷ "Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' ²⁹ "So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' ³⁰ "And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. ³¹ "So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. ³² "Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³ 'Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' ³⁴ "And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. ³⁵ "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses." (NKJVTM)

Who Me? You Mean I'm to Forgive?

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Mission Festival:** Mission Festival here at Grace Lutheran will be Sun., October 8. Pastor Nathanael Mayhew from Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN, and Faith Lutheran in New Ulm, MN, will be our guest speaker. He will have a presentation during our Bible Class hour. Dorcas Guild Committee #1 will host. Please bring a dish to share as there will be a potluck meal following the worship service.
- ➔ **2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** Applications are being accepted for the 2024 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Find more information and apply online: www.mht.lutheranmissions.org
- ➔ **Mission Development Fund (MDF):** When the convention approved the calling of our third foreign missionary, it determined that the funding of that missionary would come fully from the MDF for the first year. The cost of funding that missionary is about \$80,000 and has had an impact on other planned MDF projects. Currently the balance of the MDF is enough to cover the cost of our third foreign missionary for the rest of this fiscal year and a few other essential projects, but without additional funds, we will not be able to fund other planned projects. We have already put a hold on all other projects including all funding of Bibles and other Christian literature, church building assistance, and many planned outreach projects. We pray that the members of the CLC will remember this work in their prayers and their offerings that we might continue to carry out the work the LORD has set before us and which we have decided to do as a church body.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Professor Mark Kranz of ILC will be retiring at the end of the current school year. ✝ For personal reasons Teacher Nathan Buck has resigned his call to Messiah Lutheran School of Eau Claire, WI. ✝ Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, has received the call to be the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire, WI. ✝ Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Lutheran in Loganville, GA (Atlanta area) has returned the call to Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI. ✝ This past Thursday, Pastor Rob Sauers' (Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL) wife, Kate, was diagnosed with cancer. The pathology report probably won't come back until Monday, but it may likely be either breast cancer or lymphoma. Initial scans indicate that the cancer is confined to one area, which is a good sign, but one of the doctors also described it as "advanced." The family requests your prayers.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #3 – First Commandment

What Luther Says on Forgiveness:

- ➔ **Constantly forgive, as Christ does:** For the love among Christians should be the same kind of love as that of every member of the body for every other one, as St. Paul often says, each one accepting the faults of the other, sympathizing with them, bearing and removing them, and doing everything possible to help him. Hence the doctrine of the forgiveness of sins is the most important of all, both for us personally and for our relations with others. As Christ continually bears with us in His kingdom and forgives us all sorts of faults, so we should bear and forgive one another in every situation and in every way. (What Luther Says, V. 1, p. 523)
- ➔ **Occasional offenses are inevitable:** It never fails: at times you do and say something that disgusts me, and I do and say something that does not please you at all, just as one member of the body injures another, the teeth biting the tongue, the fingers poking into the eyes, etc. Yet this is not done intentionally. Whenever it happens, we should follow St. Peter's teaching and not only bear one another's burden, not only cover up failings and shortcomings, but also excuse and extenuate them, as St. Paul teaches. He says (1 Cor. 12:23): "Those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness." (What Luther Says, V. 1, p. 525)
- ➔ **We forgive because God forgave us, not vice versa:** God forgives sins out of pure grace, for Christ's sake. But this grace and forgiveness of God should not be abused. Our Lord God has given proofs enough that our sin is indeed to be forgiven, namely, the preaching of the Gospel, Baptism, the Sacrament, and the Holy Spirit in our heart. But now it is also necessary for us to provide proof by which we testify that we have received the forgiveness of sin. Such proof is to consist in everyone's forgiving his brothers his trespasses. There is, of course, no comparison between God's forgiveness and our forgiveness; for what are a hundred pence in comparison with ten thousand pounds (Matt. 18:23 ff.), as Christ says Matt. 18? Nothing whatever. Just so we, too, do not earn God's forgiveness of our sins by our forgiving; but forgiveness of sins is given to us by God as a gift of grace. (What Luther Says, V. 1, p. 527)

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!

Gather Your Children, Dear Savior, in Peace

Tune of LSB 738

1. Gather Your children, dear Savior, in peace.
And draw us to You with Your passionate pleas;
Still seek us and call us to come and be blessed.
To find in Your arms, Lord, safety, comfort, and rest.
2. Knowing You, loving You, naming You, Lord.
We cluster around You and grow by Your Word.
One day to remember these moments so rare,
Of caring and closeness, just because You are there.
3. Love be our banner, forgiveness our theme.
Compassion our nature, Your vision our dream.
Who knows what the Spirit of God yet can do,
What joy may be tasted, or what promise come true?
4. Host at our table in our house and Yours.
Here bind us together with love that endures;
Like parents, like children, let this be our fame;
That blest, we bless many, to the praise of Your Name.

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Tune of TLH 361

1. "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.
2. How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us;
How great our debt to you!
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love
Our lives will spread Your peace.

The CLC Mission Helper Program, under the direction of the CLC Mission Board, is beginning to make preparations for another Mission Trip to East Africa for the summer of 2024. The exact dates have yet to be determined, but the work was determined by our Savior when He told us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. The main focus of this trip will be presenting the Gospel, through a series of child evangelism lessons, to member and non-member children in village congregations. Possible areas of evangelism may include the CLC–Tanzania, CLC–Kenya, CLC–Zambia, and Uganda.



Listed below are a few ways you can be involved:

Pray for this effort to share the love of Christ in East Africa. Ask the Lord for guidance and to show you how you can help spread the Gospel.

Begin planning, praying, and saving so you can travel to East Africa to help share the Good News of Christ crucified.

Offer your financial support so others may participate. There is a great need for sponsors.

There are many things you will need to prayerfully consider as you think about volunteering for this trip. What follows is a short list that could be helpful in your consideration:

- The length of the trip will be 3 to 4 weeks.
- The approximate cost is \$3000.00—\$3,500.00. This includes airfare and other expenses such as lodging, transportation, travel insurance, passports, visas etc. Vaccinations, anti-malaria meds, and other medical costs are not included in this figure.
- You must be at least 18 years of age (unless accompanied by a parent)
- You will be asked to submit an application accompanied by a letter of recommendation from your pastor.
- Deadline for Applications is **January 16th, 2024.**
- A \$2200 payment will be due by early February.

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Janelle Hein** *Elder:* **Eli Wales**

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

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

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

Hospitality Team 4: **Bonnie Baker; Kevin & Sandy Hulke; Jenny Kleifgen; Pat & Dawn Paplow**

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?** *School:* **Kelley**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

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

Wed., Sept. 27: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Fri., Sept. 29: Grace School Field Trip (Wargo Nature Center)

Sun., Oct. 1: 8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 18)

11:00 am – Hospitality

12:00 pm – Council Meeting

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. 17, 2023 Sun.: 79 S.S.: ?? B.Cl.: 34

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,851	CLC:	\$485
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:	6	Living Faith:	2	Tuition Aid: 100 Sanctuary: 150
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship: 110 EduK8: 0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0 CEF: 0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	\$3,856	Sanctuary: \$13,555