

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 4

Date: January 28, 2024

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 130: O Jesus, King of Glory

TLH 396: Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink

TLH 402: O God, Forsake Me Not

Installation of Officers

WS 785: Children of the Heavenly Father

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 1, TLH p. 123

Liturgy:

TLH p. 5 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Sermon: Mark 1:21-28

²¹ Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and taught. ²² And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did you come to destroy us? I know who You are-- the Holy One of God!" ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. ²⁷ Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." ²⁸ And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee. (NKJVTM)

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✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Annual Election:** The Voters conducted their annual election last week. We extend a word of appreciation to all those who have fulfilled their term of office and blessings upon those now beginning.
 - Elder: Frank Radichel (outgoing: Dale Enns)
 - Treasurer: Brian Bergstrom (outgoing: Phil Radichel)
 - Education: Dale Enns (outgoing: Roger Ochsner)
 - Trustee: Jeff Stifter (outgoing: Al Rosendahl)
 - Delegates: Tom Graham & Benno Sydow
 - Alternates: Dave Rust & Bill Rust
 - Key Executives: Rick Nelson & Bill Rust
- ➔ **Barb Crandall Memorial:** A memorial service is planned for March 2, 2 pm, at Grace with a visitation at 1 pm and a fellowship meal to follow. No Committal service. Dorcas Guild Committee #2 will host. Members are asked to bring salads and desserts. 120-135 are expected. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorials designated to the CLC Mission Fund, care of Grace Lutheran. 1 Peter 5:10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.
- ➔ **Directory:** We are preparing for the publication of the yearly directory at Grace. Please check your contact information in the draft copy of the directory located in the narthex. Place a check mark by your entry if it is correct. If it is not, then please edit as necessary. If you wish to add email or cell numbers, please do so. Your cooperation is appreciated as we attempt to produce an accurate directory. Also, please ensure your birthday and/or anniversary information is correct.
- ➔ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek Lenten services will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 7 pm. These midweek services can deepen our appreciation of the redemptive work our Savior, Jesus Christ, accomplished in our behalf.
- ➔ **Lenten Soup Suppers:** These gatherings (at 6 pm) are a way for people to eat between work and our Midweek Lenten worship services. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the fellowship hall for those who are willing to provide soup and do setup and cleanup.



➔ **Basketball Tourney:** Preparation has begun for the grade school tournament for CLC youth which will be held March 8-10. Info. at: www.clclutheran.net/events-2/youth-young-adult-events/tourney/

➔ **Tourney Band:** Come and join the 20th CLC Tourney Band at the basketball tournament in Eau Claire, WI, on Sat., March 9. Register band players (grades 5-8) at clctourneyband.weebly.com Music is available on the website. Basketball players and non-basketball players are welcome. Our one practice will be during that morning (time TBA) with a performance around noon. Please send questions to Laurie Lau music@thelaus.com



➔ **Arts Camp 2024** will be held March 22-24 at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN. This is an opportunity for creative fun and learning with other young Christians. There will be a variety of sessions including things like music, theater, crafts, and more. This camp is open to students in 5th-8th grade. Registration opens February 5th. Please contact Amber Casto with any questions at artscamp@immanuelmankato.org.

The Arts Camp is also looking for volunteers; no arts talent required! How can you help? Plan and lead a class; lead a preplanned class; supervise (overnight/daytime or other); prepare, serve, clean up a meal/snack; donate towards supplies or sponsor a camper scholarship; many other opportunities; always prayers and encouragement for others to come! Contact Amber Casto: 507-327-3059/artscamp@immanuelmankato.org.

➔ **CLC News:** Formerly retired pastor, David Baker, has received and accepted the call to Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX. † Pastor Tim Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Hecla, SD, has received the call Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. † Pastor Thomas Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran of Lakewood, CO, has returned the calls from Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran in Iron River, MI. † Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ, has received a call to Gethsemane Lutheran in Saginaw, MI.

➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #14 – First Article, Part 1

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!

Voter Meeting Notes – January 21, 2024

Meeting opened with prayer. The October voters' meeting minutes were read and approved. The 4th quarter Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. The 2023-year end Treasurer's Report was distributed.

