

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 17

Date: September 15, 2024

✝ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✝

Hymns:

TLH 270: Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

CDS: TLH 53: Abide, O Dearest Jesus (Join v. 6)

TLH 421: Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke

TLH 423: Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

WS 783: Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 116, TLH p. 148

Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)

WS p. 34, Psalm 30

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-10

James 2:1-13

Sermon: Mark 8:27-35

²⁷ Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, "Who do men say that I am?" ²⁸ So they answered, "John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him. ³¹ And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke this word openly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³ But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." ³⁴ When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵ "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it." (NKJVTM)

As Disciples, Follow Jesus!

1. Deny yourself
2. Take up your cross

✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Church Picnic:** The times we as a congregation have a chance to interact with each other are precious. Please join in today's Christian fellowship here on the church grounds following our regular service. Grilled hot dogs and buns will be provided. Committee #1 will serve and cleanup, though additional help would be appreciated.
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **Installation:** Grace Lutheran of Sleepy Eye, MN, wishes for you to join them in giving thanks to the Lord of the Church for the gift of their next pastor, Zachary Sippert. He will be installed on September 29 at 3:30 pm at Grace. Prof. Steve Sippert will be preaching and a luncheon will follow. For planning purposes of the meal, please let Pastor Pfeiffer (revpfei@gmail.com) know if you plan to attend.
- ➔ **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).
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Emeritus Mark Gullerud has been called and has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran at Mountain View, CA, beginning October 15, 2024. ✝ Missionary Peter Evensen continues to convalesce at Spokane, WA. He reports that his right foot is swelling much less but it is often painful to walk on. His knees are relatively pain free some days and rather painful and stiff others. He has an upcoming appointment with infectious diseases to hopefully find the underlying cause of his symptoms. He appreciates the prayers.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #1 – Books of the Bible (NT)



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!

Council Meeting Notes – September 8, 2024

Meeting opened w/prayer. August Council meeting minutes were read and approved. August treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Madeline Olson & John Maki were married on August 31.
- There are no public school students in catechism class this year. There are 8 CDS students in confirmation class.
- Sunday School will have three levels this year. Heidi Nelson will teach level 1; Mikey Oman level 3 (1st-4th graders). Laura Wales level 4 (5th-8th graders).
- Pastoral conference will be held October 6-8.

Board of Elders' Report

- Church picnic will be Sept. 15. Elders will provide buns, grilled hot dogs & brats.

Board of Education Report

- The co-principals report that school is progressing nicely.
- Rick and Kevin will see if the city of Fridley can provide any playground equipment that Grace could have.
- \$6138.88 non-member tuition has been collected.
- Sexual abuse prevention training is taking some time to complete. It will be completed and documented.
- The board is starting to work on the budget for next year. The treasurer will send year to date spending and related budget information to the council.

Board of Trustees' Report

- Thanks to Benno for reorganizing the store room.
- The board will check with members of Grace or other CLC congregations to see if they could use the old chair rack.

Other Business

- Background checks are complete for the substitute teachers and the full-time workers. They all passed the background checks. The background check documentation is stored in the safe.
- Rick will order some additional staff shirts.
- Kevin met with Phil and Benno to discuss online giving. The goal of this service would be to make things easier for donors, the financial secretary, counters, and the treasurer. Realm Vanco online offering service would be the easiest to use. Vanco would have a 1% fee. Planning Center has a competitive service that would have a smaller fee. Planning Center contributions could import into Realm. Kevin thinks we should try to work with the donors to see if the Planning Center could work. There will be follow-up investigation and discussions.
- Rick reported that Jeff has suggested that we consider reconfiguring the church altar periodically. The Sanctuary Committee doesn't think this would be a good permanent solution. They are considering other options.
- The first day of school at Grace was Sept. 7, 1976. We are planning some type of celebration in 2026, the 50th anniversary. Alumni will be informed. A slide show could be made. Memorabilia could be assembled and displayed.
- The 70th anniversary of the Grace congregation is coming July 2025.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

Abortion Quote from X on 9/13/2024:

https://x.com/RevKevDeYoung/status/1834597478567481759?t=JPD_KXF__VuzmDEoSGtZww&s=19

While John Calvin's theology may not be entirely in line with Scripture, particularly with his teaching on double predestination, the following quote from him is very weighty regarding abortion ...

