

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: January 5, 2025

✝ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✝

Hymns:

Another Year is Past and Gone (Tune TLH 375)

WS 716: Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year

TLH 118: Father, Let Me Dedicate

Communion: TLH 307; Meditative Music

TLH 120:1,5-6 Help Us, O Lord! Behold, We Enter

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 148, TLH p. 156f.

Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 17:1-7

Galatians 4:4-7

Sermon: Joshua 24:14-18

¹⁴ "Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD!" ¹⁵ "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." ¹⁶ So the people answered and said: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷ "for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. ¹⁸ "And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God." (NKJVTM)

As for Me and My House, We Will Serve the LORD

- 1. Serve Him and no other god**
- 2. Serve Him no matter what happens**

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Among Us:** Duane Enns was hospitalized in which a mass was found in his throat. This is being tested for cancer. Another scan did reveal that there are no cancerous tumors elsewhere. Psalm 121:1-2: I will lift up my eyes to the hills-- From whence comes my help? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.
- ➔ **Directory:** We are preparing for the publication of the annual Grace directory. Please check your contact info. in the draft copy located in the narthex. Place a check mark by your entry if it is correct. If it is not, then please edit as necessary. If you wish to add email or cell numbers, please do so. Your cooperation is appreciated as we attempt to produce an accurate directory. Also, please ensure your birthday and/or anniversary information is correct.
- ➔ **Offering Statements:** The offering statements for 2024 are in your mail boxes. Any questions see Benno Sydow.
- ➔ **2025 Cleaning:** The 2025 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ➔ **Ministry by Mail:** Looking to gather more around God's Word this new year? Check out Ministry by Mail, a weekly CLC publication. Each edition includes a sermon, Bible readings, hymn suggestions, and a prayer. You can access the weekly sermon and an archive of sermons online at www.lutheransermons.org or on Facebook. Sermons are also available to listen to on Spotify through CLC's Ministry by Mail. To receive the weekly sermons via email, contact the editor at editor@lutheransermons.org.
- ➔ **Reminder:** The application deadline for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal is quickly approaching. Applications need to be submitted by Mon., Jan. 13, 2025. Space is limited for this trip, so please apply soon. Find more information at: mht.lutheranmissions.org
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Del Maas of Gift of God Lutheran in Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, MN, has returned the call to St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area). ✝ Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran in Eagle Lake, MN, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO (St. Louis area).
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #10 – Eighth Commandment



ANOTHER YEAR IS PAST AND GONE

(Melody: TLH 375)

Another year is past and gone,
And cannot be recaptured.
Its days are done, and we've advanced,
Still closer to our parting.
O Lord, forgive our sins, we pray
And keep us on the narrow way
As now arrives a New Year.

In Christ, You've claimed us as your own
He is our Lord and Savior.
Our confidence is firmly based
Upon Your Word most faithful.
Your promises are good and true,
And always firm and gracious
Most certainly we thank You.

Another year is now a gift,
A time of grace and favor.
May we fore'er in word and deed
Give praise and honor to Your name.
Help us to share Your Gospel Word
With those who still are dead in sin,
That they might know their Savior.

We know not what this year will bring,
What evil lurks, or good will come.
We know that all is in Your hands
And e'er what comes is for our good.
You'll never leave, nor let Your child
Go through the year without Your hand.
For sure, You'll guide and keep us.

Help us, O Lord to follow You O, keep us in Your care each day.
Keep us e'er faithful to Your Word, That never from its truth we stray.
It is a lamp unto our feet The light that leads us, without fail,
Upon the path to heaven.

If this year now will be our last And all the years are gone and past,
Lord, keep us in Your loving arms And bear us to our home in heaven.
There we shall see our Savior dear, Our Lord, Who is forever near,
And we'll know peace forever.

Grace Funds

GENERAL FUND: Contributions to this fund are used for budgeted expenses that normally are incurred in operating our church and school. This includes such things as the pastor's and teacher's compensations, utilities, church operations, school supplies, pastor's mileage, etc.

TUITION FUND: Offerings are used to assist Grace students at Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI.

LIVING FAITH: This program offers opportunities for members to help those of the congregation who are in need of food, clothing, necessary medical supplies, etc. Your offerings to this fund serve the physical welfare of your brethren.

DORCAS GUILD FUND: This supports the women's group and its activities.

PROJECT FUND: This is for any special projects the congregation decides to do. Currently there is a Sanctuary project, a special Liberia fund, and a Hein Medical Gift.

CLC Funds

CLC GENERAL FUND (SOMETIMES CALLED "MISSIONS"): Contributions to this fund support the General Budget of the CLC. They are used to subsidize U.S. and foreign missions and to subsidize operating expenses at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI.

MISSION DEVELOPMENT FUND (MDF): This fund provides support for mission projects both at home and abroad. Funds are used for such things as missionary exploratory efforts, instruction materials, self-help projects in foreign mission fields, storm relief in India and Africa, etc.

PROJECT KINSHIP: Contributions are used for the administration and support of orphanages in the foreign missions affiliated with the CLC. At times sponsorship is requested for specific orphans or seminary students in these foreign mission fields.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND (CEF): This Fund is maintained for the purpose of providing loans to build or buy churches and/or parsonages within the CLC.

EDUK8 FUND: This Fund is to help develop and support Christian Day Schools for those congregations which apply for such assistance.

ILC BUILDING FUND: Contributions are used for the financing of any new building projects at ILC. At this time the Academic Center is being financed.

ILC IMPROVEMENT FUND (IIF): This fund has been used for various capital expenditures or special projects at ILC, including such items as remodeling, updating blacktop, furnace replacement, window replacement, painting, etc.

ILC STUDENT AID: This Fund provides scholarships, grants, and loans to students attending the high school, college, and seminary. Contributions may allow students to prepare for the preaching and teaching ministries who otherwise might be unable to attend ILC. Eventually this fund is expected to be self-supporting because of an endowment element and the repayment of student loans after graduation.

ILC STUDENT AID ENDOWMENT: This Fund accumulates in principle as donations are made with the annual investment gains funneled into the ILC Student Aid Fund.

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?

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Janelle Hein**

Elder: **Eli Wales**

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

Counting Team 2: **Kyle Aymond; Dan Degnan; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker**

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

Church Cleaners: **Hein**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Dan Degnan; Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow**

Counting Team 3: **Gary Gunther; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Benno Sydow**

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Jan. 5:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Christmas 2)
11:00 am – Hospitality (Team 4)
- Mon., Jan. 6:** **EPIPHANY DAY**
Grace School – Return from Break
- Sun., Jan. 12:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 1)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Sun., Jan. 19:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 2)
11:00 am – Hospitality (Team 1)
11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings
- Sat., Jan. 25:** 9:00 am – Grace Work Day



Last Week's Stats: Dec. 29, 2024 Sun: 70 NYE: 46

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,553	CLC:	\$400			
New Years Eve Offering:	Grace:	\$140	CLC:	\$20			
Online Offering:	Grace:	\$243	CLC:	\$95			
Equity Offering:	Grace:	\$1,000	CLC:	\$1,387			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,900	CLC:	1,135			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+36	CLC:	+767			
Year-End Offering:	Grace:	\$250,965	CLC:	\$59,083			
Total Budget for Year:	Grace:	254,953	CLC:	59,020			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	-3,988	CLC:	+63			
GLC Other:	1,320	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	600	Sanctuary:	100
SAF Endowment:	1,000	MDF:	0	Kinship:	160	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	45	IIF:	520	CEF:	0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:		\$3,207	Sanctuary:		\$10,175	
<i>\$500 for ILC Tour Choir</i>							