Election Results (See announcement in today's bulletin)

Pastor's Report

- Letters were sent to Charles Davis, Vanessa Vandever, and Sarah Yannarely in early January informing them that we would be discussing their membership if they did not respond before this meeting. They have not responded.
- Motion approved to remove Charles Davis from membership due to lack of response.
- Motion approved to remove Vanessa Vandever and her children, Madison Glover, Harleigh Feursterberg, and Devin Vandever, from membership due to lack of response.
- Motion approved to remove Sarah Yannarely and her daughter Claire from membership due to lack of response.
- The Elders reviewed the voters' meeting attendance records. Based on those records they spoke with Grant Wells and Kevin Baker.
- Motion approved to remove Kevin Baker from voting membership at his request.
- Motion approved to remove Grant Wells from voting membership at his request.
- The joint worship service with Pastor Joseph Kwiwalazu's congregation Grace Evangelistic Lutheran Church in Liberia went well. A recording of the service is available on the Grace website and on the Grace YouTube channel.
- Todd Ohlmann and Joel Krafft of the Mission Board were not able to go to Liberia as they had planned because of delays relating to their passports and visas.
- John Maki and Maddie Olson plan to be married August 31, 2024.

Board of Elders' Report

- The board has reviewed their ministration coverage plan, and they thank Kevin Hulke for his help with Bible class.
- Motion approved to set \$59,020 as Grace's CBP estimate.
- Thanks to Rick and Heidi Nelson for getting and decorating the Christmas tree.
- The Minnesota Delegate Conference is planned to be at Grace on June 8, 2024.
- The Elders have considered and decided not to add women to counter and usher teams.
- Calling tree leaders are urged to check with the people on their list to see if they are getting notifications through email.

Board of Education Report

- Motion approved to increase tuition by \$250 per student next year for all the non-member tuition categories. This results in the following tuition amounts: First student \$2800, Second student \$2600, Third student \$2350, Fourth student \$2200, Kindergarten \$1750

Board of Trustees' Report

- Work day is planned on January 27.

Other Business

- Voters are encouraged to review the sanctuary update renderings of the altar area. The sanctuary update committee is planning to have a congregational meeting to present the renderings and gather feedback. Their goal is to have recommendation to voters in April and begin work this summer.
- Counting teams are encouraged to say the name of the envelope owner along with number when counting to try to prevent errors.
- Thanks to the outgoing officers and board members for their service, and thanks to the newly elected for their willingness to serve.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

CLC E-Devotion – January 19, 2022

Mark 1:22 And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

Jesus Teaches with Authority

When it comes to teaching methods, there are about as many different methods as there are teachers. There's the classic lecture method that I'm sure we've all experienced at some point. There's the discussion method and the problem-solving method, the project method and the inductive method, and many others. I think if we had to give a name to Jesus' method of teaching, we might call it the authoritative method.

When Jesus taught His first lesson that Sabbath in the Capernaum synagogue, we're told that His students were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. Jesus did not say, "Thus says the Lord," but rather, "Thus say I."

It's easy to see why His students were astonished. Just imagine how amazing it must have been to hear Him preach and teach-to listen to Him explain Old Testament prophecies and make prophecies of His own about His crucifixion and resurrection and even the end of the world.

But wait, you don't have to imagine it. For you, too, are one of Jesus' disciples! In the same way that Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him, so Jesus has called you. His Word gives us the strength to cast away the things that distract us, and follow Him, learn from Him, and praise Him.

In the same way that Jesus taught His disciples with authority, He still does the same today. Every time you open your Bible and read about Jesus, He is speaking directly to you, strengthening you and encouraging you by the power of His Word. His Word gives life and strength to His students. As Paul writes in Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Are you wanting a stronger faith? Are you looking for strength to endure all the challenges and trials of this sinful life? Then hear the Words of Christ—that's where faith comes from! That's how faith grows and matures—through the living and abiding Word of God. So, remain steadfast in the Word. Surround yourself with it every day. Read these daily devotions, subscribe to the CLC's Daily Rest devotional, sign up for one of the many daily Bible verse text message services. As Jesus' students, we can't get enough of His strengthening Word!

Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Thy Word
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.

(The Lutheran Hymnal, 53:2)

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Jan Davis**

Elder: **Benno Sydow**

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Hein**

School: **Vandever**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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 2: **Theresa Aymond; Rachelle Kanneh; Heidi Nelson; Bob & Suki Vandever**

Church Cleaners: **Hulke**

School: **Vandever**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠



Sun., Jan. 28: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship (Epiphany 4)

Wed., Jan. 31: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Sun., Feb. 4: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship w/ Lord's Supper (Epiphany 5)
 11:00 am – Hospitality (Team 2)

Wed., Feb 14: ASH WEDNESDAY
 6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
 7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship Service

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 21, 2024 Sun.: 87 S.S.: 11 B.Cl.: 41

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,071	CLC:	\$540
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,900	CLC:	1,135
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,829	CLC:	-595
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$11,082	CLC:	\$2,320
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	14,700	CLC:	3,405
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-3,618	CLC:	-1,085
GLC Other:	375	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid: 100 Sanctuary: 100
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship: 142 EduK8: 0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0 CEF: 0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	\$2,067	Sanctuary: \$-400