

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost/Confirmation

Date: May 19, 2024

✝ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✝

Hymns:

WS 739: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Choir – I am His Lamb

TLH 337: Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day

Hymns for Sermonettes

CDS – TLH 648: I am Jesus' Little Lamb

Christ is Our Corner-Stone (ILC Version)

Worship Prep:

Psalm 145, TLH p. 155f.

Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)

WS p. 42, Psalm 121

Scripture Readings:

Acts 2:1-11

John 14:25-27

Sermon: Confirmation Memory Passages

Lucas Harrison Boe:

Psalm 18:1-2 I will love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

TLH 370, st. 1, 4: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Cameron David Nelson:

John 10:27-28 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."

WS 783: Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

Reagan Marie Oman:

Joshua 1:9 "... Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go."

TLH 288: Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

Rite of Confirmation

Note: Something for each of us to thoughtfully reconsider for him or herself ...

- 1) Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this Christian congregation, confirm the solemn covenant which the Triune God made with you at your Baptism?

Answer: I do.

- 2) Do you, then, renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

Answer: I do.

- 3) Do you believe in God the Father?

Answer: Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

- 4) Do you believe in God the Son?

Answer: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

- 5) Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Answer: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.

- 6) Do you desire to be a member of Grace Lutheran Church and of the Church of the Lutheran Confession?

Answer: I do.

- 7) Do you hold all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of Grace Lutheran Church, drawn from the Bible, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, to be the true and correct one?

Answer: I do.

- 8) Do you also, as a member of Grace Lutheran Church, intend to continue steadfast in the confession of this Church and suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

Answer: I do so intend, with the help of God.

- 9) Finally, do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the rule of the divine Word, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace (the Gospel in Word and Sacrament), to walk as it becomes the Gospel of Christ, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to the Triune God, even unto death?

Answer: I do so intend, by the grace of God.

CLC E-Devotion – May 30, 2020

Revelation 2:10 Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life.

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

So what does confirmation mean for us today? There are three essential elements:

First, our children are instructed in the gospel of Christ and the truths of Holy Scripture by studying Luther's Small Catechism. They learn the great biblical truths of sin and Christ's salvation from sin. They learn how to live a God-pleasing Christian life in response to God's love. They are prepared to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner. But this instruction is merely a complement to the ongoing instruction that should have been taking place all along in the home. It is a complement to what has been taught throughout the children's earlier years in Sunday School and Christian Day School.

Second, our children profess their faith through the promises they make. In many of our churches we still have an examination of the confirmands in a service before confirmation itself. They sit in the front of the church and are questioned by the pastor. Sometimes the confirmands read a confession of faith that they have written. The confirmands then confess their faith before the altar, promising to remain faithful to their faithful Lord.

The third element in confirmation today is that prayers are offered for them by their fellow believers. We pray that the Holy Spirit will keep our young people faithful to their faithful God and Savior till their dying day.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). Confirmation should be a very special time for everyone. We pray that God would keep all of us faithful to Him and His Word until that day when we shall sing His praises together in heaven.

- From the Lutheran Spokesman


Devotion from Immanuel's 2024 Spring Concert:

1 Corinthians 13:5 [Love] ... keeps no record of wrongs. (NIV)

When someone sins against us, we are often quick to say the words, "I forgive you." But how often do we actually mean these words? We all know the saying "forgive and forget," but are we really that quick to do this? Our sinful nature often makes us believe that we need to get even with someone before we can truly "forgive and forget" their sinful actions towards us. In fact, our sinful nature loves to remember other people's sins against us so that when we think the time comes for us to get even with that person, we can use their past sins against us to justify our sins against them. But this sinful behavior is exactly what this passage is warning us about. This sinful way of handling forgiveness is not love at all.

However, there is One much greater than us who is a perfect example of how we are to handle forgiveness with love. On Good Friday we saw how Jesus was beaten and ridiculed. And yet, He did not curse or speak badly towards His oppressors. He did not keep a record of the sins they had done to Him. Instead, He willingly went to the cross and took away their sins. In the same way, He does not keep a record of our many wrongdoings. And because of His death on the cross, our sins are forgiven and we are found blameless in the sight of God. This is what Love Divine looks like. This is what Jesus looks like. He keeps no record of wrongs. – Daniel Hein

✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Confirmation:** Congrats! We congratulate Lucas, Cam, and Reagan for completing their catechetical instruction so that they understand all the foundational doctrines revealed in Scripture about our Triune God. We also welcome them as communicant members at Grace. May the Lord continue to faithfully guide and direct them during their time of grace as they have promised to make faithful use of the Means of Grace. After worship there will be hospitality outside the church to which everyone is invited.
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- ➔ **School Program:** This Thursday, May 23, 7 pm, the children of our school will be putting on their spring play. All members and friends of Grace are invited to show support of the children's efforts and of our school. Also, appreciation for Teacher Levi Schaller's service at Grace will be shown. Refreshments will follow the program.
 - ➔ **Summer Worship Schedule:** Next Sunday, May 26, the summer schedule will begin with worship service held at **9 am**. Bible Class and Sunday School will be suspended for the summer.
 - ➔ **Graduates:** Please list any member of Grace that is graduating this year (Jan-Dec 2024) on the sheet by the guest book. Include the school's name and the degree. Our Graduation Sunday is next Sunday, May 26. Cam Nelson, Reagan Oman, Daniel Rinne, and Bella Roche will also graduate from Grace School that day.
 - ➔ **Appreciation:** As Sunday School and Bible Class season comes to an end, we extend a word of thanks to all who taught and supervised this past year. Our Sunday School teachers included: Heidi Nelson, Julianna Hein, Mikey Oman, and Laura Wales, with Eli Wales as the Superintendent. We also thank Kevin Hulke for stepping in at times to relieve Pastor of this responsibility during his cancer journey.
 - ➔ **Grace Lutheran School** staff is planning for the 2024-25 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please speak to one of the teachers for an enrollment form.
 - ➔ **Parade Outreach:** Our school will be participating in the Spring Lake Park parade on Thursday, June 6. The parade begins at 6:30 pm. We will meet at Woodcrest Spanish Immersion School on Osborne Rd. at 5:45 and walk over to the designated area from there. Please put this on your calendar and consider joining us!

- ➔ **Bridal Shower:** A bridal shower will be held for Maddie Olson, the fiancée of John Maki, on Sunday, June 23, after church (around 10:30 am). Invitation is posted on the bulletin board. RSVP to Heidi Nelson. John and Maddie have a wedding registry with Target and Amazon.
 Target Registry: tgt.gifts/madeline-olson-and-john-maki
 Amazon Registry: www.amazon.com/wedding/registry/254JMBPEY4DXO
- ➔ **Vacation Bible School:** On July 22-26, 9:00-11:30 am, we will be having our VBS. This includes children age 4 years, to children going into eighth grade. Please register your children on the sheet by the guest book. In preparing for VBS, we will need to put together a staff, including teachers and coordinators for crafts and music. Please consider this labor of love and let Pastor know of your willingness.
- ➔ **Finals Meal:** Many expressions of appreciation have been directed to both Berea in Inver Grove Hts. and Grace Lutheran in Fridley for the special Chick-fil-A meal that was brought to the students and staff at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary during finals week this past week.
- ➔ **Lutheran Spokesman:** The *Lutheran Spokesman* is a publication by the CLC which is dedicated to sharing rich, devotional messages for our spiritual edification. If you no longer wish to receive it, please cross out your name on the sheet by the guestbook. If you don't receive it and would like to, please sign up. The congregation covers the cost.
- ➔ **Daily Rest:** *Daily Rest* is a daily devotion book printed quarterly by the CLC. The deadline to subscribe is June 1. Jan Davis has graciously offered to collect the \$15 payments. You may give this payment to her directly or mail your payment in her name to her address: Jan Davis, 7986 Van Buren Street NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. Please contact her (davis7986@gmail.com/612-590-5354) for instructions if you wish to submit your payment electronically through Zelle® or Venmo®.
- ➔ **The Branches:** If you would like to start receiving *The Branches* magazine, please contact Sandy Hulke at thebranchismagazine@gmail.com. All other subscriptions will automatically be renewed. Any changes, please let Sandy know.
- ➔ **Lower Michigan Youth Camp:** The 21st Annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp will be held July 15-18 (Mon-Thurs) at Pigeon Creek County Park, West Olive, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$60 per camper. The deadline for registration is July 10. Information: mtzionlutheran.info/lowermichiganyouthcamp.

