

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Church Year:** Pentecost 16

**Date:** September 8, 2024

## ✝ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✝

### Hymns:

TLH 572: Praise to God, Immortal Praise

TLH 292: Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

WS 786: Take My Life and Let It Be

Installation of Sunday School Staff

WS 800: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 146, TLH p. 156

### Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)

WS p. 42, Psalm 121

### Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 35:4-7

Mark 7:31-37



### Sermon: James 1:19-27

<sup>19</sup> So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; <sup>20</sup> for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. <sup>25</sup> But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. <sup>26</sup> If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion *is* useless. <sup>27</sup> Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## **What Does it Mean to be Truly Religious?**

1. Hearing the Word by faith
2. Doing the Word by faith

## ✝ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✝

- ➔ **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.
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- ➔ **Sunday School:** Today starts the fall schedule with Sunday School. This year our teachers will be Heidi Nelson, Mikey Oman, and Laura Wales. Jan Davis will assist with music and Eli Wales is the Sunday School Superintendent. May this Christian education be a blessing to our children as the Word is taught with foundational, real-life accounts of those Christians who have lived in faith before us. But more importantly, may Jesus shine as His salvation plan is instilled. May our parents take advantage of this blessed opportunity for their children to grow in faith at the sole opportunity they have when young.
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- ➔ **Among Us:** Nicki Best had successful hip replacement surgery this past Friday given deterioration related to her leukemia treatment. The next phase is address shoulder deterioration as well. Pastor will be having scans tomorrow. He now has foot pain and other issues stemming from the chemo. May the LORD bring healing to His own.
  - ➔ **Rise & Shine Retreat Revival:** An interest has been expressed to revive the 'Rise & Shine Retreat,' geared toward young adults of the CLC, particularly those in their 20's and 30's. What we are currently seeking are individuals who would like to help coordinate and plan such a retreat. Those interested, please contact Bethanie Gantt (715-577-8807) or Pastor Frank Gantt (470-214-3401/ [pastorfrankgantt@gmail.com](mailto:pastorfrankgantt@gmail.com)).
  - ➔ **ILC Fan Gear:** Immanuel-branded clothing is available online for the next 10 days, so don't delay: [cvsports.chippy.com/immanuelutheran](http://cvsports.chippy.com/immanuelutheran). Orders can be picked up from the ILC school office unless you choose shipping to your address of choice for \$15. Orders are estimated to be ready around October 21, but that is not guaranteed.
  - ➔ **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Spokane WA, will be celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a worship service at 3 pm on Sun., Sept. 22.

- ➔ **From CLC President Wilke:** Prayers: In our prayers we are all remembering brother Peter Evensen, brother Tim Wheaton and his family, as well as brother John Hein and his family. Please also remember our fellow pastors and lay people in Myanmar. As reported by Missionary Ohlmann, many of our brethren there have suffered greatly as a result of the civil war. Of course, we also include in our prayers our brothers and sisters in all of our foreign mission fields. Finally, let's not forget to pray for one another and for the congregations in which we serve, as well as for our teachers and professors, and for the schools in which they serve. With our prayers we help to carry one another's burdens. "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" - James 5:16. Lay Minister Committee - Professor Steven Sippert, Pastor David Ude, and Mr. John Gerbitz have been appointed to the Lay Minister Committee. They have had one video conference together, and will be meeting in person on Oct. 1.
- ➔ **California CLC News:** St. Stephen-West (Mountain View) and East Bay (Hayward) are effectively now a combined congregation. St. Stephen Lutheran Church of the East Bay has resolved to dissolve the congregation on 12/31/24. The members of the congregation have been encouraged to transfer their membership to St. Stephen-West in Mountain View prior to the dissolution date, which most of the East Bay members have done already. Sunday worship services in Hayward will be maintained through the end of Pastor Luke Bernthal's service in October. The hope is that in the near future a preaching station in the East Bay region (Oakland area) will be established, along with our current preaching stations in Stockton and Sacramento.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO (St. Louis area) has accepted the call to St. John's Ev. Lutheran in Okabena, MN, following Pastor James Albrecht's retirement at the end of the year. † Pastor Zachary Sippert of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran in Bowdle, SD, and Zion Ev. Lutheran in Ipswich, SD, has accepted the call to Grace Ev. Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN. † Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Spokane, WA, has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area). † Pastor Timothy Wheaton of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, CO, has announced the date of his official retirement from the ministry on September 29, 2024.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #1 – Books of the Bible (OT)

*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!*

# ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Frank Radichel

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

## ✠ 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 Vandever;   
Clint Welker

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

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**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)

**Sun., Sept. 22:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 18)

**Mon., Sept. 30:** 7:00 pm – Grace School's Parent Night

**Oct. 6-8:** Minnesota Pastoral Conference

**Oct. 7-11:** Parent/Teacher Conferences as Privately Arranged

**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)

**Oct. 16-18:** Grace School Fall Break – CLC Teachers' Conf. (Okabena, MN)



**Last Week's Stats:** Sept. 1, 2024 Sun.: 71

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,399*	CLC:	\$370			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,900	CLC:	1,135			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,501	CLC:	-765			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$169,546	CLC:	\$42,005			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	171,500	CLC:	39,725			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,954	CLC:	+2,280			
GLC Other:	0	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	75	Sanctuary:	125
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	50	Kinship:	170	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:		\$3,577	Sanctuary:		\$7,395	

\* \$194 in non-member school tuition