

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 25/Saints Triumph

Date: November 19, 2023

✝ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✝

Hymns:

TLH 572: Praise to God, Immortal Praise

CDS: So Now We Lift Our Voices

TLH 604: Great God, What do I See and Hear?

TLH 618: Jerusalem, My Happy Home

WS 792: Let All Things Now Living

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 116, TLH p. 148

Liturgy:

WS p. 12 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Psalms 126

Luke 12:35-40

Sermon: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

⁶ So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. ⁹ Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. (NKJVTM)

Believing is Seeing

1. *It gives us confidence to be at home with the Lord*
2. *It gives us confidence to be well pleasing to the Lord*
3. *It gives us confidence on Judgment Day before the Lord*

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

➔ **Thanksgiving Service:** This Wed. evening, Nov. 22, 7:00 pm, we will be having our Thanksgiving worship service. We have a wonderful opportunity to bring our hearts and praises before the altar of our Lord to express our thanks to Him. Psalm 92:1-2: "It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night."



➔ **ILC Christmas Concert:** The choirs of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will be presenting "The King in the Cradle: A Choral Christmas Service," Dec. 15, 7:30 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2015 N Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI. The service will include anthems, hymns, and Scripture devotions. Worshipers will be led to celebrate Jesus, the "King in the Cradle," as King Incarnate, King of Glory, King of Love, King Returning, and King of Kings. Music will include classic works by J. S. Bach, G. F. Handel, and John Rutter. Christmas carols will be presented in settings by Dan Forrest, Elaine Hagenberg, David Willcocks, and others. The band and flute choir will present several songs prior to the choral service.

➔ **Basketball:** Our sister CLC church, Berea in Inver Grove Heights, has a basketball team for boys and girls in grades 4-8. They have started practicing in preparation for the Mankato Jamboree in February and the CLC Grade School Tournament in March. A few other games may be scheduled prior. Practices are twice a week. Email Jess Sydow if interested in participating: jess.sydow@gmail.com. General questions can be directed to Heidi Nelson.

➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen's Lutheran at Mountain View, CA, has returned the call from Immanuel Lutheran at Mankato, MN. ✠ Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran at Vernon, British Columbia, has returned the calls from Calvary Lutheran at Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran at Iron River, MI.

➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #10 – Eighth Commandment

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 12, 2023 Sun.: 76 S.S.: 13 B.Cl.: 37

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$6,187	CLC:	\$370			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,800	CLC:	1,080			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,387	CLC:	-710			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$223,182	CLC:	\$48,622			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	220,800	CLC:	49,680			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+2,382	CLC:	-1,058			
GLC Other:	104	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	400	Sanctuary:	250
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	110	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	\$847	Sanctuary:	\$15,680		

Council Meeting Notes – November 12, 2023

Meeting opened with prayer. Oct. Council meeting minutes read & approved. Oct. Treasurer's Report presented & approved. The treasurer will give an updated Sanctuary Improvement Fund number to Pastor for the bulletin to show the fund situation better. Consensus was that this fund should reimburse the project undesignated fund when funds are available.

Board of Elders' Report

- There was no Pastor's report today since Pastor was at the ER this morning.
- Elders are postponing discussion of counters teams until another meeting.
- Elders are planning to get an artificial Christmas tree this year.
- Three new ushers have been added: Uriah Wales, Dan Kelly, & Kyle Aymond.
- Elders and Daniel Fleischer were able to cover the service today while Pastor was unable to conduct the service. They have plans in place to conduct future services as needed.

Board of Education Report

- School is progressing well.
- A field trip to the Fridley fire department is planned.
- The Northtown Christmas concert is scheduled.

Board of Trustees' Report

- Work day held on Oct. 28. Thanks to all who helped. Not all leaves are down. The Trustees plan to do some follow-up work to finish preparation for winter.
- There was a clean water leak in the cry room. The leak has been resolved. Church Mutual has given us 3 water sensors. The board plans to get more water sensors to provide alerts in case of leaks.
- Trustees are considering use for the two book cases from the pastor's office. Some council members think the book cases should be put back in the office, and others think they should be stored in the garage.
- Teachers have asked about removing the coat racks from the fellowship hall. Removing the coat rack would give more space. There is some concern that the racks might be needed in the winter for funerals or other large services.

Other Business

- Sanctuary carpet has been installed. The committee is considering updates to the front of the church. The committee will present ideas to the church using drawings & will request feedback in an open forum. There was a suggestion that the Wagner fund might be given to the sanctuary improvement fund.
- The new Gusto payroll system does all the reporting to state and federal. The 3rd quarter reports were done automatically by the system.
- The treasurer needs to get a letter from both the elders and education with details of the exact salary amounts for next year. This should include called worker decisions about any contribution they would like made to HSA accounts.
- Rick & Bill were previously set up on the Wells Fargo account and will be added to the Fidelity account. The new treasurer will also need to be added.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** Elder: **Benno Sydow**

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Ochsner** School: **Oman**

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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: **Ochsner**

† OUR SCHEDULE †

- Sun., Nov. 19:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 25)
11:00 am – Hospitality
- Wed., Nov. 22:** 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal
4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship
- Thu., Nov. 23:** **Thanksgiving Day**
- Sun., Nov. 26:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 26/Last Sunday)
- Sun., Dec. 3:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Advent 1)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30-1:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- Wed., Dec. 6:** 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship
- Sun., Dec. 10:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 2)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30-1:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
3:00 pm – ILC Piano and Organ Concert (Eau Claire, WI)
- Wed., Dec. 13:** 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship Service
- Fri., Dec. 15:** 2:00 pm – Grace School Concert at Northtown Mall
7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert (Messiah – Eau Claire, WI)
- Wed., Dec. 20:** 6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Meal
7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship Service