

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: March 17, 2024

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 278: Delay Not, Delay Not, O Sinner, Draw Near

WS 722: Deep Were His Wounds

TLH 215: Draw Us to Thee

TLH 390: Drawn to the Cross

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 143, TLH p. 155

Liturgy:

WS p. 12 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Passion Harmony

Sermon: John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. ²¹ Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus. ²³ But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. ²⁴ "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵ "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. ²⁷ "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. ²⁸ "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." ²⁹ Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." ³⁰ Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. ³¹ "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. ³² "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." ³³ This He said, signifying by what death He would die. (NKJVTM)

"Christ's Love Draws Sinners"

✠ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✠

- ➔ **Teacher Call:** Dear Grace Fridley, After much prayerful consideration the past weeks, I have been led to accept the call to Messiah, Hales Corners, to serve as their teacher next year. I will forever have the greatest respect and love for our school here at Grace and the people within. My wife and I wish to thank everyone for their advice and comments regarding these calls. We pray for the school in the coming years to continue teaching the young lambs God's word and about His Creation. In Christ, Levi Schaller
- ➔ **Among Us:** This past Wednesday, March 13, at 2:41 pm the LORD blessed Karie and Malachi Hicks with safe delivery of their daughter (also Jan Davis' granddaughter), Lozen Inez (long O, accent on Lo). She was 8 lbs. 12 oz., 19.5 inches. Also, Abbie and Nathan Noeldner were blessed with a son (also Pastor and Janelle's grandson), Titus Andrew on Tuesday, March 12; 7 lbs., 14 oz., 20 inches. "Behold, children *are* a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb *is* a reward." (Psalm 127:3) Pastor has a PET scan tomorrow and will be updated on his thymic carcinoma cancer late on Tuesday.
- ➔ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek Lenten services conclude this Wed., Mar. 20, 7 pm. These midweek services can deepen our appreciation of the redemptive work our Savior, Jesus Christ, accomplished in our behalf. This year's series is "Road Signs to Calvary." The service will be preceded with a soup supper at 6 pm.
- ➔ **Palm Sunday Singing:** Next Sunday, March 24, the Christian Day School will be presenting a concert during the worship service.
- ➔ **Good Friday:** On Friday, March 29, at 7 pm, we will be holding our Good Friday service. The Lord's Supper will also be celebrated. The Day our Savior died is very precious for us as redeemed sinners. Let's honor it by pondering His profound love for us.
- ➔ **Easter Day:** On Sun., March 31, we will be having the Easter breakfast at 7:30 am, followed by the Easter worship service at 9 am. What an opportunity we have to gather in worship on the day we commemorate our Lord's glorious resurrection from the dead!
- ➔ **Easter Breakfast:** Those men interested in helping with the breakfast are asked to sign up for various duties. The list is by the guest book.
- ➔ **Easter Flowers:** A sign up sheet is out by the guest book for anyone interested in purchasing Easter lilies or decorative flowers for Easter Sunday. Please see Mikey Oman for any questions.

- ➔ **Arts Camp 2024:** Camp is March 22-24 at Immanuel Mankato for students 5th-8th grade. Visit www.immanuelmankato.org/school/arts-camp/ for more information and to register.
- ➔ **CLC Youth Camp:** will be taking place on the Immanuel campus in Eau Claire, June 9-15, 2024. It is a week-long camp of faith, fellowship, and fun. Camp is open to kids going into grades 6-9 and the cost is \$140/camper. There is also a morning pre-camp program available for kids going into grades K-5 with a cost of \$60/camper. Registration opened yesterday. For more information visit youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp, or email the camp directors Amber Casto & Sam Radermacher at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.
- ➔ **Call for Nominations:** The deadline is March 31 for nominations to CLC offices at our upcoming synod convention, June 20-23, 2024. An online nomination form and accompanying information is available: Nominations.CLCLutheran.net. Nominations may also be sent by regular mail at this address: Moderator Paul D. Nolting, 810 W 3rd St, Valentine, NE 69201. U.S. mail must be postmarked no later than March 31.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Teacher Levi Schaller of Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, has accepted the call from Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners, WI (Milwaukee area). † Caleb Noeldner, member at Gethsemane Lutheran in Spokane Valley, WA, has received the call to be the 5th-6th grade Teacher and Assistant Principal at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. † Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call from Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. † Pastor Chad Seybt of the quad parish of Morning Star Lutheran in Fairchild, WI; Trinity Lutheran in Millston, WI; Peace with God Lutheran in Onalaska, WI; and St. Paul's Lutheran in Melrose, WI, has received and returned the calls to St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI, and Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI. † Retired pastor and professor, David Lau, has received news that he has cancer. The type and extent are being determined.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #21 – Third Article, Part 3

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!