Passages referenced:

Psalm 139:16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When *as yet there were* none of them.

Exodus 21:22-24 "If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman's husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges *determine*.²³ "But if *any* harm follows, then you shall give life for life,²⁴ "eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ..."

From X:

John Calvin commenting on Psalm 139:16:

"The embryo, when first conceived in the womb, has no form; and David speaks of God's having known him when he was yet a shapeless mass, to *kuema*, as the Greeks term it; for to *embruon* is the name given to the fetus from the time of conception to birth inclusive. The argument is from the greater to the less. If he was known to God before he had grown to certain definite shape, much less could he now elude his observation."



According to Calvin, we are human persons—known by God our Creator and objects of his remembrance—from the moment of conception. This is why Calvin, commenting on Exodus 21:22, says that "the fetus, though enclosed in the womb, is already a human being (homo), and it is almost a monstrous crime to rob it of life which it has yet begun to enjoy." He continues: "If it seems more horrible to kill a man in his own house than in a field, because a man's house is his place of most secure refuge, it ought surely to be deemed more atrocious to destroy a fetus in the womb before it has come to light."

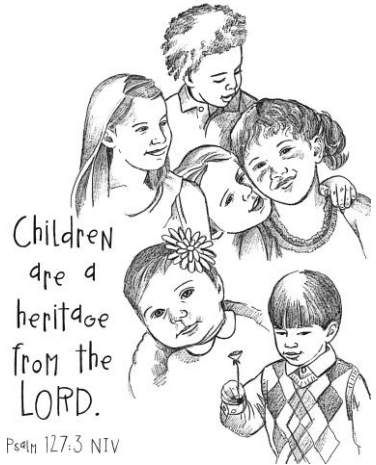
May we be mindful to defend the precious gift of life and the priceless time of grace that the LORD has granted to accompany it.

CLC E-Devotion – September 16, 2015

Luke 18:16 “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

LET THE CHILDREN DECIDE?

Some parents express the view: “I don’t think it’s a good idea to teach children about religion when they’re young. Why not let them grow up and decide for themselves what to believe.” They don’t realize this makes as much sense as a dad taking his 5-year-old son to the grocery store and saying: “Son, you decide what to put in the grocery cart.” What would the little tyke do? Of course, he’d make a beeline for the candy aisle.



Parents who love their children will endeavor to help them make wise choices on what to eat. They do this because they care about their children. They want them to grow up with healthy bodies. So also in matters of faith, loving parents will seek prayerfully to provide nourishing spiritual food for their children in the true Word of God, because they know this will help their children develop a strong faith and enable them to ward off deadly viruses with which Satan and the godless world would love to infect them.

The Christian training of children is an awesome responsibility. Who is equal to the task, one might ask? What comfort it is for parents to know that success in raising their children for the Lord does not depend on their own expertise but on the power of the Word they plant in their children’s hearts. As they give themselves to this task they may rest assured: Jesus, the faithful Shepherd of His lambs, will bless our faithful efforts.

Dear Lord, give us eyes to see our children as precious gifts from Your hand. Teach us to love our children aright so that we labor diligently to train them up in Your ways, that they may glorify You in their lives here and live with You in heaven. Amen.

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Janelle Hein**

Elder: **Frank Radichel**

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: **R. & H. Nelson** School: **Baker**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

Counting Team 3: **Duane Enns; Tom Graham; Kevin Hulke; Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow**

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✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠



- 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:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 18)
- Sun., Sept. 29:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship (Pentecost 19)
- 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. 8, 2024 Sun.: 75 S.S.: 13 B.Cl.: 34

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,802*	CLC:	\$470
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,900	CLC:	1,135
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-98	CLC:	-665
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$174,348	CLC:	\$42,475
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	176,400	CLC:	40,860
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,052	CLC:	+1,615
GLC Other:	0	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid: 1,000 Sanctuary: 0
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	200	Kinship: 197 EduK8: 0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0 CEF: 0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$4,577 Sanctuary: \$7,395

* \$175 in non-member school tuition