

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Church Year: Pentecost 20

Date: October 15, 2023

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 224: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

TLH 381: I Know My Faith is Founded

WS 759: These Are the Facts

WS 784: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalms 25, TLH p. 128

### Liturgy:

WS p. 12 (Projected)

WS p. 33, Psalm 91

### Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Matthew 21:33-43

### Sermon: **Philippians 3:7-11**

<sup>7</sup> But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. <sup>8</sup> Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; <sup>10</sup> that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, <sup>11</sup> if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

**Having a Relationship with Christ  
Begins with Knowing Christ**

## † **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** †

- ➔ **Among Us:** This past Wednesday, Tina Eichstadt, wife of Pastor Wayne Eichstadt (Spokane Valley, WA) and daughter of Phil and Jackie Radichel, experienced a massive heart attack at the end of a hike in Hawaii. They are there to celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Two stents were put in and she was intubated in ICU with heavy sedation. In the past day there has been some encouraging signs as Tina has been able to interact somewhat. Assessment of heart and brain damage will be done in the coming days. Pastor Hein had surgery this week to remove one of his cancerous tumors located by his collarbone. I sought the LORD, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears (Psalm. 34:4).
- ➔ **Minnesota Area Reformation Festival:** This year's Reformation service will be on October 29, 4 pm, at Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley, MN (460 75<sup>th</sup> Ave NE). Pastor Ted Barthels will be our preacher with the theme: *"Courage to Confess Christ with Certainty in a Currently Corrupt Culture."* Following the service there will be a fellowship meal with chicken supplied by the church. Grace members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts to share. We are currently estimating about 150 in attendance. Dorcas Guild Committee #2 will be hosting. If you plan to attend the meal, please help us prepare by registering online at [www.tinyurl.com/MNReform23](http://www.tinyurl.com/MNReform23).
- ➔ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day** is Fri., November 10 on the ILC campus in Eau Claire, WI. Activities will begin with chapel at 10:05 am in the Field House, followed by presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 p.m. Come and learn more about your church's college, and consider continuing your education in a solidly Christian setting! Visitors will be our guests for lunch and supper in the cafeteria, and in the evening are invited to join us for ILC's fall production, *Beauty and the Beast*. Speak with your pastor if you're interested in attending. For questions, contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann. Office: 715-836-6636, cell: 253-228-8736, e-mail: [paul.naumann@ilc.edu](mailto:paul.naumann@ilc.edu).
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, has accepted the call to be the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. † Pastor Em. David Baker has received and accepted the vacancy pastor call from Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #6 – Fourth Commandment

# **Congregational Singing**

**Sing to the Lord a new song! The congregation of saints should praise Him. Psalm 149:1.**

The New Song encourages people to join in congregational singing, and rich blessings result also from such congregational singing.

A well-known commentator made this very significant statement in this regard: "When Christians sing and pray with each other, they stir up and build up and inspire one another. Through congregational singing and praying and confessing, the heart and spirit and soul are mightily exalted, are drawn closer to God and to Christ, and the heart is aroused to rejoice in the Lord and in God's salvation."

Such experiences are surely familiar to many Christians. The psalmist, King David, spoke of it from personal experience. That was his innermost prayer, that he might take part in a congregational worship service and in congregational singing.

Thousands of Christians in many countries are not permitted to sing as a congregation. All who live in a free country should thank God, and make conscientious use of their wonderful privilege!

I thank Thee, O God, in the assembly of those who are devout and in the congregation. Amen

## **The Blessing of Congregational Singing.**

**I will thank Thee in the great congregation, and praise Thee in a large gathering of people. Psalm 35:18.**

Luther often emphasized that the congregational singing of the New Song was a great blessing.

In the year 1524, the first Lutheran hymn book appeared with 8 hymns.

Concerning the proclamation of the Word in the worship service, Luther said: "The music or the notes, like wonderful creatures and gifts of God, serve a very good purpose, especially when the people sing along, and it proceeds very fervently."

During the time of the Reformation, people often experienced the blessings of congregational singing. A theologian by the name of Heshsius said: "I do not doubt that through this one hymn of Luther" - namely, "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice," TLH 387 - "many hundreds of Christians have been brought to the true faith who before could not endure the name of Luther; but the noble, precious words of the hymn have won their hearts, so that they are constrained to embrace the truth, so that in my opinion the hymns have helped the spread of the Gospel not a little."

The congregational singing of the New Song works mightily!

Lead us, O Lord, that we may continue steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and in the fellowship. Amen.

