

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 19

Date: September 29, 2024

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 227: Come, Holy Ghost, in Love

TLH 477: Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head

WS 767: Church of God, Elect and Glorious

TLH 224: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 51, TLH p. 134f.

Liturgy:

WS p. 12 (Projected)

WS p. 37, Psalm 66

Scripture Readings:

James 4:7-12

Mark 9:38-50

Sermon: Numbers 11:16, 24-29

¹⁶ So the LORD said to Moses: "Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you. ...²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tabernacle.²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that *was* upon him, and placed *the same* upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did *so* again.²⁶ But two men had remained in the camp: the name of one *was* Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they *were* among those listed, but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in the camp.²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."²⁸ So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, *one* of his choice men, answered and said, "Moses my lord, forbid them!"²⁹ Then Moses said to him, "Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the LORD'S people were prophets *and* that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!" (NKJVTM)

Keep the Blaze Alive within Our Congregation!

1. By having the proper expectations of your spiritual leaders
2. By everyone using their Spirit-given gifts in action
3. By being jealous for the Lord, not of each other

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Among Us:** Gloria Laffan (formerly Grams) was recently united in marriage with Daniel (Danny) Laffan. May the LORD bless their union as Gloria seeks to be guided by His Word of grace. Her phone and email remain (651) 380-6619 and 72grandma75@gmail.com. Her address is now: 51 Cottage St., Apt. 2; Taunton, MA 02780.
- ➔ **Mission Festival:** Grace's Mission Festival is planned for Sun., Oct. 13. Pastor Delwyn Maas from Gift of God Lutheran in Mapleton, ND, will be our guest preacher. He will also have a presentation during our Bible Class hour. The meal following the Mission Festival worship service will consist of lasagna provided by the congregation for the main dish. Members are asked to bring side dishes such as salads, vegetables or fruit, bread, or desserts for the potluck. Dorcas Guild Committee #2 will host. Please join your fellow Christians for the day's festivities!
- ➔ **Installation:** Grace Lutheran of Sleepy Eye, MN, invites you to join them in giving thanks to the Lord for the gift of their next pastor, Zachary Sippert. He will be installed today at 3:30 pm at Grace. Prof. Steve Sippert will be preaching and a luncheon will follow.
- ➔ **Anniversary:** Zion Lutheran Church of Hidewood Township, SD, is celebrating their 125th anniversary this year. They will be celebrating on Sun., Oct. 13, 11 am, with former pastor Andrew Schaller as guest speaker. The service will be followed by a planned meal. Visitors are welcome -- for planning purposes, please let us know you are coming. Pastor Paul Krause (parsonspaulkrause@gmail.com)
- ➔ **MN Reformation Service:** This is being planned but is scheduled for Sun., October 27, 4 pm, at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Spokane, WA, has returned the call to St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area). ✝ Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Hecla, SD, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO (St. Louis area), and has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran in Bowdle, SD. ✝ Pastor Jim Naumann has received and accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Zion Ev. Lutheran in Ipswich, SD. ✝ Pastor Ed Starkey of Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN, had a mild heart attack this past Wednesday and had a stent inserted on Thursday. ✝ Former Board of Missions member, Jack Mayhew, passed away this past Wed.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #2 – Luther's Evening Prayer

The Harvest

Returning home today, the fields, where golden grains show
And autumn's breath sweeps the earth with deeper sighs,
Waved back and forth beneath the winds that blow,
As shadows lengthened in the evening skies.
A reminder: we labor here while death walks by our side,
For every bloom must bow to winter's inevitable reign,
And though the harvest comes in earthly pride,
Verdant fields fade as frost devours the final grain.
Mirrored in this cycle is a reflection – in that we all must die –
Of a deeper truth which lies hidden beneath the soil:
Seeds are sown where mortal human bodies also lie –
In the ground. It must yield also to heaven's righteous toil.

Winter wheat, a perfect picture, beneath the frozen ground
Awaits the springtime sun with its hidden might.
Though bitter winds and piles of snow subdue it all around,
Its roots cling firmly, untouched by winter's blight.
So, God's Word, when buried in this dust, will surely spring anew
To life. For Christ's victory, in our place o'er the tomb,
Bids us rise as sunshine calls forth the greener hue
Of wheat, freeing us from the grave's layered gloom.
And though death may threaten finality, it must yield
To the Resurrection's voice on the last day.
In that hour, the grave must become a fertile field
From which His shall spring forth, transformed in glorious ray.

See: through Nain's gate the mournful crowd toward Life did tread.
A mother – now alone! – weighed down with bitter grief,
Followed her only son who lay cold, apparently forever dead.
Her hope had fled like autumn's fallen garden leaf.
It was no accident that the Lord of Life came that way,
For His heart for her heart with tender mercy overflowed.
"Do not weep," He gently invited her to stay.
Then, toward the bier, His healing Word life bestowed:
"Young man, arise!"—and life returned to him once more.
Astoundingly, the dead man sat so that joy replaced the woe.
The crowd in celebration proclaimed God's everlasting store-
House of mercy. Thus, Christ revealed His vict'ry o'er the Foe.

Dear Christian: The world, it spins in circles from heat to cold,
Where generations come and soon are again gone.
The stories of the young, their lives, too, grown old,
Fade like the flowers with the setting of the sun.
Yet Christ, the Seed of the woman whom death could not restrain,
Has broken through the darkest night of death's fear;
His blood, poured out to death, has life obtained
For us all. In Him we have life more abundantly and dear.
So rest in Him in faith, and with the implanted Word
Be assured your life is hidden in Him; the harvest soon shall come.
Oh, yes! In Christ's return, with Heaven's full accord,
We'll rise with eyes wide open to see the Everlasting Sun. (Pastor Frank Gantt, 9/2024)



✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: **R. & H. Nelson** School: **Gilmore**

✠ 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**

Hospitality Team 1: **Dan & Cindy Degnan; Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow**

Church Cleaners: **Hulke** School: **Gilmore**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Sept. 29:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
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
- Wed., Oct. 2:** Grace School's Field Trip to Springbrook Nature Center
- Sun., Oct. 6:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship w/Lord's Supper (Pentecost 20)
11:00 am – Hospitality (Team 1)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- 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)
- Sun., Oct. 20:** Voters and Dorcas Guild Meetings
- Sun., Oct. 27:** 4:00 pm – MN Join Reformation Service (Mankato, MN)



Last Week's Stats:		Sept. 22, 2024	Sun.: 76	S.S.: 11	B.Cl.: 40		
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,083	CLC:	\$1,990			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,900	CLC:	1,135			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-817	CLC:	+855			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$181,322	CLC:	\$44,870			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	186,200	CLC:	43,130			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-4,878	CLC:	+1,740			
GLC Other:	115	Living Faith:	5	Tuition Aid:	62	Sanctuary:	405
SAF Endowment:	205	MDF:	10	Kinship:	250	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	205	ILC Bldg.	210	IIF:	200	CEF:	0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	\$5,189	Sanctuary:	\$7,800		