

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 15

Date: September 1, 2024

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 5: Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear

TLH 284: Father of Mercies, in Thy Word

WS 775, st. 3-6: Thy Strong Word

Communion: TLH 307; Meditative Music

TLH 207 st. 6: Like the Golden Sun Ascending

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 119, III, TLH p. 149

Liturgy:

WS p. 12 (Communion)

Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 4:1-8


Ephesians 6:10-20

Sermon: Mark 7:1-13

¹ Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. ² Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. ³ For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash *their* hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders. ⁴ *When they come* from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, *like* the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches. ⁵ Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?" ⁶ He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me. ⁷ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.' ⁸ "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men-- the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." ⁹ He said to them, "*All too well* you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. ¹⁰ "For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' ¹¹ "But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me *is* Corban" — '(that is, a gift to God), ¹² "then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, ¹³ "making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do." (NKJVTM)

Honor God with Lips and Heart

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Service Schedule:** The Sunday schedule will be changing **NEXT Sunday**, September 8. Sunday School and Bible Class will begin at 9:00 am with regular morning worship at 10:00 am. 
- ➔ **Wedding:** Yesterday John and Maddie (nee Olson) Maki were united in holy matrimony. May the LORD bless their lifetime marital union with the love of Christ as they remain in His love and in His Word. Their new address: 205 8th Ave. SE; Isanti, MN 55040-3206
- ➔ **School Started:** This week Grace Lutheran School started up with 25 students, including 4 in Pre-K, 10 members, 15 non-members, 6 students (Pre-K & K) with Mrs. Wales, 8 students (Grades 1-4) with Mrs. Nelson, 11 students (Grades 5-8) with Mrs. Hein, and Mrs. Bergstrom teaching in handwriting, spelling, and language. May the LORD bless the school year with His grace as His Word is taught.
- ➔ **Church Picnic:** Sunday, Sept. 15, is the church picnic here on the church grounds following our regular service. Grilled hot dogs and buns will be provided. Members are asked to bring a dish to share, including things like salads, chips, and/or desserts. Committee #1 will serve and cleanup, though additional help would be appreciated.
- ➔ **New Address:** Daniel Hein; 1104 1st Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54703
- ➔ **80th Anniversary Celebration:** Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Spokane WA will be celebrating their 80th anniversary with a worship service at 3 pm on Sun., Sept. 22. Bringing us the Word for this thankful occasion will be Rev. Terrel Kesterson. All are invited to join us as we praise the Lord for His blessings on our flock in years past and as we ask for His continued grace in the years to come.
- ➔ **Rise & Shine Retreat Revival:** An interest has been expressed to revive the 'Rise & Shine Retreat.' This retreat is geared toward young adults of the CLC, particularly those in their 20s and 30s. While we hope to put out an announcement in the near future regarding dates and registrations, what we are currently seeking are individuals who would like to help coordinate and plan such a retreat. If you would like to assist with this work, please contact either Bethanie Gantt (715-577-8807) or Pastor Frank Gantt (470-214-3401/pastorfrankgantt@gmail.com). Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request.

The Lord's Supper Preparation

As a reminder, communicants are to examine themselves prior to communing. 1 Corinthians 11:27: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup."

Prayer before the Lord's Supper:

Lord God, You invite all who are burdened with sin to come to You for rest. In the sacrament of Holy Baptism You called me to be Your child by the Holy Spirit. I now come at Your invitation to receive the holy body and blood of my Savior, Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Prepare my heart, Lord, to receive this precious meal with a repentant heart: sorry for my sins and recognizing they deserve punishment, but also rejoicing in the full forgiveness You have granted me by grace through Jesus' holy and precious blood shed for me at the cross. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope in You, and assure me of Your blessed peace. Hear me for the sake of Jesus, my dear Savior. Amen.

Prayer after the Lord's Supper:

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to me in this holy sacrament. Thanks and praise be to You for Your divine tenderness and love shown to me, Your child. I humbly ask you, now that I've received Your body and blood in the Sacrament, continue to fill me with the power of Your Holy Spirit. May I be led to ever embrace by faith the treasures of Your grace imparted to me, especially the forgiveness of sins and fellowship with You. Keep me in Your faith and favor that I may live in You and You may live in me. Let the love that You have shown me enable me, with a forgiven and tender heart, to love You and my neighbor. Preserve me in the true faith until everlasting life. Hear me, O Jesus, for the sake of Your dear name. Amen.

TLH 306

1. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast prepared
A feast for our salvation,
It is Thy body and Thy blood;
And at Thy invitation
As weary souls, with sin opprest,
We come to Thee for needed rest,
For comfort and for pardon.