# **Council Meeting Notes – October 1, 2023**

Meeting opened with prayer. September Council meeting minutes were read and approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- The September Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.
- Motion approved to use the project undesignated fund to make up any difference between the carpet bill and the sanctuary improvement fund balance when the bill comes due.
- Motion approved to pay \$1200 fall tuition for each of the two Grace ILHS students.

## **Board of Elders' Report**

- Motion approved to recommend to the Voters the 2024 church calendar.
- The Elders are postponing discussion of counters teams until November.

## **Board of Education Report**

- The board met with teachers on September 13. They discussed the duties of the co principals. Ellen deals with local and state agencies. Janelle is responsible for academics, discipline, and parent interface. They also reviewed the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act that deals with confidentiality of student records.
- The parent/teachers conferences will be held on October 16.
- The fall break for the students will be October 16-20.
- The CLC teachers' conference will be held October 18-20.

## **Board of Trustees' Report**

- Everything is good.

## **Other Business**

- Benno has entered the counters' info for services from the beginning of the 2023 into the new Realm accounting system. He found some counting errors. He has corrected some of the errors and will be addressing others as time permits. Counters are reminded that "posting" in the new system should be done after reconciliation with the bank. The new system is working nicely. The accounting portion of the system needs to be finalized so that reports can be generated directly from the system.
- The September payroll was disbursed using the new payroll system with one issue that is being fixed. The next step is to verify that payroll tax processing and reporting will be done correctly.

## **Budgeting**

- The initial 2024 budget as presented by the boards was:

Year	2023	2024	Change
Elders	87,000	85,900	Pastor's salary reduced by \$1300
Education	121,000	135,100	No salary change except Levi full year
Trustees	41,000	41,000	
Total	249,000	262,000	

Discussion included the following:

- Adding preschool to fill gaps in kindergarten enrollment.
- How to treat the HSA for budgeting purposes
- General budgeting approach.
- The treasurer will send out updated information. The council will discuss the budget over email and then resume the meeting to finalize recommendations before the October voters' meeting.
- Motion approved to set the top number at a planning target of \$255,000.
- Motion approved to recess the meeting.
- The meeting resumed October 11, at 7:57 p.m.
- Three budget options to be discussed.
- Motion failed to set the budget at \$255000 with Education at \$131800, Elders at \$84200 and Trustees at \$39000.
- Motion approved to recess the meeting.
- The meeting resumed October 12, at 7:50 p.m.
- Five options were reviewed.
- Motion approved to set the budget at \$254,953 with Education at \$136,523, Elders at \$79,430 and Trustees at \$39,000.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel



## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner**      Elder: **Dale Enns**

Ushers: **Gary Gunther; Daniel Hein; Alieu Kanneh; Bob Maki;  
Bill Rust; David Stifter; Jeff Stifter; Joel Stifter**

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

Hospitality Team 1: **Dan & Cindy Degnan; Larry Nelson;  
Barb Sydow**

Church Cleaners: **Hulke**      School: **Konway**

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Gary Gunther; Daniel Hein; Alieu Kanneh; Bob Maki;  
Bill Rust; David Stifter; Jeff Stifter; Joel Stifter**

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

Church Cleaners: **Hulke**

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., Oct. 15:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 20)  
11:00 am – Hospitality  
11:30 am – Dorcas Guild and Voters Meetings

**Mon., Oct. 16:** Grace School Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Wed., Oct. 18:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

**Oct. 16-20:** Grace School Fall Break

**Oct. 18-20:** CLC Teachers' Conference (Inver Grove Hts., MN)

**Sun., Oct. 22:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 21)

**Sat., Oct. 28:** 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

**Sun., Oct. 29:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 22)  
4:00 pm – Minnesota Reformation Festival (Grace Hosting)  
5:00 pm – Fellowship Meal

**Fri., Nov. 10:** ILC Visitors' Day (Eau Claire, WI)

**Nov. 10 & 11:** 7:30 pm – ILC Musical, "Beauty and the Beast"

**Last Week's Stats:** Oct. 8, 2023    Sun.: 75    S.S.: 12    B.Cl.: 45

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$12,227	CLC:	\$5,820			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,800	CLC:	1,080			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+7,427	CLC:	+4,740			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$195,027	CLC:	\$46,012			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	196,800	CLC:	44,280			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,773	CLC:	+1,732			
GLC Other:	243	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	0	Sanctuary:	1050
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	15	Kinship:	1110	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	\$182	Sanctuary:	\$14,880		