- ➔ **ILC Dorm Supervisors:** Filling the role of the girls' dorm supervisor is Jacqueline (Jaqi) Bredehoft (nee Gerbitz). Jaqi is a 2017 ILHS graduate originally from Hales Corners. She has since received a pre-architecture degree (2 yr) from the Univ. of Minnesota. She also served in the MN National Guard. She will be joined here with her husband, Jake, and their baby, Charlotte. Filling the role of the boys' dorm supervisor is Henry Lau. Henry is a 2018 ILHS graduate originally from Eau Claire. He also earned a B.A. in Pre-Theology from ILC in 2022. He is currently employed as a truck driver for Indianhead Foods and has also driven school bus (and the Eau Claire Trolley!). We are thankful that the LORD has blessed us with willing and capable individuals to serve our school and our students in this very important capacity. Please keep them and their family in your prayers as they take on this new responsibility. We are also very thankful for Paul and Courtney's service as dorm parents for the last three years. They and their daughters will definitely be missed on campus, but we ask the LORD's blessings on their new roles, with Paul serving our two congregations in upper Michigan.
- ➔ **CLC Convention Prospectus:** Last week Pastor shared the CLC Convention Prospectus via email. This is the document that will guide the business of the CLC Convention on June 20-23. This is also available at: tinyurl.com/2024CLCProspectus.
- ➔ **Women's Fellowship Time at Convention:** Join your sisters in Christ for a fun and informal fellowship time on Thursday, June 20, from 1:00-3:00 pm (the first day of the CLC Convention)! The location will be Ingram Hall on the ILC campus. Come and look around the mansion if you haven't done so in a while; and enjoy some conversation, catching-up, and light refreshments. Grab a friend or come on your own--drop in when you can. Questions? Contact hostess, Lynette Roehl, lynette.roehl@ilc.edu. We hope to see you!
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Eichstadt of Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners, WI (Milwaukee area), has announced that he is retiring shortly after Labor Day this year. † Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call to be Principal and Teacher at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI.

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 speak with you!

CLC Financial Report - April

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2023	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 10 Months	Balance 4/30/2024
General Fund	0	950,065	967,739	993,000	(17,674)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,475,078	1,334,798	1,365,000	140,280
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	133,349	67,656	80,163		120,842
ILC Building Projects	1,279,816	280,380	71,931		1,488,265
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	95,621	218,562	186,495		127,688
Kinship	168,286	153,682	141,076		180,892
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,323,176	857,343	472,893		2,707,626
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	145,399	88,656	157,848		76,207
Reserve Fund	95,555	5,052	0		100,607
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,241,202	\$1,671,331	\$1,110,406		\$4,802,127

General Fund – April receipts: \$84,814 VS disbursements: \$86,281. The General Fund subsidizes the work of the Boards of Missions, Trustees, EdPub, & Regents (including ILC.)

ILC Operations – April receipts: \$125,253 VS disbursements: \$125,576.

IIF – April receipts: \$3,672 VS disbursements: \$10,524.

ILC Building Projects – April receipts: Negative \$33,327 (contributions of \$5,163 offset by a \$38,490 decrease in market value of investments) **VS disbursements: \$6,395.**

MDF – April receipts: \$17,118 VS disbursements: \$40,440 (including a vehicle in Nepal and a motorcycle in Bangladesh for a total of \$14,500.)

Kinship – April receipts: \$16,519 VS disbursements: \$1,428.

CEF – April receipts: Negative \$29,415 (mortgage payments and contributions of \$29,498 offset by a \$58,914 decrease in market value of investments) **VS disbursements: \$5,474.**

SAF – April receipts: \$7,579 VS disbursements: \$10,255 (including student loans, grants, scholarships and tuition assistance).

Reserve Fund is currently invested in a money market account until needed, typically each fiscal year-end.

EduK8 Fund – April receipts: \$2,765. Balance \$46,151.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Eli Wales

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers? School: Baker & Nelson

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

Counting Team 2: Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandeverer;
Clint Welker

Church Cleaners: Volunteers? School: Oman & Wales

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., May 19: PENTECOST/CONFIRMATION DAY

9:00 am – Confirmation Examination

10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost/Confirmation)

11:00 am – Confirmation Reception/Hospitality (Team 4)

Thu., May 23: 7:00 pm – Grace School's Spring Program/Schaller Farewell

Fri., May 24: 12:00 pm – Grace School Dismissal for Summer

Sun., May 26: SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS

9:00 am – Worship (Summer Schedule Begins, Grace Graduation)

10:00 am – Graduation Reception

Thu., June 6: 5:45 pm – Meet for Spring Lake Park Tower Days Parade

Sat., June 8: 10:00 am – Minnesota Delegate Conference (Fridley, MN)

June 20-23: CLC Convention (Eau Claire, WI)

Sun., June 23: 10:30 am – Wedding Shower for Maddie Olson

July 22-26: 9:00-11:30 am – Vacation Bible School

Last Week's Stats: May 12, 2024 Sun.: 63 S.S.: 5 B.Cl.: 31

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,717	CLC:	\$410			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,900	CLC:	1,135			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-2,183	CLC:	-725			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$89,394	CLC:	\$21,040			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	93,100	CLC:	21,564			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-3,706	CLC:	-525			
GLC Other:	100	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	150	Sanctuary:	75
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	150	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	\$1,792	Sanctuary:	\$5,155		