4. We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Thy precious Word believing
That Thy true body and Thy blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This word remains forever true,
And there is naught Thou canst not do;
For Thou, Lord, art almighty.

7. Grant that we worthily receive
Thy Supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving o'er our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Thy grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8. For Thy consoling Supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in every place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this Sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

Council Meeting Notes – August 11, 2024

Meeting opened with prayer. July Council meeting minutes were read and approved. July treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Board of Elders' Report

- The elders had nothing to report.

Board of Education Report

- Preparations are on track for coming school year.
- The board is recommending to the trustees that we buy a new copier because the old copier is working now, but it is not very reliable.
- 2024-25 enrollment is the same as was previously reporting. \$30,550 non-member tuition is now expected in the 2024-25 year. One student who had been a non-member is now a member.
- The faculty will complete the sexual abuse prevention training.

Board of Trustees' Report

- This year's cleanup of the lilacs has been completed. Benno hauled away the brush.

Other Business

- Benno reported that with the help of his son Tony he is replacing the chair rack carts with new wall mounted racks in order to save space. The store room is being reorganized.
- Kevin volunteered to be the person that the Voters authorized to investigate online giving.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

Last Week's Stats: Aug. 25, 2024 Sun.: 63

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$8,855*	CLC:	\$1,140			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,900	CLC:	1,135			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+3,955	CLC:	+5			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$166,147	CLC:	\$41,635			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	166,600	CLC:	38,590			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-453	CLC:	+3,045			
GLC Other:	0	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	55	Sanctuary:	25
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	50	Kinship:	140	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	\$3,502	Sanctuary:	\$7,270			
* \$5,400 in non-member school tuition							

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 the Pastor. He would be delighted to visit with you!

CLC Financial Report - July 2024

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2024	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 1 Month	Balance 7/31/2024
General Fund	0	94,638	117,280	109,415	(22,642)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	63,835	128,017	143,675	(64,182)
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	110,979	3,726	23,634		91,071
ILC Building Projects	1,560,282	53,775	0		1,614,057
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	120,784	15,725	11,669		124,840
Kinship	169,884	12,135	22,226		159,793
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,684,208	83,569	4,104		2,763,673
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	117,317	10,338	1,009		126,646
EduK8 Fund	47,692	4,716	0		52,408
Reserve Fund	79,964	343	0		80,307
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,891,110	\$184,327	\$62,642		\$5,012,795

July is the start of our new fiscal year and a good time to look forward to the financial goals set before us. The convention passed a **General Fund** budget for our contributions of \$1,312,993 for the new year or about \$109,415 per month. This is an increase of 19.9% over what was received in contributions last year. The increase results from moving half of the third missionary salary and expenses from **MDF** to the **General Fund**, from annual salary increases and from a \$50,000 increase in the Board of Education's budget "for the purpose of assisting CLC congregations in the establishment and ongoing support of Christian Day Schools" which was added during the convention. The **EduK8 Fund** was set up for this purpose but the convention determined that they wanted to be able to provide more support than the **EduK8 Fund** might have available if multiple congregations were looking for assistance in such an endeavor.

You can look at the detail above to see how each of the funds fared in July. With the substantial budget increase, your prayers, consideration, and contributions are needed for the new year.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Frank Radichel

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; Kyle Aymond; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki;
John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells

Counting Team 4: Gary Gunther; Roger Ochsner; Al
Rosendahl; Dave Rust

Church Cleaners: R. & H. Nelson School: Aymond

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

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

Church Cleaners: R. & H. Nelson School: Aymond

† OUR SCHEDULE †

- Sun., Sept. 1:** 9:00 am – Worship w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 15)
Mon., Sept. 2: Labor Day – No School
Sat., Sept. 7: Grace School – 48th Year Anniversary (began 9/7/1976)
Sun., Sept. 8: Regular Schedule Resumes
8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 16)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
Sun., Sept. 15: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 17)
11:00 am – Annual Church Picnic (Committee #1 Hosts)
Wed., Sept. 18: CLC Coordinating Council Meeting (ILC in Eau Claire, WI)
Mon., Sept. 30: 7:00 pm – Grace School's Parent Night
Oct. 6-8: Minnesota Pastoral Conference
Sun., Oct. 13: Mission Festival (Guest Speaker: Pastor Delwyn Maas)
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship (Mission Festival)
11:00 am – Mission Festival Potluck (Committee #2 Hosts)
Mon., Oct. 14: Grace School Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct. 14-18: Grace School Fall Break
Oct. 16-18: CLC Teachers' Conference (Okabena, MN)



For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9