ILC Tour Choir Update – March 16, 2024

See tourchoir.org

Dear Friends in Christ,

The ILC Tour Choir thanks all of you for your prayers, your well-wishes, and your support of the special offering that made this year's choir trip possible. The Lord has blessed us in our travels this week beginning last Saturday when we left campus for a concert at Peace Thru Christ in

Middleton, WI. The people there greeted us warmly, worshiped with us, and provided a fellowship meal before we went on our way southeast.



We drove through the night and some 16 hours later reached the Atlanta area at noon on Sunday. With no concert scheduled we visited Stone Mountain Park and enjoyed the sunshine and some hiking trails.

On Monday morning we departed for Live Oak, FL. Along the way we stopped at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, GA. Surrounded by the military aircraft displays, we sang "God Bless America" for visitors in the main lobby. We also met a guide in one of the museum hangars who was very interested in what we were doing. He showed us the wooden cross he kept in his pocket. He said it stays in there all the time and he never puts anything else in that pocket so he can always reach in and find it right away. Before we left the museum we gathered up and sang "Amazing Grace" for him. We have learned some a cappella pieces so that we can sing anywhere-and we have. The other day at the hotel we sang in the breakfast room and the pool room. In Lakeland, FL we sang outside the main gate at the Tigers/Twins spring training game while fans were leaving.

At Grace Lutheran in Live Oak, FL, Pastor Priestap and the members were so welcoming. A good group attended the concert that night including some visitors. I spoke with a retired choral director who was there and he was very appreciative of what we were doing. Near the end of the fellowship time afterward a former ILC student arrived who had missed the concert because of work. Disappointed she couldn't see

it, we gathered the choir together and sang a couple pieces for her. The next morning in Live Oak before we left the hotel we sang in the lobby and said goodbye to members who had stopped to see us off.

The theme for our concert services this year is The Lord Bless You and Keep You: Benedictions from Above. Every day as we sing we are reminded of God's blessings upon us both physical and spiritual. There are so many things He does for us in His grace that it is impossible to count or tell of them all. For all of them we are thankful.

Arriving in Winter Haven, FL at noon on Tuesday, we met Teacher Neil Bernthal and his family at a local nature preserve. They provided lunch for us and then we walked the nature trails counting how many alligators we saw. (There were a lot.) It was great to walk around outside in the Florida sun after so many miles on the bus. Tuesday evening was our concert at Immanuel in Winter Haven. Once again the congregation was so welcoming and happy that we were there. It had been 18 years since the tour choir had visited our churches in Florida. For many of those who are in congregations so far from the midwest, the tour choir is the only contact with ILC they will ever have. Visiting them like this helps preserve the important bond of fellowship we share with these Christians. This trip has been very important even though it has not involved as many congregations as our last couple tours.

Wednesday was a rest and relaxation day for us. We spent the day in Clearwater, FL, visiting the beach and shops. Sand volleyball, walking the pier, ice cream served in little "beach pails," it was good to give the choir a day like this since they work so hard and give up their spring break and time at home with family for all this.

On Thursday morning we left Winter Haven and headed north for West Columbia, SC. A full day of driving brought us to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 5:00 pm. We had two hours to set up and prepare for our concert at 7:00. The choir always gathers for a pre-concert Bible reading or devotion just before they begin and at Holy Trinity we met outside the front doors of the church where three wooden crosses are placed in the ground. Standing beside those crosses we read together the account of Jesus' suffering and death from the Gospel of Luke. It was another beautiful night, the concert went well, and we were treated to a southern feast afterward!

I was invited the next morning to present the opening devotion for the school children at Holy Trinity-an invitation I very gladly accepted. The choir sat with the children for devotion and using a measuring cup, a

tape measure, a clock, and a cross we talked about how the cross can help us measure just how great the love of God is for us. All the school children came out to see the bus off and we prayed the Create in Me in song with them before departing.

Yesterday a 728 mile drive brought us to a hotel in Vandalia, IL, around 10:30 pm. We sing in Pana, IL this afternoon at 3:00 pm and then on to St. Louis to prepare for our last concert tomorrow morning before heading back to school. Today will be the first time the tour choir has ever sung at Word of God Lutheran Church in Pana.

The concerts at Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL, and Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC, were live-streamed and you may be able to find replays on the websites of those congregations. You can visit tourchoir.org to find a copy of our current service bulletin for the concerts. We ask you to keep us in your prayers as we complete our bus tour today and tomorrow. After we return we have three more concerts in western Wisconsin when school starts again as well as a recording session, so there is still more work to be done. Thy kingdom come.

The Lord bless and keep you all,

David Schaller, director
Immanuel Lutheran College Tour Choir



Mar. 24 (Sun)	Melrose, WI	1:30 PM	St. Paul's Lutheran 105 N Washington St
Mar. 24 (Sun)	Eau Claire, WI	6:30 PM	Messiah Lutheran 2015 N Hastings Way
Apr. 7	LaCrosse, WI	5:00 PM	The Pump House Regional Arts Center, 119 King St
May 17 (Fri)	Eau Claire, WI	7:00 PM	Messiah Lutheran 2015 N Hastings Way

Council Meeting Notes – March 10, 2024

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

Pastor's Report

- The memorial service for Barb Crandall was on March 2 (passed 1/15/2024)
- Motion approved to transfer David Hein to Messiah Lutheran Church in Hales Corners, WI.
- Melvin Eichstadt will likely be requesting a transfer from St. Paul's in Austin, MN.
- Good Friday service will be on March 29 and Easter service on March 31.

Board of Elders' Report

- Easter breakfast is coming soon. The Elders are requesting people sign up to help.
- Elders are planning that we use the Worship Supplement version of the Apostles and Nicene Creeds in services.

Board of Education Report

- Teacher Schaller has asked if his call will change next year. The board told him that there was no plan to change his call for next school year.
- The SLP Tower Days parade is coming. Dave Rust will lend his truck.
- The Board informed the Treasurer to distribute the Grace Tuition Aid, amounting to \$1500 for each of the two Grace students attending ILHS.

Board of Trustees' Report

- The board is fixing a church kitchen faucet.
- Pastor reported that a rental truck was parked overnight in our parking lot with some strange activity also from a minivan. The camera that covers the parking lot isn't working and would have helped. The camera that overlooks the garage also has issues with its image. The school doorbell camera doesn't work reliably because of WiFi issues. Brandon has ordered materials to fix the doorbell camera. There was a discussion about towing unauthorized vehicles. There was a concern that towing would cost Grace money.

Other Business

- Our use of Realm software is moving along well. Benno is setting up groups in Realm so that notices can be sent to groups such as the counter teams and the Council. He will be using this to send feedback to the counting teams and to send a list of things to verify before submitting a deposit.
- There was a case of an unsigned check in a deposit. It is important to try to correct such an issue before sending the deposit to the bank. Wells Fargo has made a couple of mistakes in processing our deposits. Phil is recommending that Benno be put on the Wells Fargo account to help resolve deposit issues. Benno also says that we should keep Phil on the account for the same reason.
- Kevin said that Realm presents two names for envelopes that are assigned to a couple. He asked if it matters which name is clicked when recording an envelope offering. Benno said that it does matter which name associated with an envelope is clicked when recording an offering. Benno would like the husband's name to be clicked in this case.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** Elder: **Frank Radichel**

Ushers: **Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelley; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever; Uriah Wales**

Counting Team 4: **Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust**

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

Church Cleaners: **Ochsner**

✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

Ushers: **Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelley; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever; Uriah Wales**

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

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?** School: **Konway**

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

Sun., Mar. 17: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship (Lent 5)
12:00 pm – Hospitality

Mon., Mar. 18: Grace School Resumes after Spring Break

Wed., Mar. 20: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper (final)
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship Service (final)

Sun., Mar. 24: **PALM SUNDAY**
8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship w/CDS Concert (Palm Sunday)
12:00 pm – Hospitality

Thu., Mar. 28: **MAUNDY THURSDAY** (No worship)

Fri., Mar. 29: **GOOD FRIDAY**
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship Service

Sun., Mar. 31: **EASTER**
7:30 am – Easter Breakfast
9:00 am – Easter Festival Worship Service

Last Week's Stats: Mar. 10, 2024 Sun.: 57 S.S.: 8 B.Cl.: 28 Wed.: 41

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,581	CLC:	\$360			
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$244	CLC:	\$420			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,900	CLC:	1,135			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-3,075	CLC:	-355			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$47,182	CLC:	\$12,550			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	49,000	CLC:	11,350			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,818	CLC:	+1,200			
GLC Other:	20*	Living Faith:	20	Tuition Aid:	50	Sanctuary:	0
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	300	Kinship:	116	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:		\$97**	Sanctuary: \$1,805			

* Memorial: Lois Wittwer ** \$1,500 (\$3,000 total) distributed to each of the two ILHS students